



NCC MERP Meeting
March 2, 2023
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Matthew Grissinger (ISMP), Chair; Robert Campbell (JC), Vice Chair; Nakia Eldridge (USP), Secretariat; Donna Bohannon (USP); James McSpadden (AARP); Myong-Jim Kim (ACCP); Krista Levy (ACCP); Emily Peron (AGS); Jennie Jarrett (AMA); Holly Carpenter (ANA); Meg Freiter Murphy (APhA); Ann Gaffey (ASHRM); Avra Thomas (ASCP); Jo Wyeth (FDA); Britney Pierre (IHI); Bob Feroli (MSOS); Tara Modisett (NASPA); Rita Munley Gallagher; Rita Brueckner (VA)

Observers: Rostandt Kengni (USP pharmacy student), Nurisha Wade (USP)

Opening, Procedural, and Administrative Matters

Mr. Grissinger called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and welcomed everybody to the call. Dr. Eldridge called roll. The summary of the previous meeting was reviewed, approved unanimously.

Secretariat Report

NCC MERP was invited to provide a virtual webinar on NCC MERP: Pharmacist Tools to Support Patient Safety on December 14, 2022 for the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP). Previous presentation material was updated and utilized for this presentation. NCC MERP is always available to present to Council member organizations to promote patient safety.

There was a delay in sending out the poll for the three recommendations/statements. The poll will be going out after this meeting.

1. *Promoting the Safe Use of Suffixes in Prescription Drug Names*
2. *Recommendation to Enhance Accuracy of Administration of Medications*
3. *Recommendations for Healthcare Organizations to Reduce Medication Errors Associated with the Label*

The Council will have two weeks to review and submit a vote to accept, reject, or abstain.

Debbie Melnyck did provide to NCC MERP for consideration a patient representative replacement for her daughter, Christine Blackburn, the previous NCC MERP patient

representative, who recently passed away. The Secretariat will share more at the next Council meeting.

Council members did inquire on the possibility for an in-person meeting at USP. USP has initiated in-person meetings in 2023 and we will follow-up on a possible NCC MERP in-person meeting in 2024.

Recommendations / Statements Updates

Mr. Grissinger shared with the council the next set of recommendations for review will be:

1. *Statement in Medication Error Rates*
2. *Recommendations to Reduce Medication Errors in Non-Healthcare Settings*

Mr. Grissinger will review with Mr. Feroli the *Statement in Medication Error Rates* and will reach out to outpatient council members to review the *Recommendations to Reduce Medication Errors in Non-Healthcare Settings*.

Drug Shortage Presentation

Laura Bray, the Chief Change Maker from Angels of Charity, presented on her organization's purpose to ensure access to life saving drugs and mission to end drug shortages the advocacy, awareness, and a resilient supply.

Future Topic Discussions

Off of the drug shortage topic, Mr. Grissinger shared that he will have ISMP fellows work on pulling a statement/recommendation draft together for the Council to review at the next meeting with a focus on medication changes due to cost considerations.

Dr. Eldridge shared some feedback from the NABP webinar regarding concerns to speak up about medication errors. The Council was unsure if there are any previous recommendations / statements around the Speak Up Culture. Dr. Gallagher volunteered to review old files to see what precious documents can serve as a template for the Council to work on to further support the Speak Up Culture.

Closing

Meeting adjourned.