

Epilepsy Treatment and Education Task Force

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 14th, 2012

WELCOME

Dale Todd called to order the Epilepsy Treatment and Education Task Force at 3:05pm on Tuesday, February 14th, 2012, in Room 518 of the Lucas State Office Building in Des Moines, Iowa.

PRESENT

Members of the Task Force in attendance were Kristin Wells, Kevin Harris, Brett Barker, Dale Todd, Dr. David Moore, Dr. David Friedgood, Dr. Geoff Wall, Dr. Chasity Mease, Dr. Todd Janus.

I. Approval of December 13th Meeting Minutes

Dale Todd made a motion to accept the minutes and Brett Barker and Dr. Moore seconded. December 13th Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

Dr. Wall and Dr. Mease proposed for future Task Force meetings more time allowed for reviewing meeting minutes and agenda items. The Task Force members were in agreement.

II. Review of Progress Report to Legislature

Dale Todd presented a progress report to the Iowa Legislature for Task Force members to review. A few minor edits were suggested, Dr. Wall motioned to approve. All Task Force members were in favor and the report was accepted. Dale Todd will correct the progress report and submit a final version to the Iowa Department of Public Health.

III. Status of Survey Results from Iowa Neurologists

Survey for Iowa Neurologists is completed. Kevin Harris requested the surveying system be designed to only have the invited individual access the link and the link only be used one time. Dr. Wall will inquire about the security settings of the survey link. Dr. Janus will send the completed survey to the INA to be distributed.

Dr. Janus entered the meeting at 3:17pm

IV. Review of State by State Legislation

Jessica Peters presented a brief summary of state by state legislation regarding drug product selection for antiepileptic medication. Nine other states have or are working on legislation that requires notification to the prescriber in the event of a change of medication. Task Force members agreed to review the legislative language and use it as a reference in the future.

Open discussion during conference call set up.

V. Discussion with David M. Labiner, MD

Department Head, Department of Neurology, Professor of Neurology and Director of Arizona Comprehensive Epilepsy Program. Via conference call. Dr. Labiner discussed his paper, "Generic antiepileptic drugs and associated medical resource utilization in the United States." Published April 14, 2010.

Task Force members discussed Dr. Labiner's conclusion: "Generic antiepileptic drug use was associated with significantly greater medical utilization and risk of epilepsy-related medical events, compared to brand use." Dr. Labiner suggested encouraging patients to work with their pharmacies in order to ensure patient/pharmacist/provider are up to date with all medication selections.

VI. Wrap Up

The next steps:

- The neurologist survey results will be collected over the next few months and will be reviewed at April's meeting.
- Task Force members are open to invite other possible stakeholders or speakers to future meetings in order to share expertise with the group.
- At future meetings there will be a public comment section after agenda items have been reviewed and discussed.

The next Epilepsy Treatment and Education Task Force meeting was set for Tuesday, March 13th at 3pm with location at the Lucas State Office Building, Room TBA.

ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chairperson Dale Todd adjourned the Epilepsy Treatment and Education Task Force meeting at 4:40pm.