

2014 ANNUAL MEETING TOWN HALL MEETING NOTES – SEPTEMBER 12, 2014

ICHP President, **Mike Fotis** welcomed meeting attendees to ICHP's 2nd Town Hall Meeting of the year and provided a brief of the first Town Hall Meeting held at the Spring Meeting in March in Bloomington/Normal. The notes for that meeting are available on the ICHP website. Mike encouraged attendees to become involved in ICHP's Divisions and Committees or work on small projects as needed when able. Mike asked several Division Directors to present activities they have undertaken in the last year.

Jennifer Ellison, out-going Director of Marketing Affairs described ICHP's CV Mentor program. Student members of ICHP may submit their CV's for review by pharmacist members of the Council. The summer pilot project was very successful and more pharmacists are needed for the full implementation in the fall.

New Practitioners Network (NPN) out-going Chair, **Diana Isaacs** explained that the growing executive committee of the NPN was now up to 19 active members including student representatives from all 6 colleges of pharmacy. The NPN is holding a mixer at the Annual Meeting on Friday evening after the educational programming is complete. New Practitioners are invited to attend. In addition, the NPN is recruiting all ICHP members to "Walk for the Cure" with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation on Sunday, October 5th at Montrose Harbor. Members may volunteer to walk or may contribute to support the team at the JDRF website.

Desi Kotis, Director of the Division of Professional Affairs describe the 4 new and 20 plus existing position statements, the Division created or reviewed this year. In addition, regular medication safety articles are now featured in the *KeePosted* in a recurring column.

Travis Hunerdosse, Director of the Division of Educational Affairs, asked that all ICHP Champions rise and be recognized. The Champions program brings live CE to individual pharmacy departments through the commitment of one ICHP member. In addition, the Champion provides updates to members at that department of ICHP activities monthly. Educational Affairs is working to build more and larger residency programs throughout the state. He thank residency directors in the audience for their efforts.

Mike Fotis, presented the audience with several talking point questions and then opened up the discussion to any topic.

Audience Question 1: "Can you provide an update on the status of Tech-Check-Tech in Illinois?"

Response: Scott Meyers review the current regulatory status. The current Practice Act and Rules do not prohibit technicians checking technicians, however there are no specific rules to use as guidance. ICHP created draft rules, based on currently existing California regulations that would apply to onsite institutional pharmacy practice only and require an institution to implement a comprehensive training program with a validation step and on-going quality assurance. A remediation plan for technicians whose accuracy drops below the required level and documentation of all phases of the program on site at all times. The Pharmacist-In-Charge would be ultimately responsible and technicians could only be used to check the work

of other technicians for replacing floorstock, filling automated dispensing and storage systems, and filling and checking unit dose carts.

Unfortunately, IPhA objected to the proposed rules out of fear that the community pharmacy chains would attempt to implement similar systems within the outpatient setting. IPhA did not contact ICHP before objecting and would not provide acceptable language for the institutional setting.

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation staff have indicated that what ICHP proposed would be an acceptable model to follow and that because the process was not prohibited by the Act or Rules that institutions could implement a program if they desired.

The ICHP concern is that if there is a change in Governor this November, there could be wholesale changes within all State agencies including IDFPR and the next administration may interpret the Act and Rules differently.

Audience Question 2: “Is it possible to have a statewide list serve for ICHP?”

Response: ICHP is currently researching vendors. ASAE Collaborate and ASHP Connect are both created and managed by the same vendor, Higher Logic. The system is not inexpensive but works very well when the audiences are fully engaged. It is the goal for 2015 to implement something like those two programs so that ICHP members may speak to each other quickly and efficiently on topics of special interest.

Audience Question 3: “Could ICHP consider identifying on philanthropic organization that all our members can support?”

Response: It will be difficult to gather input to make this decision as most members have a charitable cause of choice. While every college of pharmacy has multiple organizations that do a variety of fund raising events, maybe it will be possible to get the student chapters to agree to support one cause each year? ICHP does encourage members to provide community service event opportunities to the office to be posted on the Website Community Service Page. This page can be used to encourage other members in the local area of the event to participate and members from around the State to donate.