

## CPNP Announcements

### HOW TO PREVENT ADVERSE DRUG EVENTS: ENHANCED AWARENESS, VIGILANT MONITORING CAN REDUCE MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY

The July, 2011 issue of *Current Psychiatry* features an article co-authored by CPNP member Jolene Bostwick. In the article "[How to Prevent Adverse Drug Events: Enhanced Awareness, Vigilant Monitoring Can Reduce Morbidity and Mortality](#)" the authors highlight potential ADEs and major medication safety concerns that may contribute to morbidity and mortality among patients taking psychotropics.

A reminder that a [special subscription price](#) is available to *Current Psychiatry*, a monthly peer-reviewed publication, and the leading source of practical, evidence-based information for healthcare professionals treating psychiatric patients. Thanks to the CPNP partnership with *Current Psychiatry*, CPNP members can receive a year of *Current Psychiatry* at a cost of \$24, over 77% less than the normal subscription rate.

### CPNP CONTRACTS WITH GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS CONSULTANT

Carla Cobb, PharmD, BCPP—CPNP Legislative Committee Chair

CPNP is pleased to announce the contracting of Carey Potter as our first government affairs consultant. With a long career as a pharmacy government affairs staffer, Carey will dedicate her time to working with CPNP to identify its legislative priorities, develop messaging, and provide guidance to help move these priorities forward.

Carey hails from Friend, Nebraska, a stone's throw from CPNP's office in Lincoln. Carey first became interested in the legislative process as a teenager working as a legislative page in the Nebraska Unicameral. After college, her career continued with positions representing major pharmacy chains as a state lobbyist for a national community pharmacy organization. Most recently, Carey has become involved in her family's vineyard and tasting room. Yes, they do make wine in Nebraska, although you're not likely to find it on a restaurant menu near you due to the small production.

Carey's desire to return to the world of pharmacy and legislation conveniently coincided with CPNP's interest in expanding its efforts in the legislative arena with the goal being to ensure CPNP is at the table during this healthcare reform window of opportunity.

Carey cannot do this alone! She will be counting on every one of you to engage with your legislators and other stakeholders. Legislators listen to their constituents. Carey can educate us about how to organize our efforts, who to contact, and what message to deliver, but your efforts will be essential for success.

Please help Carey, the Legislative Committee, and CPNP do everything we can to achieve our common goals of making quality pharmacist services available to all patients with a psychiatric disorder. Keep an eye out for new and expanded legislative links and Carey's contact information.

### 2012 ANNUAL MEETING MAKES AN IMPRESSION

The 15th Annual Meeting of the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists was held April 29-May 2, 2012 in sunny Tampa, Florida. This meeting hosted a record-breaking 507 attendees and continued to offer something for everyone including cutting-edge presentations, award winning posters, a NAMI walk, and extensive networking.

For more information, read CPNP press releases:

- [Happenings at the CPNP Annual Meeting](#)
- [Saklad Memorial Award and Research Award recipients](#)

**Making Waves in Neuropsychiatric Pharmacy** was the theme of this year's Annual Meeting coordinated by the CPNP Program and Recertification Committees under the leadership of Chairs Tawny Smith, PharmD, BCPP and Sarah Melton, PharmD, BCPP, CGP, FASCP, BCACP. The pre-meeting **MTM Bootcamp** workshop delivered by **Dr. Linda Strand** and **Abbie Vogler** of Medication Management Services, was attended by 64 individuals seeking information and hands-on experience in establishing and charging for medication management services.

Leading off the first day of programming was **Dr. Nassir Ghaemi** examining the evidence and the controversies surrounding the use of antidepressants in the treatment of depressive disorders. The meeting was officially kicked off Monday with a motivating keynote on **Leadership Lessons Learned** by **Dr. Barbara Wells**, a highly respected leader in the field. **Dr. Roy Perlis** followed discussing the role of genetics in psychiatry in **Finding Common Ground Across the Psychosis Spectrum**. Tuesday's keynote address continued a look to the future

with a session by **Dr. Madhukar Trivedi** on *Personalized Medicine in Depression*. Reinforcing the theme of “making waves”, **Judge Steven Leifman** delivered a riveting, closing keynote and call to action on the criminalization of mental illness and how we can work to transform the system. In between all of these sessions was an additional 15 hours of programming ranging from neurology to movement disorders assessment and monitoring to medical marijuana.

CPNP attendees proved that there is much to be learned from each other as well. Networking opportunities consisted of two scientific poster sessions featuring over 140 posters, platform presentations, and roundtable discussions. Peer recognition was also imbedded in the Annual Meeting agenda with the recognition of research award recipients and the awarding of the 15th Annual Saklad Memorial Award to **Steve Saklad**, PharmD, BCPP, Director of the Psychiatric Pharmacy Program in San Antonio at the San Antonio State Hospital and University of Texas College of Pharmacy.

The June edition of the Mental Health Clinician will feature numerous additional reports from the CPNP Annual Meeting so please be sure to read up on all happenings in early June. As well, don't forget to mark your calendars for the 2013 Annual Meeting to be held April 21-24, at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

## MAY 2012 MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations!

**Dr. Vicki Ellingrod**, is a recipient of the [2012 Michigan Institute for Clinical & Health Research \(MICHR\) Distinguished Clinical and Translational Research Mentor Award](#). The MICHR established the award this year in order to recognize and honor the efforts and accomplishments of faculty who demonstrate consistent, high quality research and career mentoring in areas of clinical and translational health and research. The NIH's Mentored Research Scientist Development (K) Award program announcement states a mentor, “should be an active investigator in the area of the proposed research and be committed both to the career development of the candidate and to the direct supervision of the candidate's research.” While many individuals may fulfill this NIH definition on paper, active mentorship of the mentee is often taken for granted. Lost in many formal accounts of her research and accomplishments are details of her genuine dedication and commitment to mentorship. As someone who exemplifies the all the components of the Distinguished Clinical and Translational Research Mentor

Award, Vicki is most deserving of this remarkable recognition.

**Dr. Raymond Love, PharmD, BCPP, FASHP**, has recently been inducted to The National Academies of Practice. View the [press release](#).

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