



MICHIGAN PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION

PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Committee Members: Michael Kraft, chair; Eric Roath, MPA staff liaison; Karina Abdallah; John Brubaker; Kasey Bucher; Jill Coveyou; Prabha Dhanapal; Jennifer Gregory; Rachel Henegar; Shawna Kraft; Carrie Lewis; Denise Markstrom; Brooke McComb; Natalie Pirkola; and Rod Sharp

Meeting Dates: Feb. 4, 2015, and Sept. 16, 2015

I. Progress Report for 2015 Committee Charges

Charge #1: Manage all aspects of the NASPA-NMA Student Pharmacist Self-care Championship to ensure participation by each Michigan colleges of pharmacy. Review and revise the competition procedure manual as necessary.

The annual NASPA-NMA Student Pharmacist Self-care Championship was held at the 2015 Annual Convention as planned. Similar to last year, the event was evaluated in a post-Convention conference call and discussed again at the September meeting. Recommendations were made as to how to improve the program based on feedback from attendees and members of the Committee.

Charge #2: Monitor the MIHott Web site and submit annual recommendations to the Michigan Health Council. Evaluate the feasibility of integrating career information into the MPA Web site.

The Committee has yet to see the recommendations it made in 2014 be instituted on the MIHott Web site. The Committee will continue to work with the Michigan Health Council to improve this Web site and eliminate any inaccuracies that currently exist. The Committee spoke favorably of working in 2016 to establish career information pages that could be hosted on the MPA Web site.

Charge #3: Solicit authors and topics focused on patient safety for the April, July and October 2015 and January 2016 issues of Michigan Pharmacist journal.

The Committee selected the following topics and authors to fulfill this charge:

- *April 2015* – John Brubaker, “Accurate Measurements for Dosing Oral Liquids”
- *July 2015* – Sister Klonowski, “Safe Disposal of Medication and Donating Medications to Free Clinics”
- *October 2015* – Jill Coveyou, “How to Talk to Patients who Refuse Vaccines”
- *January 2016* – Michael Kraft, Natalie Pirkola and Lindsey Clark, “Medication Reconciliation and Communicating with Patients and Family Members”

Charge #4: Develop a patient safety campaign targeted at patients and caregivers to be implemented by the Public Affairs Committee.

The Committee reviewed all of the That’s My Pharmacist campaign materials that were released as part of the 2015 campaign. A series of suggestions to integrate additional patient safety elements into the campaign were proposed by the Committee and sent to the staff liaison for the Public Affairs Committee.

Charge #6: Consider the House of Delegates resolution(s) referred to the Committee by the MPA Executive Board.

15-01, Deceased Physician Prescription Validity

The Committee supported the resolution.

15-03, Development of Best Practices for the Dispensing of High-alert Opioid Medications

The Committee supported the resolution with the recommendation that MPA collaborate with existing coalitions or organizations that currently address this issue.

15-04, Discouraging Transfer Coupons

The Committee supported the resolution.

II. Other Committee Activities

The Committee continued progress on the involvement and leadership tool that it began discussing at the end of 2014. A concept for the tool was reviewed at the September meeting, and current Committee members will continue to develop and refine the tool through 2016. The hope is that this tool will increase the organization and efficiency of the Committee by setting clear expectations for Committee members who take on specific roles related to projects such as the Self-care Championship. Once completed, the Committee plans to submit the tool for consideration by MPA leadership to assess the feasibility of adapting similar planning mechanisms in other areas of the organization. It is the wish of the Committee that this activity be reflected in the charges for 2016 (see proposed charge #4 below).

III. Recommendation(s) for Next Year's Charges

- Charge #1 – Manage all aspects of the NASPA-NMA Student Pharmacist Self-care Championship to ensure participation by each college of pharmacy and revise the competition procedure manual, as necessary.
- Charge #2 – Develop pharmacy career information and resources to be added to the MPA Web site.
- Charge #3 – Solicit authors and topics focused on patient safety for the April, July and October 2016 and January 2017 issues of *Michigan Pharmacist* journal.
- Charge #4 – Develop a leadership and involvement tool to assist the Committee with yearly planning activities and to introduce new members to the activities of the Committee. Share the finalized tool with MPA leadership to evaluate the feasibility of adapting the tool across other areas of the organization.

IV. Recommendations(s) for Next Year's Committee Members

- Michael Kraft, chair
- Karina Abdallah
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Respectfully submitted,

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