



NCC MERP Meeting
October 20, 2021
4:00 p.m.
WebEx

Attendees:

Matthew Grisinger (ISMP), Chair, Chair; Ann Gaffey (ASHRM); Vice Chair; Nakia Eldridge (USP), Secretariat; James McSpadden (AARP); Jim Burris (AGS); Amy Cadwallader (AMA); Holly Carpenter (ANA); Mary Ann Kliethermes (APhA); Scott Kuzner (AAM); Arnie Clayman (ASCP); Jo Wyeth (FDA); Frank Federico (IHI); Bob Ferroli (MSOS); Tara Modisett (NASPA); Carolyn Ha (PhRMA); Rita Bruecknter (VA); Rita Munley Gallagher; Chrissie Blackburn; Deborah Melnyck

USP Observers: Abbey Ammerman; Donna Bohannon

Opening, Procedural, and Administrative Matters

Mr. Matt Grissinger called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed everybody to the call. Ms. Ammerman called roll. The summary of the previous meeting was reviewed, 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

Dr. Eldridge provided membership updates, noting that the FDA delegate will now be Jo Wyeth. It was noted that updates were made to the website to add a page for press releases. The meetings and recommendations pages were also updated to streamline and include an archive link. A LinkedIn page was created for the council and members are encouraged to follow the page. It is intended as a space to promote the work of the council and to cross pollinate work for member organizations. The space is not intended to promote opinions, but to share work.

It was noted that there was a recent NAN alert regarding the mix-up of COVID and Flu vaccines. The incidents took place in community pharmacy and ambulatory settings.

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It was noted that the Index as currently drafted uses colors that are the antithesis of what we normally associate with the meaning of certain colors. Proposed changes were displayed and council members discussed potential updates. It was agreed to switch the colors to yellow, light

orange and dark orange and to add some additional language to encourage all incidents to include additional investigation. The Index will be updated and distributed to the council for a virtual vote. Once approved, it will be posted to LinkedIn and a press release will be drafted.

Health Equity

Ms. Bohannon presented on the Health Equity work that USP has embarked. After working on a definition created in concert with the Council of Experts and engaging in landscaping work, an advisory panel was created. The panel will work on developing recommendations for USP to implement in its standard setting, education and advocacy work. A workshop is scheduled for this fall to further the discussion and a planned white paper will be drafted based on the findings of the workshop and panel discussions.

Council members were encouraged to share Health Equity initiatives within their own organizations. Dr. Eldridge will collate and share with the full council.

Closing

Members were encouraged to share current initiatives in the work of their organizations.

It was noted that a poll will be sent out to schedule meetings for 2022. Due to the pandemic future meetings will continue to be virtual meetings.