

The Italian-American Pharmacists Society

of the State of New York

Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2011 at Dante's Restaurant, Jamaica @ 8:00 pm

CE Presentation: Errors and Omissions by speaker Dr. Joseph Etzel.

Secretary Report: Minutes were approved and posted on IPS website..

Treasurer Report: Account is in the black and approved by chairman of board.

Committee Reports

PSSNY Report: Joseph Navarra reported that this year's convention will be held at Fort William Henry, Lake George, June 26-29th.

State Board of Pharmacy by John Navarrara:

*Regulations for NPI and co-mingling will take place in August. It states that NPI # of prescriber must be printed on the prescription (either printed or hand written). Rx without NPI # is considered legal and Rph will not be held responsible.

*Technician Bill was introduced for future certifications but it's a weak one. It consists of age limit-at least 18 yrs of age, high school diploma.

*Immunization Bill-sunsets in 2012, enhancement of the bill will not occur due to the budget cuts.

*CDTM (collaborative Drug Therapy Management Bill passed in assembly and senate. This only applies to teaching hospitals. With this bill, RPh will have collaborative agreement with MD's to change doses and prescribe meds, ect.

NYCPS Report: Ray Macioci stated that "Operation Ammo" was very successful, there is support from both assembly and the senate. It is hoped that it will get passed from both houses and the governor.

As of April 1st, Medicaid reimbursement will be AWP-17% and the dispensing fee for generics will be lowered from \$4.50 to \$3.50, and FMAP will increase from 1.1% to 2% for 2 years. New regulations for nutrition -anyone 21 and over, enteral coverage will be eliminated unless tube fed.

Currently, there are 5.5 million MCD recipients in NYS- on October 1st, 3.5 million will be converted to managed care.

Membership Report: Jackie reported there are 80 paid members so far.

Medicaid Update: by Charlie Catalano. As of April 1st, Enterals will only be covered for any child under 21 yrs old, with G tube or J tube, and diagnosed with metabolic disorder. Stockings are also eliminated from coverage. Pt must have active ulcer and/or peripheral edema related to pregnancy.

Dinner Dance Committee Report :

Anthony Ciarletta reported that this year's dinner dance was a financial success. He thanked all those who were involved with the arrangements of the event and those who attended it.

Good and Welfare:

*Anthony Ciarletta is an owner of another new store.

*Charlie is a proud "father of the new bride".

*Ray is being honored by the Westchester Rockland Pharmacist Society on May 21st, 2011.

*Germaine Celentano announced she is pregnant.

*Sal Rubino passed away-IPS sent flowers. He was an active IPS and PSSNY member for 30 + years.

***Next meeting Thursday, May 12th, 2011-----Dante's Restaurant, 8 PM.**

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