2017 APhA-ASP Reference Committee Report

The APhA-ASP Reference Committee met in closed session from 9:00am – 10:00am on Saturday, March 25, 2017. The members of the 2017 APhA-ASP Reference Committee are as follows:

Chair: Dylan Atkinson, 2016-2017 APhA-ASP Speaker of the House

Region 1: Patrick Condon, The University of Rhode Island
Region 2: Charles Sumerlin, University of Maryland
Region 3: Shannon Stittsworth, University of Florida
Region 4: Myriam Shaw Ojeda, Cedarville University
Region 5: Autumn Petersen, The University of Iowa
Region 6: Olivia Johnson, St. Louis College of Pharmacy
Region 7: Vivianne Nguyen, Washington State University
Region 8: Courtney McCaughey, Regis University

2017 Reference Committee Recommendations

The APhA-ASP Reference Committee considered the testimony presented during the APhA-ASP Open Hearing on Proposed Resolutions on the Report of the 2017 APhA-ASP Resolutions Committee.

2017.1 – Expanded Utilization of Pharmacist- and Student Pharmacist-Provided Care Transitions Services

1. APhA-ASP supports the expanded utilization of pharmacists and student pharmacists as an integral part of the care transitions team.

The Reference Committee recommends to ADOPT Issue 2017.1.1 of the Committee Report, and I so move.

2017.1 – Expanded Utilization of Pharmacist- and Student Pharmacist-Provided Care Transitions Services

2. APhA-ASP encourages health care institutions to provide pharmacists with critical tools and support necessary for care transitions services, including but not limited to, staffing, work flow, and access to electronic health information.

The Reference Committee recommends to ADOPT Issue 2017.1.2 of the Committee Report, and I so move.

2017.1 – Expanded Utilization of Pharmacist- and Student Pharmacist-Provided Care Transitions Services

3. APhA-ASP supports the implementation and expansion of care transitions education adapted from best practices into both didactic and experiential curricula in all schools and colleges of pharmacy.

The Reference Committee recommends to ADOPT Issue 2017.1.3 of the Committee Report, and I so move.

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4. APhA-ASP encourages all stakeholders, including but not limited to CMS and other governmental agencies, to adopt regulations and/or policies that incentivize health care institutions to utilize care transitions pharmacists, especially in hospitals with low performance metrics and/or excessive readmissions within 30 days of discharge.

The Reference Committee recommends to ADOPT AS AMENDED Issue 2017.1.4 of the Committee Report, and I so move.
2017.2 - Mandatory E-Prescribing of Schedule II Controlled Substances
1. APhA-ASP recommends mandatory electronic prescribing of all scheduled II controlled substances.
2. APhA-ASP supports the development and implementation of sustainable and financially-viable electronic prescribing models in multidisciplinary settings.

The Reference Committee recommends to ADOPT AS AMENDED Issue 2017.2 of the Committee Report, and I so move.

2017.3 - Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Devices Ease of Access
1. APhA-ASP supports legislative and regulatory changes that would enable pharmacists, with appropriate training and working as integral members of a health care team, to prescribe durable medical equipment and medical devices, including but not limited to, those used for the delivery and monitoring of prescription medications.

The Reference Committee recommends to ADOPT Issue 2017.3.1 of the Committee Report, and I so move.

2. APhA-ASP encourages the development of sustainable and financially-viable compensation models for pharmacist-prescribed durable medical equipment and medical devices.

The Reference Committee recommends to ADOPT Issue 2017.3.2 of the Committee Report, and I so move.

2017.4 - Efforts to Reduce Mental Health Stigma
1. APhA-ASP encourages all stakeholders to develop and adopt evidence-based approaches in order to educate the public and reduce mental health stigma to the public surrounding mental health conditions. This may include, including but is not limited to, depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, anxiety, and other disorders and conditions.

The Reference Committee recommends to ADOPT AS AMENDED Issue 2017.4.1 of the Committee Report, and I so move.

2. APhA-ASP supports the increased utilization of pharmacists and student pharmacists, with appropriate training, to actively participate in psychiatric interprofessional health care teams in all practice settings.

The Reference Committee recommends to ADOPT Issue 2017.4.2 of the Committee Report, and I so move.

3. APhA-ASP supports the inclusion and expansion of mental health education and training in the curriculum of all schools and colleges of pharmacy and post-graduate opportunities.

The Reference Committee recommends to ADOPT Issue 2017.4.3 of the Committee Report, and I so move.

2017 APhA-ASP NEW BUSINESS REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

The APhA-ASP New Business Review Committee did not convene during the APhA2017 Annual Meeting & Exposition as no new business was submitted.