

California Nurse Midwives Association
Conference Call
Wednesday, January 30, 2008

Conference Call Participants: Wende Owen, Naomi Newhouse, Ruth Mielke, Candace Curlee, Angela Wagner, Mark ?, Maria Kammerer, and Shadman Habibi (LA Chapter) and Amy Meier (San Jose Chapter)

1) Legislative Agenda for Lobby Day

By Angela and Mark from PS

Bill: BJ and PS Still in process of reviewing legislation. Not expecting many new bills because of budget crisis. Post Feb 23, will have better idea of what bill we will support.

MediCal Reimbursement Rate: 10% across the board cut. May be a good topic to lobby, that we, as providers, can be/are reimbursed by MediCal.

AB12: CNMs cannot be directly reimbursed by HMOs because language not provider neutral. HMOs interpret as “physicians.” ACOG was supportive, now not sure if they will get involved or take a position. Not sure if Nurse Practitioners will be included/involved because discussions have not yet happened yet. Will happen soon.

Action Items:

1. Need fact sheet about rate cuts and how many CNMs are impacted.
2. Also matrix of bills that we can/have a response to.

Major Focus of Lobby Day: Education, education, education on midwives scope of practice, who we are and what we do!

Action Items:

1. Update fact sheet on CNMs.
2. Email sheet with registration confirmation so attendees can become familiar with it before Lobby Day.
3. Remind registrants to take note of how many deliveries you’ve done this month, last year, over span of your career. Helpful when going into offices. Impress the heck out of the legislators!

2) Lobby Day Planning

by Candace Curlee, Angela Wagner and Ruth Mielke

Lunch Sponsor: Candice will find out what Barb Beeler has done with this: Will Organon sponsor again?

Packets: to include fact sheet of bill we plan to lobby, summary of who we are and how we practice, agenda, other pamphlets that might be of interest. .Liability Insurance issues? Keep it brief.

Action Item:

1. Ruth will send some things we've used in the past to Candace.
2. PS will send to Candace the information they have.

Identifier:

- Bags? \$250 to order
- Lapel Pins? Might be a useful tool for other events, future events. Do we know anyone who can play with the design to make it work? Company itself might help make the design work. Change every year? Collectors pin?
- **Action Item:** Wende and Ruth will work on this.

Registration: PS likes 2007 registration form. But last year money and forms went to PS and they don't feel comfortable dealing with funds.

Action Items:

1. Candace will receive monies and forms and will fax forms to PS.
2. Candace will send money collected to Jean R via FedEx.

Confirmation to Registrants:

Action Items:

1. Candace will cc Ruth registrants names so she can send a letter of welcome.
2. Candace and Ruth will talk off line about specifics.
3. PS has all the information ready on hotel information and so forth and will send this information to Candace

Form:

Action Items:

1. Angela and Candace will update the form
2. Change address to Candace's
3. Ruth will have it posted on Website)

Agenda:

- Welcome at 10am
- Speaker
- Presentation of proclamation
- Review of materials

- Lunch
- 1:30-3pm Meetings (3-4 visits)
- 3-4 pm for dropping by personal legislators
- Wine & Cheese reception and thank you notes

Cost: \$35 members, \$50 non-members, \$25 students – Keep the same.
Group Leaders must be members (Wende's request!)

Groups: Eight groups last year. Not necessarily divided by constituents. Constituency not a huge factor for most legislators. Grouping this year will not be based on region, but on numbers. Participants can visit individual members between 3-4. Will save weeks of work for Political Solutions.

Name Tags: PS will provide

Membership Report

By Wende Owen

108 members (highest total ever!)

A lot of new members this year, but there are 137 who have not renewed over past 3 years.

Action Items:

1. Wende will send out a reminder card/lobby day reminder to these 137 members.
2. Working to move membership mailings to email.

Treasurer's Report/ Fundraising

By Ruth Mielke

Margie Hutchison is leading a Centering Pregnancy Consortium. Grant funding was running out and Sutter Health started looking for a different funding source. Needed a non-profit organization to house these funds. Margie thought of us. The board voted to go forward with this, to be the holder of this grant: The California Perinatal Health Project. The project will move toward starting centering in 27 clinics in Northern California.

Because of this partnership, CNMA has \$175 thousand dollars in account. CNMA will get an administrative part of this money.

Action Items:

1. Does anyone have the information about our non-profit status?
2. Bylaws? Where are these? What do they say about our organization. Need structure regarding voting. Who is allowed to vote? Do we need to draft new bylaws?

3. We should promote our involvement in this grant!
4. We should also drop “Grass Roots” from our literature.

WebSite

1. Candace will call Ruth about this issue.
2. Ruth has phone meeting next week with Nate, webmaster