

Nebraska Coalition for Patient Safety

Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2007

I. Call to order

Stephen Smith, MD called to order the regular teleconference meeting of the **Nebraska Coalition for Patient Safety (NCPS)** at **12:00 noon** on **Wednesday, October 17, 2007**.

II. Roll call

S. Smith conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: D. Brown, E. DeSimone, C. Kampschnieder, M. Seeland, R. McQuillan, S. Smith, P. Scholting, M. Horn, K. Jones, D. Elting, C. Mlady, and E. Olson. Absent: R. Driewer, and A. Svoboda. Guest: Laura Redoutey, President, Nebraska Hospital Association.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Members of the BOD reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

IV. Open issues

a) Finance Committee Report. Ed DeSimone, RPh, PhD

1. Treasurer's report. For the period ending September 30, 2007. Balance of \$57,668.33. No income. No expenses. Balance of September 30, 2007 of \$57,668.33.
2. Grant writing. Grants have been submitted to the Hawks Foundation and to Cardinal Health. Other granting opportunities being considered are COPIC, Kiewit Foundation and the Lincoln Foundation.
3. Other funding sources. E. DeSimone will schedule a meeting of the finance committee during November. E. Olson announced that the Nebraska Nurses Association, at their annual meeting, passed a resolution to go back to the Legislature and request funding for the Coalition. There was also discussion regarding the excess liability fund as a possible source of income. L. Redoutey will follow up with Annette Belitz Harman at the NNA about the resolution and with the insurance department regarding the excess liability fund.
4. Fees for participation. It was suggested that fees should contribute to half of the Coalition's operating expenses. Yearly expenses are estimated at \$300,000. After discussion it was recommended that the fees should be:

Small Rural (CAHS) -	\$1,000/year
Large Rural (CAHS & Columbus) -	\$2,500/year
Rural Referral Hospitals -	\$5,000/year
Large Urban Hospitals -	\$7,500/year

b) Education Committee Report. Robert McQuillan, MD

1. AHRQ/VA sponsored Patient Safety Improvement Corps (PSIC) education. Nebraska's team members are Carol Kampschnieder, St. Francis Memorial Hospital, Cindy

Kinnison, Osmond General Hospital, Sara Meyer, The Nebraska Medical Center, and Linda Miller, Faith Regional Health Services. The first two days of their week long training consisted of understanding the root cause analysis process. Several good tools were received. The rest of the education discussed the TeamSTEPPS communication techniques. The team conducted a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunity, threats) for the NCPS.

Strengths included: legislative support, small facilities can implement changes quicker, good education for CEOs via NHA district meetings.

Weaknesses included: staff at CAHs wear multiple hats and may not have the time to devote to this, lack of knowledge about reporting

Opportunities include: activity of the NCPS can decrease errors, increase communication and safety; can help develop a common language

Threats include: lack of adequate financial resources and staff, question buy-in from all providers.

Each team attending the training must identify a project to work on. Suggestions included how to conduct a thorough and complete root cause analysis, importance of reporting, and identifying the necessary education to provide to CAHs and creating a culture of safety. The team will coordinate a conference call to discuss.

2. McQuillan discussed the TeamSTEPPS approach to providing education. There is a 2-1/2 day 'train the trainer' session to provide information for facility champions on how to train others, understanding the science of change. There is a 4 hour session for front line staff, which gives them the tools they will need to implement the communication techniques. This session is for nursing personnel, techs, and physicians. There is an additional 2 hour session for ancillary support personnel such as pharmacy techs, transporters, and others who want to know what the TeamSTEPPS approach is about and how they can participate.

R. McQuillan, MD provided an update of the TeamSTEPPS conference that will be held October 18 & 19, 2007. 25-30 people have registered. They will not need the \$5,000 previously requested from the NCPS. Dr. McQuillan also announced that Creighton University Medical Center has been named one of four Centers of Excellence to conduct ten training sessions over a two year period, about the TeamSTEPPS methodology.

- c) **Reporting Committee Report.** Steve Smith, MD. S. Smith reported that the pilot project has been completed, with a follow up phone call held with participants.

V. Other:

- 1) K. Jones provided a brief update about the federal Patient Safety Organization (PSO) rules and regulations. To date, no regulations have been released.
- 2) Next meeting: The next meeting will be the annual meeting of the Board of the NCPS and will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2007 from noon – 1:30 pm. The call in information for the meeting is 1-888-387-8686, conference ID 8425154.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

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