

DPAC Advocacy and Policy Workgroup Minutes
July 8, 2009
Conference Call

DPAC mission/goal:

To enhance diabetes related advocacy and policy efforts by fostering and coordinating activities among organizations that advocate for people with diabetes and kidney disease to address state and federal policy issues.

***Attending:**

*Sally Joy (Chair)	National Kidney Foundation of Michigan
*Kim Walsh (Staff Leader)	MDCH
Marilyn Bell	Michigan Purchasers Health Alliance
Brian Bookmeier	Great Lakes Medical Supply
Lisa Braddix	St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital
Marvin Cato	MSU Extension, Family and Consumer Sciences
Rebecca Cienki	Michigan Primary Care Association
Ann Constance	Michigan Diabetes Outreach Network (U.P.)
Marti Funnell MS, RN, CDE	Diabetes Research, University of Michigan Medical School
*Jill Geisendorfer	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
Kris Godbold RN	Area Agency on Aging
*Sharon Goodsell RN CDE	Garden City Hosp – Diabetes Educator
*Francine Haddad	American Diabetes Association
*Jan Holcomb	Eli Lilly and Company
Kristin Hughson	Michigan Association of School Nurses
Shawn Kimmel Ph. D.	UM School of Public Health
*Betty Krauss	Mary Free Bed & Michigan Dietetic Association
Joe Marchant	GlaxoSmithKline
Diane Miller	Michigan Pharmacists Association
Shelly O’Conner	Pfizer
Sandy Parker	Trinity Health
*Greg Prasher	American Diabetes Association
Diana Reed	Amylin Pharmaceuticals
*Jere Scott	Michigan Primary Care Association
*Brian Stirton	Novo Nordisk, Inc.
*Marilyn Vetter	Takeda Pharmaceuticals North America
*Othelia Washington-Pryor	Without a Vision People Parish
*Charles Williams	GlaxoSmithKline
Richard Wimberley	MDCH

Action items in red.

Diabetes and Kidney Programs State Appropriations & Healthy Michigan Fund

- An Executive Order resulted in an overall 10% cut to the Diabetes and Kidney Programs Line (approximately 47% of fourth quarter funding).
- We do not yet know what the FY10 budget will be for Diabetes and Kidney Disease programs, however we anticipate reduced funding based on the executive order cuts and the budgeted recommendations passed by the Senate.
- The DONs, (Diabetes Outreach Network’s) and some other contracted programs, are currently funded through the end of September. Given any version of the current budget recommendations (Governor, House, Senate), funding for the DONs as currently constituted will not be available. Each programs situation is different and various alternatives and options are being discussed with all those involved. Thus far, SODON is planning to close in September.

DPAC Diabetes Care Management Report

- We will begin working our way through a new list of Michigan Health Purchasers (The Michigan Health Purchasers Coalition – see attached). Charley will send info on the Detroit Regional Chamber and Michigan Chamber of Commerce and Greg will send information on the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce. Sally will research contact information on the other associations listed. (Thanks Charley for the quick work on this!)

Other state/federal legislation updates

- (state) HB 4878: the Michigan Care of Students with Diabetes Act would provide for medical management of diabetes in school settings and diabetes training guidelines for certain school employees that volunteer to assist children with diabetes in their school.
 - This legislation has been introduced with support from the American Diabetes Association (ADA) (HB 4878 attached.)
 - Francine Haddad from ADA discussed the details of the bill.
 - HB 4878 is sponsored by State Representative Rick Jones from Grand Ledge.
 - Discussion topics:
 - HB 4878 has been referred to the House Health Policy Committee which is chaired by Rep. Marc Corriveau (D) of Northville. A hearing has not been scheduled yet – Francine and Jill from JDRF will collaborate to provide testimony when HB 4878 gets on the agenda of the Health Policy Committee.
 - 22 other states have enacted similar legislation
 - The School Community Health Alliance of Michigan might be able to assist with trainings of volunteers in schools – via Charley.
 - PTO's might help with the costs of training volunteers in schools – via Greg.
 - National PTO supports this legislation. – via Francine
 - More co-sponsors from Michigan House members would further support of this bill.
 - Kim Walsh pointed out that DPAC must remain neutral until MDCH has taken a position – that disappointed some workgroup members.
 - Sally will forward alerts (form ADA) about HB 4878 to inform DPAC members and so that they can advocate if they want to.
- (federal) HR 2425: This legislation would recognize Certified Diabetes Educators as Medicare providers, and enable them to receive reimbursement for diabetes outpatient self-management education. (DPAC has drafted a position paper supporting this concept.)
 - Sharon provided updates and requested letters of support.
 - Sally will email DPAC members a sample letter if individual/organization members wish to advocate for HR 2425.
- (federal) HR 1402: “The Catalyst to Better Diabetes Care Act of 2009”
 - Not discussed

Other – Not discussed on this call

- Practice Transformation Sub-Group of the Michigan Primary Care Consortium
 - Promoting the Patient Centered Medical Home, diabetes registries and diabetes self-management education.
 - We will monitor activity on diabetes issues.
- PA 653 of 2006 - requires the state to develop and implement a structure to address racial and ethnic health disparities.
- Practice Transformation Sub-Group of the Michigan Primary Care Consortium – expanding diabetes registries, diabetes self-management education and promoting the Patient Centered Medical Home.

Next meeting: Wednesday Sept. 9, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.