



NCC MERP Meeting

March 1, 2021

11:30 a.m.

WebEx

Attendees:

Matthew Grissinger (ISMP), Chair, Chair; Ann Gaffey (ASHRM); Vice Chair; Nakia Eldridge (USP), Secretariat; Jim Burris (AGS); Amy Cadwallader (AMA); Holly Carpenter (ANA); Mary Ann Kliethermes (APhA); Ricarrdo Spencer (ASCP); Michael Ganio (ASHP); David Gaugh (AAM); Lubna Merchant (FDA); Robert Campbell (The Joint Commission); Bob Ferroli (MSOS); Tara Modisett (NASPA); Carolyn Ha (PhRMA) Rita Munley Gallagher; Chrissie Blackburn; Deborah Melnyck

USP Observers: Abbey Ammerman; Donna Bohannon

Opening, Procedural, and Administrative Matters

Mr. Matt Grissinger called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and welcomed everybody to the call. Ms. Ammerman called roll. The summary of the previous meeting was reviewed, corrections provided and approved unanimously. Mr. Grissinger reviewed the agenda for the meeting and asked for approval of the agenda. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Secretariat's Report

Dr. Eldridge provided membership updates and reviewed the web analytics for the NCC MERP website. Council members discussed ways to increase traffic and decided to create a LinkedIn page to share NCC MERP news and member updates.

Telehealth

Ms. Gaffey gave a presentation on the current state of telehealth, especially during the COVID19 pandemic. She outlined the regulatory landscape and current best practices. It was noted that a major issue that needs to be resolved is how to document findings from telehealth visits. This includes the possibility of taking pictures and attaching to medical records. There is a need to find a balance with EHR capabilities.

Council members discussed the possibilities of developing recommendations. Those that are interested in submitting ideas or taking the lead should notify leadership.

Statement Review and Approval

It was noted that per the new archiving policy, the manufacturers suffix statement would be retired, but kept on file for historical purposed. The website will be updated to note the archive and streamline the recommendations.

Potential Topics for Council Action

Mr. Grissinger asked for ideas about potential topics for future work. It was noted that much of the Council's work has been focused on acute care. It was suggested that the Council consider a statement or recommendation that is focused on the consumer side of healthcare. Especially in light of the pandemic, it was suggested that the Council consider topics around telehealth. Council members also discussed the possibility of exploring recommendations around medication reconciliation, and transitions of care.

Closing

It was noted that a poll will be sent out to schedule the next meeting. Due to the pandemic future meetings will continue to be virtual meetings.