

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: American Pharmacists Association

- Action Plan Implementation Activity
 - Pharmacists' Patient Care Process
 - APhA continues to explore new ways to share the JCPP Pharmacists' Patient Care Process to members and highlight existing resources developed using the Pharmacist's Patient Care Process.
 - APhA has incorporated the Pharmacists' Patient Care Process within immunization project initiatives to support pharmacy response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Provider Status Recognition
 - Through collaboration with ASHP and other stakeholders, new legislation to advance the efforts of provider status has been introduced in the House (H.R. 2759) and Senate (S. 1362). APhA has updated existing web content to reflect the new legislation numbers and this information can be found at: <https://www.pharmacist.com/Advocacy/Issues/Medicare-Provider-Status-Recognition>.
 - APhA is implementing a communication and engagement strategy with members to promote advocacy efforts broadly.
- Organization Update (other information):
 - APhA's Task Force on addressing structure racism in pharmacy has been meeting regularly since mid-August 2020. This group has conducted multiple town hall events in the Fall/Winter of 2020 and another during the APhA2021 Virtual Annual Meeting. In addition to the Task Force activities, APhA has hosted multiple educational programs addressing Social Determinants of Health, addressing
 - On March 31, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation, the educational arm of the nation's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) civil rights organization, and the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) released a new guide for pharmacies on transgender and gender-diverse inclusion, "[Providing Inclusive Care and Services for the Transgender and Gender Diverse Community: A Pharmacy Resource Guide](#)." The guide, released on International Transgender Day of Visibility, serves as an educational tool and a resource to pharmacists and pharmacy staff on how to be inclusive to transgender, non-binary and gender-diverse patients.
 - APhA conducted its 2021 Annual Meeting in a virtual format from March 12-15, 2021. Attendees engaged in continuing education sessions, town hall events, policy development, award ceremonies, and networking events, all within a virtual format.
 - APhA continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic by conducting bi-weekly town hall meetings and updating resources, toolkits, and guidance on its webpage located here: <https://www.pharmacist.com/coronavirus>.

- On April 5, APhA launched a new brand identity, including a modernized website, redesigned logo, and a refined message on what the organization does and the motivation behind it: to serve, prepare, and fight for pharmacists in all practice settings.
- A nationwide survey of pharmacists has found that increasing percentages of pharmacists have been administered a COVID-19 vaccine, are more comfortable addressing vaccine hesitancy with patients, and are continuing to build necessary support staff at their practice location to safely offer a COVID-19 vaccine. More than 9 in 10 pharmacists (92%) said they plan to or have been vaccinated against COVID-19, in a survey conducted recently by the American Pharmacists Association (APhA). Of these, 80% said they had received one dose, 9% had received two doses, and 3% planned to get a vaccine as soon as they can. This is the fourth survey APhA has conducted since September about pharmacists' confidence in the COVID-19 vaccines. In its January 2021 survey, 51% reported they had received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Additional survey details can be found here: <https://www.pharmacist.com/APhA-Press-Releases/pharmacists-confidence-in-the-covid-19-vaccines-continues-to-grow>
- The American Pharmacists Association (APhA) has selected eight recipients of its 2021 Immunization Champion Awards, recognizing individuals and organizations who have made extraordinary contributions toward improved vaccination rates within their communities. Find more information on the award recipients here: <https://www.pharmacist.com/APhA-Press-Releases/apha-announces-2021-immunization-champion-award-winners>
- APhA announced on March 29th that it has entered into a collaborative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to support the CDC's efforts to build the American public's confidence in the COVID-19 vaccines. The APhA initiative is aligned with the CDC's three-part strategy of building trust, empowering health care personnel, and engaging communities and individuals. APhA's work will include a comprehensive program to educate pharmacists and pharmacy personnel about COVID-19 vaccines. The project will support pharmacists through:
 - Development of tools for the discussion of vaccines with patients.
 - Engagement with the public through videos, webinars, podcasts, news media and social media.
 - Collaboration with other pharmacy organizations, health care providers and communities to reach diverse populations.