



National Coordinating Council for Medication Error Reporting and Prevention

Council Communiqué	
Meeting Date	January 31, 2013: 1:00pm - 3:30pm EST
Member Organizations and Individual Members Participating (in Bold)	
American Academy of Physicians Assistants AARP American Geriatrics Society American Hospital Association American Medical Association American Nurses Association American Pharmacists Association American Society for Healthcare Risk Management American Society of Consultant Pharmacists American Society of Health-System Pharmacists American Society of Medication Safety Officers Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation Department of Defense Department of Veterans Affairs Food & Drug Administration Generic Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association Institute for Healthcare Improvement Institute for Safe Medication Practices The Joint Commission National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations	National Association of State Boards of Pharmacy National Patient Safety Foundation National Council of State Boards of Nursing National Council on Patient Information and Education Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America Society of Hospital Medicine United States Pharmacopeia <u>Individual Members</u> Diane D. Cousins Rita Munley Gallagher Deborah M. Nadzam Manisha Shah

Discussion Items: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approval of October 26, 2012 meeting summary.2. Approval of agenda.3. Secretariat's Report – Membership – Request from ASMSO4. AHA Member Participation5. Subcommittee Report for Rules & Regulations;6. Subcommittee Report for Standardization of ADE/ADR7. Subcommittee Report for NCC MERP Statements and Recommendations Review8. Subcommittee Report for Website Enhancement9. Council Roundtable10. New Business11. Next Meeting: May 29, 2013 at USP Headquarters, 10:00 – 4:00 pm
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Action Items:

Actions/Decisions are those of the Council as a whole and may not reflect the views/positions of individual member organizations.

- A. Meeting summary for October 26, 2012 and agenda approved.
- B. Secretariat noted with change in Rules & Regulations there was no need to announce renewals pending. Lack of representation from AHA was again discussed, noting they have not had a representative since August 2011. Council believes every effort has been made to extend opportunity for ongoing participation by this founding member, however, concern was expressed about the ability of AHA to stay current on Council activities. AHA will be offered attendance at one more meeting. If rep not present, AHA will be moved to Observer Status.
- C. Secretariat introduced Christian Hartman, President of American Society of Medication Safety Officers (ASMSO), who is requesting representation of this organization on the Council. An informative presentation was provided including the ASMSO's mission to advance and encourage excellence in safe medication use. The membership of this organization is on the "front line" of the medication administration process, and their activities are well aligned with NCC MERP. This organization was approved for membership in NCC MERP.
- D. Subcommittee Report for Rules & Regulations was given by Ms. Cousins. New changes needed were identified, noting Observer and Observer status sections in the Rules can be combined. Also noted were Guidelines for Public and Media Participation in Open Meetings is not a document available in writing, however USP monitors media activity. Motion made and approved to make changes in Observer Status as noted above.
- E. Subcommittee Report for Standardization of ADE/ADR was given by Dr. Nadzam and Ms. Brueckner. The Committee's work has been focused on developing a flowchart/algorithm to distinguish a medication error from an ADE (noting flow starts from "harm", not whether or not there is an error). Subcommittee continues to meet to refine this document.
- F. Subcommittee Report for NCC MERP Statements and Recommendations was given by Dr. Dickinson. The committee continues to work through the 14 statements to identify outdated/irrelevant information. Mr. Federico requested this subcommittee consider in their review the move to electronic health records and computerized provider order entry when evaluating the Statements.
- G. Subcommittee Report for Website Enhancement: Ms. Resnic reported from the website subcommittee and gave an overview and visual "tour" of some the changes already made to the site, as well as subcommittee recommendations thus far. The subcommittee continues to work with USP IT team.
- H. Council Roundtable included reports/updates from the following members:
 - a. **PhRMA** gave information on 3 upcoming FDA guidance reports and that the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America would submit comments when open for comment, the 3 guidance's will cover the topics: 1) Safety consideration for medical device/product design 2) Container labels, and 3) Nomenclature.
 - b. **ASHP's** work with the FDA continues on compounding issues, and their on-going discussions with government to define rules and mechanisms to address the infrastructure of compounding practitioners amidst needs and drug shortages. It was also reported that drug shortages recently came to the highest number ever at 299 shortages; coverage of this is available on ASHP's website.
 - c. **ASMSO's** representative is involved at the request of the MA Department of Public Health to Chair a Special Commission on Compounding Pharmacies.
 - d. **AARP's** representative is collaborating with the Access Board, which involves participation with the USP, industry and consumer groups, on patient centered labels to improve readability and comprehension and to assist visually impaired or blind patients. There is also involvement with PEW Charitable Trust on antibiotics.
 - e. Representative from **USP** spoke on the Access Board and its ties to general chapter 17: *Prescription Container Labeling*. Also described was USP's involvement with Heparin labeling changes that will reflect both unit strength/mL and total strength/mL on vials and product inserts. USP will offer educational webinars on the labeling changes; she also mentioned the tools available on USP and the FDA website.
 - f. **APSF's** representative noted the Anesthesia community continues to have concerns about increasing drug shortages, and lack of legislative efforts to address shortages with the business community.
- I. **New Business:** The Council discussed establishing process to review Statements and Recommendations on a formal, rotating schedule; Discussion ensued regarding Council relevance and opportunities to bring in Subject Matter experts to stay informed on various concerns within the industry; Member rounds will be introduced next meeting to be given by: IHI, ASHRM, NABP and NCPIE.
- J. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at USP Headquarters: 10:00 – 4:00 pm EDT