Enhancing Independent Community Pharmacist Involvement in NCPDP
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Background and Objectives

- The primary purpose of the grant request is focused on the engagement of active and influential independent community pharmacists in the NCPDP standards-development process and less on research and method.
- Independent community pharmacies account for approximately one-third of all outpatient pharmacy locations in the U.S., however, they are underrepresented at the technical work group meetings of the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP). The result is a partial void for NCPDP in terms of losing a unique and important level of expertise. In addition, these independents lose an important opportunity for mutual understanding while working toward a common goal with other health care stakeholders.
- This project has helped to close this gap in NCPDP membership since 2012. The presence of community pharmacists at NCPDP Work Group meetings has the immediate impact of ensuring that all segments of pharmacy practice have a voice in the standards development process. Their perspective and input are critical to NCPDP and its work because the standards that are developed affect the working environment that pharmacists deal with daily.

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Richard Cummings

2016-2017
Christian Tadrus, PharmD, RPh, AE-C, C.A. Kuykendall, R.Ph. Farah Towfic, PharmD

Merwin LTC Pharmacy

Sam’s Health Mart Pharmacies
Village Health Services & Pharmacy
Osterhaus Pharmacy

2017-2018
Christian Tadrus, PharmD, RPh, AE-C, C.A. Kuykendall, R.Ph. Jason Carter

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Moberly, MO

Fayetteville, AR

Maquoketa, IA

Fayetteville, AR

Dallas, TX

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The selected participants are actively engaged in the following Work Groups:

WG 1 Telecommunication
WG 9 Government Programs
WG 10 Professional Pharmacy Services
WG 11, ePrescribing & Related Transactions
WG 14 Long Term Post-Acute Care
WG 18 Specialty Pharmacy

Maintenance and Control (MC) WG

Project Impact

• The ongoing investment of the Community Pharmacy Foundation (CPF) in this project has enabled grantees to cultivate relationships with other NCPDP members who are focused on pharmacy issues. These relationships foster collaboration and create a deeper understanding of standards, transactions and issues that are being discussed at quarterly work group meetings.

• As a direct result of the continued commitment of CPF to fund this project, Christian Tadrus, who has participated in this grant project since the beginning, has grown through his NCPDP membership and was recently elected to serve on NCPDP’s Board of Trustees. Additionally, Christian is serving as Vice Chair of NCPDP’s Strategic Planning Committee, which is responsible for setting the direction of the organization’s strategic priorities.

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