

# Joint Commission of Pharmacy Practitioners

## MEMBER ORGANIZATION UPDATES

During this portion of the meeting each organization is provided an opportunity to provide an update on activities. We ask that organizations providing updates focus their brief discussions on activities being undertaken that advance progress in one or more of JCPP's Vision Action Plan (Patient Care Process, Pharmacy Quality, Value of Pharmacists' Patient Care Services, HIT, Provider Status Recognition). This discussion will serve as JCPP's process for monitoring the progression of its Action Plan. *Please bring hard-copies of this form for meeting attendees and include within the form links to material vs bringing hard copies to meeting.*

ORGANIZATION: **ASHP**

### Action Plan Implementation Activity

#### Pharmacy Quality

- Updated [ASHP Guidelines on Handling Hazardous Drugs](#) were published, outlining new and continuing safety concerns for healthcare workers handling these drugs and best practices to minimize the risks that hazardous drugs pose.
- Revised [ASHP Guidelines on Preventing Medication Errors in Hospitals](#) were published, including practical recommendations and best practices for a number of focus areas, such as high-alert medications, smart infusion pumps, and electronic health records.

#### Value of Pharmacists' Patient Care Services

- Recently published *AJHP* articles:

Sachdev GP. Ambulatory care pharmacist services: The value proposition. *Am J Health Syst Pharm.* 2018;75(21):1688-1689.

#### Provider Status Recognition

- Working with the Patient Access to Pharmacist's Care Coalition.
- Engaging students, affiliates, and hospital systems in grassroots campaign.
- Engaging ASHP grassroots network in targeted in-state outreach to members of key House and Senate committees.

### Organization Update (other information):

- Immediately following Hurricane Florence, ASHP made cash donations to the North Carolina Hospital Foundation Disaster Relief Fund, along with a dollar-for-dollar match for ASHP staff members who made a contribution. ASHP also made a cash donation and dollar-for-dollar match to the Florida Hospital Association Employee Assistance Fund, immediately following Hurricane Michael.

- ASHP convened a summit, “Drug Shortages as a Matter of National Security: Improving the Resilience of the Nation’s Health Care Critical Infrastructure” with the American Society of Anesthesiologists, American Hospital Association, American Society of Clinical Oncology, and Institute for Safe Medication Practices in September 2018. Representatives from clinician groups, industry and supply chain entities, and government officials were invited to propose solutions to ensure supply chain security and continuity in the event of a disaster or attack.
- ASHP will host basketball star Earvin “Magic” Johnson as the keynote speaker at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Midyear Clinical Meeting in December in Anaheim, California.
- ASHP launched the [Professional Certificate in Pharmacogenomics](#) in October 2018 to teach pharmacists how to integrate pharmacogenomics into pharmacy practice to improve medication use. ASHP also launched the [Clinical Skills Certificate for International Pharmacy](#) in September 2018 to educate pharmacists practicing or trained outside of the United States on fundamental concepts of patient-centered clinical skills.
- ASHP sponsored the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Medication Safety Conference in Abu Dhabi, UAE on November 2-4, 2018. The conference attracted more than 1,200 delegates from the Gulf Cooperation Council and surrounding regions, providing education on the latest advances in medication use and safety.
- ASHP dedicated a joint session during the 2018 September Policy Week to suicide prevention and awareness. The session began with a presentation from guest speaker, Daina L. Wells, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCPP, National Program Manager, Academic Detailing Service, VACO Pharmacy Benefits Management and followed with discussions on recommendations for ASHP policy and programmatic activities.
- ASHP earned Accreditation with Commendation, the highest level of accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), as a provider of medical education for physicians for the second time in August 2018.
- ASHP appointed its inaugural Section of Specialty Pharmacy Practitioners Executive Committee in September 2018. The Section’s goal is to help members provide optimal patient care and comprehensive medication management in the specialty pharmacy environment.
- ASHP participated in an interprofessional drug shortages workshop with the National Academy of Sciences and presented on a panel to describe the impact of drug shortages on patient care, in September 2018.
- ASHP honored Michael R. Cohen, R.Ph., M.S., Sc.D. (Hon.), DPS (Hon.), founder and president at The Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) with the 2018 ASHP Zellmer Lecture Award.
- ASHP submitted a formal commitment to the U.S. government’s Antimicrobial Resistance Challenge, a yearlong effort to accelerate the fight against antimicrobial resistance with action across government and industries in September 2018.