I. Call to Order/Introductions: Anna Treinkman called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm EST and welcomed everyone.

II. Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2011 – The minutes were approved with minor edits.

III. Old Business

   • Committee Member Liaisons Reports:

     ✓ CGNO: NA

     ✓ Nursing Community: Alicia Wolf/ Anna Treinkman: Anna updated…

     ✓ NPRt: Charlotte Kelley: NPRt is preparing for the RWJF/IOM Roundtable meeting in June. They will be working on understanding the issues and NP position at a April 22nd meeting with the Tri-Council. The Collins/Conrad Home health bill hasn’t taken up a lot of time on the agenda, but soon will as there has been plans to do another “Lobby Day”. Congress is on recess so this is a good time to try to contact your congressman and promote the Home Health legislation.

     ✓ E-Prescriptions: A directive regarding penalties in regards to submitting electronic prescriptions was reviewed. APNs need to write at least 10 prescriptions (10% of number of patients seen between January and June 2010) if they see more than 100 Medicare recipients during that time. Although NPs are not part of the incentive program they will get penalized if they don’t comply with the requirement. Also clinics need to show movement toward electronic prescribing.

     ✓ ACNP: Anna forwarded an article to staff that will appear in the eAlert regarding ACNP.

     ✓ Website Development: Valisa Saunders/ Kathy Cosgrove. Kathy reported as of April 1, CMS implementation (deadline noted) was on front page of web. AJJ will look for the information. Pat reported the House Calls SIG will be posting a question/blog on Facebook about “barriers to face-to-face” and how to get around them. Pat will forward an article pertaining to this to National for inclusion in the next eAlert.

     ✓ Institute of Medicine updates: NA

     ✓ HA Grid: Committee received a copy of the grid.

     ✓ Legislative updates:

       a. S 227 (Sen Collins & Conrad) Medicare Home Health Care Planning Act – there are 4 co-sponsors.

       b. S 56 (Sen Innoye) Medicaid APN & PA Access Act – No one has co-sponsored as yet.

     ✓ New ACO Regulations regarding EHRs: NA
AAHCP – American Academy of Home Care Physicians - House Calls SIG proponent of AAHCP and will be attending upcoming conference which is working in conjunction with AGS. AAHCP has offered GAPNA a comp booth at their conference. Evelyn and Deb Wolff-Baker will be in attendance. Pat will provide an update on the House Calls SIG and AAHCP at the next Health Affairs call. Charlotte discussed the need for NPs to recognize that their joining may give the AAHCP permission to include NPs as agreeing with their position about the need for them to supervise a NP home health practice and to be aware of that caveat of inclusion in their organization.

Other Updates:

a. CMS/ACL – Pat reported responses will be completed in the next few days and will be compiled/tallied over the next 30 days. The question is that we need to figure out how to get to the leadership to talk about how your practice will impact savings on care. Pat referred to a fact sheet specific to providers. She will forward a copy to National for incorporation into the minutes and disseminated via eAlert.

b. Advisory Board - Anna was asked to serve on an advisory board to Senator Kirk. She couldn’t attend the first meeting, but sent another NP in her place.

c. Michigan Silver Alert – Kathy reported the house passed the bill in October 2009; then it sat in the Senate until now. It is now moving forward.

d. Iowa Update – 2 bills were signed by the governor. One allows NPs to sign the death certificate and the other allows the Department of Transportation to accept assessment of NPs who determine a person competent to drive.

IV. Adjournment – Anna adjourned the meeting at 7:52pm. The next scheduled meeting will be May 18th followed by June 15, 2011.

Minutes have been:

Action Items
CK – To confirm minimum number of electronic prescriptions before penalization
PKL – Forward article on “barriers to face-to-face” to National for eAlert
PKL – Forward fact sheet specific to providers to National for eAlert (CMS/ACL)
SD – Make noted edits to previous minutes
SD – Look for CMS (implementation) article that was on website