



**NCC MERP Meeting  
September 28, 2020  
2:30 p.m.  
WebEx**

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**Attendees:**

Matthew Grisinger (ISMP), Chair, Chair; Ann Gaffey (ASHRM); Vice Chair; Shawn Becker (USP), Secretariat; Leigh Pervis (AARP); Jim Burris (AGS); Amy Cadwallader (AMA); Holly Carpenter (ANA); Mary Ann Kliethermes (APhA); Ricarrdo Spencer (ASCP); Michael Ganio (ASHP); David Gaugh (AAM); Lubna Merchant (FDA); Frank Federico (IHI); Robert Campbell (The Joint Commission); Bob Ferroli (MSOS); Tara Modisett (NASPA); Carolyn Ha (PhRMA) Rita Munley Gallagher; Chrissie Blackburn; Deborah Melnyck

**USP Observers:** Abbey Ammerman; Donna Bohannon, Nakia Eldridge

**Opening, Procedural, and Administrative Matters**

Mr. Matt Grissinger called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and welcomed everybody to the call. Ms. Ammerman called roll. The summary of the previous meeting was reviewed, corrections provided and approved unanimously. Mr. Grissinger reviewed the agenda for the meeting and asked for approval of the agenda. The agenda was approved unanimously.

**Secretariat's Report**

Ms. Becker provided membership updates, noting that she continues to not be able to reach anyone at DoD. It was noted that Mary Ann Kliethermes will now serve as the delegate for APhA. Ms. Bohannon reviewed the web analytics for the NCC MERP website.

It was announced that Ms. Becker is retiring from USP. The chair and members of the Council thanked her for her service to NCC MERP since its founding 25 years ago.

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Report**

Rita Munley Gallagher presented highlights from the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary report and thanked members for submitting their updates. The report will be posted on the NCC MERP website and can be shared with member originations. The chair thanked all involved in the creation of the report and for all who've been so invested in the work of the council throughout its 25 years.

### **Statement Review and Approval**

It was noted that per the new archiving policy, the manufacturers suffix statement would be retired, but kept on file for historical purposes. After the last meeting, two statements were distributed to the Council for review and the council voted to approve them. The Inappropriate Polypharmacy statement and a statement on Leadership will be posted to the website. The chair noted that press releases will go out for the statements and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Report.

### **Potential Topics for Council Action**

Mr. Grissinger asked for ideas about potential topics for future work. It was noted that much of the Council's work has been focused on acute care. It was suggested that the Council consider a statement or recommendation that is focused on the consumer side of healthcare. Especially in light of the pandemic, it was suggested that the Council consider topics around telehealth. Council members also discussed the possibility of exploring recommendations around medication reconciliation, and transitions of care.

### **NAN Alert**

It was noted that a NAN alert was sent out earlier in the month regarding Dangerous wrong-route errors with tranexamic acid.

### **Closing**

It was noted that a poll will be sent out to schedule meetings for 2021. Due to the pandemic future meetings will continue to be virtual meetings.