

Minutes from Online Meeting of the Standing
Commission on Health

February 1, 2007, 12pm EST

Present: Gerry, Richard, Nancy, Barry, Sarah, Margo,
Trudie, Debbie, Mary Therese, Edgardo, Sandy, Janet, Rick
(tech support)

Not Present: Pam, Dottie, Rayford, Johncy,

Our Next Meeting will be **April 19, 2007 at 12 EDT**
ONLINE

Action Items:

4	Task	Once Completed	Due Date	SCOH Member
	Generate Agenda for April Online Meeting	Email to all	4/5/07	Barry
	Report on Healthcare Disparities	Email to all	4/5/07	Pam
	Report on current US healthcare legislation from Maureen	Email to all	4/5/07	Nancy
	Generate initial brainstorm on packet for convocation participants	Email to all	4/5/07	Sarah
	Report on preliminary convocation planning with Gay Jennings	Email to all	4/5/07	Debbie; Dottie
	Report on Participant List collaboration with Bud Holland at 815	Email to all	ASAP	Debbie; Dottie
	Convocation Participant List-in-Progress with contact information	Email to all	ASAP	Debbie
	Report on meeting with Marshall Scott about chaplains' agenda	Email to all	ASAP	Trudie
	Report on Dallas chaplains meeting	Email to all	4/5/07	Trudie
	Report on APC meeting and AEHC subgroup meeting	Email to all	4/5/07	Trudie
	Communicate 6 ideas to Barry regarding our work as SCOH	Email Barry	ASAP	Rayford
	Report on meeting with Episcopal hospitals	Email to all	4/5/07	Rayford
	Communicate with CPC on convocation participant #s, site information, and budget	Email to all	4/5/07	Barry
	Communicate with Gerry about navigating 815		ongoing	Barry
	Make arrangements for Nancy to attend Standing Commission on National Concerns meeting in Baltimore in May 2007	Email Nancy	4/5/07	Barry

	Report on NEAC and HIV/AIDS committee meeting from May	Email to all	May 07	Richard
	Report on meeting with Eric Matthews of NEHM at 815	Email to all	4/5/07	Gerry
	Watch for CPF Committee on Health Insurance Report	Alert all members	March 07	ALL
	Review reports received from members and give feedback	Email to Reporter	ongoing	ALL

Transcript: The transcript is attached but a bugger to read. I have tried to group and condense information in the report that follows.

Online Meeting Report

1. Barry's Report:

Good day to all and welcome! I shall begin by giving my report, which I will do in short paragraphs.

I requested that the Church Pension Group consider funding our proposed Convocation, and they have agreed to do so!

In this agreement, they want to be active players in the Convocation, and also recommended that the Medical Trust and CREDO be active players. All of these groups have been doing much about wellness programs.

The CPG, in order to sponsor this event, will want the parameters which we are considering--such as number of people who will be invited, possible sites, and a budget projection. They naturally indicated that the 'sky' would not be the limit on their sponsorship! ([See action item above](#))

In looking at the report of Dottie, it appears that we are not going to get a great deal of assistance from the General Convention Office in terms of finding sites, etc. Therefore, I propose that Dottie and Deborah get in touch with Bud Holland at 815, who you recall was very interested in this project. He can help with ideas about who should be invited, and also perhaps help with site thoughts, etc. Gerry can help at 815 with this interfacing with Bud. ([See action item above](#))

I also think that Dottie and Deborah should contact Gaye Jennings at CREDO, since she also showed great interest in this project. She may have some ideas about sites and facilities needs. It is good that the General Convention Office did indicate that this

is a doable time frame. (See action item above)

I think we also may need to think about reducing the number of invitees from an initial idea of 100. But we will work on that in the future with counsel from Bud and others.

2. Agenda Items for Convocation

Generating Resolutions:

BHowe: A product of the Convocation in my mind would be possible resolutions that we all agree upon for the next General Convention.

Obtaining Foci and Main Concerns of Attending Groups:

DStokes: I would like us to find out what are health issues that they think we should be addressing from their perspective. This may help us to formulate the resolutions we want to bring before the body.

MUmana_Erazo: I would like to know the list of the health problem issues of the other groups.

BHowe: The idea of knowing the list of health problems of the groups is very important. As part of the invitation to attend, I would think we could require some major information from each group, so that we would arrive with knowledge that would be important for all of us.

Sarah_Knoll-Williams: once a group registers, we could send them a form to fill out and return about the scope and foci of their work. all these responses could be compiled for presentation at the convocation, with the intention of forming some legislation before general convention

2007 (Action: Include in participant packet mailing prior to convocation)

On Monitoring Attending Groups at the Convocation:

Richard_Brewer: Perhaps during the convocation we can sort of designate one or two people from our group to follow and monitor one of the others.

BHowe: The monitoring idea sounds good, Richard. We would need to get to know precisely what some of the groups are doing in the ways of advocacy and education. If we can again reach some awareness of all this, we can be a much more effective Commission. (Action: Once list is finalized, assign particular groups to members of the commission.)

On Past GC Legislation:

BHowe: Another feature that seems important is the work that Nancy is doing in organizing what has been accomplished in the past relating to GC resolutions, etc. If

we have a good idea of what has been done, the sharing of that at the Convocation may bring up a lot of possibilities of whether or not things have been followed up on, and what issues need more push.

DStokes: I was looking at the minutes from Friday and close to what you are suggesting Barry is the question What has worked and what hasn't? Sarah_Knoll-Williams: this can be compiled in a clear, readable format and go out with the invitations to each group.

(Action: Include in participant packet mailing prior to convocation)

On Documenting Healthcare Disparities:

BHowe: I also hope that Pamela, who is not with us in this chat, can do what she indicated she was interested in doing--looking at issues of health disparities. If she can offer some concrete examples for us--some of which we are all familiar with--they could become another major part of the agenda in terms of what we might propose in GC resolutions.

Sarah_Knoll-Williams: i think this information should be included in our packet to the groups participating in the convocation; they might have more or different information on them to add

DStokes: And, actually that can be one of the questions that we ask the participants to think about before they come. (Action: Include in participant packet mailing prior to convocation)

On current US Healthcare Legislation:

BHowe: And I know that Dottie has been in touch with Maureen Shea in the Washington Office about current legislation, etc. I think that should be another agenda item to look at and consider

Nancy_Dick: I was in touch with Maureen about current legislation and have a couple of items to add to to the email I sent out

BHowe: Nancy--it was you and not Dottie. I apologize. Thanks for being in touch with Maureen. I think the two of you should be in contact on a regular basis.

2007 Nancy_Dick: In addition to stem cell research and addressing the Health Care Crisis, the Children's Health Program is up for reauthorization and Maureen thought that HIV/AIDS comes up now in terms of budget allocation.

3. Participant List Brainstorm

Trudie_Smith: What about chaplains participating in the convocation?

DStokes: I have that office on the invitation list.

Trudie_Smith: Great.

Richard_Brewer: Is there an association such as the **Episcopal Healthcare Network?**

Richard_Brewer: So many dioceses have health care institutions

Trudie_Smith: The **Assembly of Episcopal Healthcare Chaplains**

DStokes: And, there is also an **Episcopal Health Network** that **Jean Denton** began.

This network taps into the Health programs that occur in diocese and parishes

Trudie_Smith: It is part of Bishop Packard's office in NYC, but not directly under them

MMcMahon: Yes the Episcopal Health Network is in Indiannapolis

DStokes: THat is correct. They are an entity unto itself.

BHowe: I was thinking that Jean Denton or her successor should be an invitee to the Convocation

Nancy_Dick: It would seem to me that the various networks that deal with specific areas e.g. Srs., mental health, disabilities, etc. shold be invited. My brain is working faster than my fingers. Sorry if some of my thoughts are a bit slow.

DStokes: Some are organizations/associations with the church, some are episcopal ministries

DStokes: o.k They are **CREDO, Church Pension Fund, Ministry Development, Jubilee Ministry, HIV/AIDS, Indigenous Ministries, National Concerns, Science Technology & Faith, Ethnic Desks, Women's Ministries, Chaplains, Episcopal Retirement Homes, Episcopal Community Services, Episcopal Conference on the Deaf**. These were what we brainstormed at the last meeting

Richard_Brewer: May I suggest **NEAC** since they are the program arm on **HIV/AIDS**

Trudie_Smith: As we said there are two chaplains groups:**AEHC** and the network

BHowe: And do not forget that the **Medical Trust** will need to be included.

2007 MMcMahon: **Episcopal Disability Network, Episcopal Mental Illness Network** are missing

Nancy_Dick: **Nat'l Associ. of Recovery, ROCA; Epis Mental Health Network; Epis Health Newtwork; Episcopal Disabilities Network and the PB and the Pres. of HoD offices**

(Really Important Action: Debbie will add these organizations to her list, continue brainstorm with Bud Holland at 815, and report back to the commission an updated organizations list with contact information. This update will enable us to firm up numbers for Barry to report to CPG in securing funding.)

4. Other Convocation Items

On Having a Commission Meeting After the Convocation

BHowe: Is there more we can discuss about the Convocation now? Speak up!

Nancy_Dick: Since we are committed to the Millenium Goals and look to those for focus we would want our invitees to be aware of this. Additionally I will try to email the complete texts of 1991-A-010 and 1994-A057 which are general and speak to our charge.

Trudie_Smith: Would it be possible for us to go early to the conv. and have a face to face meeting afterward?

Sarah_Knoll-Williams: since we may have outside \$ help for that, that's a good idea
BHowe: Trudie, that is a very good thought

(Action Item: Barry will incorporate this idea into the budget proposal to CPG)

On Meeting in Conjunction with National Concerns Standing Commission

Sarah_Knoll-Williams: has anyone been in contact with national concerns about attending their meetings?

Nancy_Dick: I have heard from the secretary of National Concerns (we ate breakfast at CCAB in NOv) and have a list of what they are considering. Will send that out.

Sandy_Webb: Regarding National Concerns: There are two groups at play

Sandy_Webb: First is the Executive Council Standing Committee on National Concerns that processes legislation for Council. The other is the Standing Commission on National Concerns that writes a Blue Book report and submits GC resolutions

Nancy_Dick: Aha, If invited I could go.

Sandy_Webb: I think you mean to work with the Standing Commission; their next (and first) meeting is in Baltimore this May

Richard_Brewer: well convenient for Nancy!

Sarah_Knoll-Williams: barry: perhaps talk to sandy about arranging this CCAB member exchange

(Action Item: Barry to contact National Concerns or 815 about Nancy's attendance to the May 2007 Baltimore Meeting.)

On Meeting Again Face-to-Face in Fall 2008:

Sandy_Webb: In response to the question about your budget, the General Convention Office did request an increase for you, but Council must first meet and consider it before we will know. That happens in March.

Sarah_Knoll-Williams: i suggest we set our next online meeting for april so we know if we have \$ increase for a face-to-face meeting in fall 2008

Trudie_Smith: Would it be possible for us to go early to the conv. and have a face to face meeting afterward?

Trudie_Smith: when I said afterward and meant not at the time, but later What do you think?

DStokes: In working on this with National Concerns, I found that it was very necessary to have a face to face meeting to finalize the blue book. This was with emails and reports sent to each member.

(Action Item: Barry to report at our online April meeting about funding for face-to-face meeting in Fall 2008.)

5. Other Items

Mary_Therese: I also had a few things to report on but they are not about the Convocation. So should I just wait until April?

Sarah_Knoll-Williams: mary therese, i will ask barry to put your report on the april agenda, ok?

(Action: Barry to put Mary Therese's report on the agenda for April online meeting.)

JAguhob: Pam sent me an email this morning that she would participate. I do not know what prevented her from participating. I will follow up to find out.

Gerry_Blackburn: Eric Matthews of National Episcopal Health Ministries (NEHM) will be stopping by our office at 815 tomorrow. I will share with him some of the things Health Commission is looking at.

(Action: Gerry to email SCOH report of his meeting with Eric Matthews.)

Richard_Brewer: NEAC and the HIV/AIDS Committee are meeting in NYC in May

(Action: Richard to email SCOH report of his meeting with NEAC after May)

Trudie_Smith: I will try to go to the APC meeting and AEHC subgroup with this spring or next, no cost to the comm.

(Action: Trudie to email report of APC and AEHC subgroup if she attends.)