

Nebraska Coalition for Patient Safety

Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 20, 2009

I. Call to order

Stephen Smith, MD called to order the regular teleconference meeting of the **Nebraska Coalition for Patient Safety (NCPS)** at **1230** on **February 20, 2009**.

II. Roll call

S. Smith conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: M. Seeland, S. Smith, C. Kampschneider, E. Olson. D. Elting, K. Jones, M. Horn, D. Brown., Absent: D. Tew, C. Mlady, E. DeSimone and P. Scholting.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Members of the BOD reviewed the minutes from the last meeting on December 10, 2008. The minutes were approved as read.

IV. Open issues

- a) **Finance Committee Report.** (D. Brown/M Seeland)
 1. Treasurer's Report. Opening balance (11-30-08) \$215,620.49. Income: \$10,000 (FAMC membership dues- \$5,000; NPA financial sponsorship \$5,000). Expenses: Creighton University (memorial) \$250. Closing balance (1-31-09) \$225,370.49.
 2. The proposed budget for 2009 was reviewed. Vote: Motion Approved. M. Seeland was asked to prepare month to date and year to date columns when preparing future treasurer's reports.
 3. Dues for 2009 will remain at 2008 levels. M Seeland will send invoices to members each month, to correspond with the month they first joined the Coalition.
- b) **Education Committee Report.** (K. Jones, PhD, PT)
 1. The education committee has scheduled the NCPS conference for August 18, 2009 in Kearney, Nebraska. David Marx is confirmed as the keynote speaker. Breakout sessions are planned in the afternoon with three of the four breakout sessions repeated a second time. The education committee will proceed to contact individuals to present the topics outlined in the breakout sessions.
- c) **Reporting Committee Report.** (Steve Smith, MD, chair)
 1. The February meeting of the committee was postponed due to weather. The committee will meet on March 6th to review the last of the patient safety reports submitted in 2008.
 2. The NCPS Annual Report is being written.
 3. New members: Creighton University Medical Center and Fremont Area Medical Center have signed contracts to participate in the NCPS.

Methodist Hospital has given us a verbal commitment to participate, but no contract has been received yet.

d) Communication Committee Report. (Steve Smith, MD/Monica Seeland)

1. M. Seeland presented three quotes for website design to the Board for review. One company has no experience creating a “members only” section so was removed from consideration. Board recommended M. Seeland follow back with the two companies identify other web sites they have developed and to get more definition regarding costs.

V. New business

a) Federal Patient Safety Organization (PSO).

1. Discussion continued regarding the pros and cons of the NCPS applying for federal designation as a PSO. Overall consensus of the Board was that we should continue to pursue federal designation. K. Jones, M. Seeland and S. Smith will develop a position paper to be discussed with the NCPS members during the March 2009 conference call. M. Seeland spoke with the Iowa QIO, which is the QIO that will maintain the data system of reported events. To date, the QIO has not been told whether they will develop a “CART-like” software for reporting. Cost of a data system licensed from a public vendor is a concern.

2. Field coordinator: The executive committee will meet via conference call to discuss the hiring of the field coordinator position.

3. Board member to replace Robert McQuillan, MD: The NMA has been contacted regarding a replacement for Dr. McQuillan on the board. M. Seeland will convey to the NMA that we want an individual who will devote the necessary time to the NCPS and be an active member on the Board and other committees.

K. Jones was asked to assume the position of chairman of the education committee.

K. Jones, on behalf of the NCPS, assisted one of our member hospitals in completing an aggregate RCA. A facility experienced multiple medication patient safety events which did not result in harm to the patient; these were reviewed in aggregate to identify the systems issues which contributed to the patient safety events. We will summarize the aggregate RCA in the next *Patient Safety Report*.

VI. Adjournment

S. Smith adjourned the meeting at **1330**. The next meeting is April 17, from 1:00 – 2:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by: M Seeland for P. Scholting, PA-C, Secretary NCPS

Minutes approved by: