

## State of the Society Report 2010

Welcome and thank you. It's my pleasure to present the State of the Society report to you today. I would like to start by thanking you for your attendance here tonight. The Colorado Pharmacist Society exists for and cannot function without its members. I also wish to extend my hearty thanks to the Board Members and Executive Director for their service this year. They are a dynamic and committed group of people and it has been my pleasure to serve with them.

As I look back on this year I realize how fast the time has gone and how many activities we've been able to fit into the year. This year completes year 3 of our current strategic plan. Randy will have the privilege of working with the Board to establish the organizations' next strategic plan in August. As such, I feel that it is important to review the goals for you and report on our progress. The four main focus areas were: membership, education, advocacy, and public relations.

For membership, we set a goal of retaining 90% of our members and we've achieved 83%. We also set a goal of a 10% increase in members and we've achieved: 3%.

For education we set a goal of continuing to provide high quality CE programs as well as making educational opportunities available to areas beyond the front range. CPS successfully partnered with the University of Colorado School of Pharmacy to provide the annual Advances in Pharmacy Practice Seminar to Grand Junction via teleconference. A broadcast of portions of the CPS Annual Fall Meeting is also being considered. Mary Johnson is the CE Committee Chairperson and has done a wonderful job of completing a needs assessment and targeting programs within the areas of interest expressed by our members. This year alone, we've provided 45 hours of CE programming. We've also made a monthly effort to include information in the E-Capsulette regarding available free CE programs that are available for distance learning.

Legislatively, we monitored and lobbied a total of 23 bills during the legislative season and were successful in protecting our professional interests in each on these thanks to the efforts of our Executive Director. We also successfully worked with the Department of Health Policy and Financing to decrease the list of medications to be included in the State Maximum Allowable Cost for Medicaid prescriptions from as many as 1200 to 13. This resulted in saving over \$13 million dollars for pharmacies in Colorado

For Public Relations, the goals were structured to ensure that: Pharmacists are recognized as members of the health care team, and to ensure that the public understands and views pharmacists as a vital member of the health care team.

The Society participated in Pharmacist Line 9 which was rated as highly successful and over 200 calls were answered by CPS pharmacist volunteers. The Society partnered with the 9 Health Fair, April 17-25, 2010 and helped the Fair organizers get pharmacist volunteers for over 50 designated sites throughout Colorado

This year has also seen the implementation of a medication take back program at 11 various locations throughout the state. Thus far we've seen tremendous public support for this project and hope to continue with money provided by water districts, the EPA and Department of Health.

We began hosting social events this year due to the hard work of Cheryl Chamberlin and Val Gheller, our Social Committee co-chairs. During this past year, our members have been able to

attend a happy hour, go bowling, and play games at Dave and Buster's to network and socialize. We've had between 12 and 15 people attend each event and hope to use these as recruitment tools as well as member benefits in the future.

In March, we submitted a grant proposal to produce a Hazardous Waste disposal manual based on member feedback. The Colorado Dept of Health has been active in educating about these programs and based on member feedback, we realized it is an area of need in our state and hope to find out results of the grant submission in July.

Also in March, we began meeting with potential sponsors of a Medication Therapy Management Program pilot involving the web based tools provided by Outcomes. This will be Colorado's first step in seeking a structured reimbursement system of pharmacist services provided in Colorado.

The Society understands that membership dues are a choice and an investment and as such, we believe that fiscal responsibility is paramount for an organization. To this end, CPS underwent a financial audit this year which showed that our accounting practices are sound and no major recommendations for change were made.

The Executive Director continues to produce the E-Capsulette monthly with pertinent information and updates for our members.

We continue to host two annual meetings: the Annual Fall Meeting, Annual Summer Meeting. Meetings include CE, vendor exhibits, a Town Hall session, and awards ceremony. CE and Ski continues to be an annual event with CE hours offered during the event.

The Pharmacy Practice Act will expire or Sunset in 2012. During the Pharmacy Sunset Review in 2011, changes to the law are considered, based on recommendations from the profession and Board of Pharmacy. CPS has begun reviewing the pharmacy practice act and has compiled a "wish list" of changes we would like see made to the pharmacy law to allow the practice of pharmacy to continue to expand in the next 10 years. If you have any suggested changes to the pharmacy law, please contact the CPS office.

Thank you again for attending this meeting and participating in the Society.

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