

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
PSSNY MIDWINTER
JANUARY 13, 2007

MINUTES

In attendance:

Gary Rotella - PAWNY, Debbia Liana - SPAWNY, Vince Galletta - PAWNY, Charles Catalano - NYCPS, Jim Detura - NYCPS, James DeFranco - NYCPS, Ira Hecht - LIPS, Paul Hushin - LIPS, Stephen Giroux - PAWNY, John Navarra - NYCPS, Ray Macioci - NYCPS, Ron DelGaudio - NYCPS, John Westerman - OCPS, Dennis Galluzzo - PAWNY, Jim Coppola - PAWNY, J. Schiffer - NYCPS, Alina Eisen - SPSSNY, Amy Davis - SPSSNY, Leslie Riddle - SPSSNY, Erin Corica - SPSSNY, Lilianna Yohonn - SPSSNY, Kathryn Jones - SPSSNY, Ellen Williams - CAPS, Kelly Flynn - CAPS, Andy Flynn - CAPS, Joseph Bova - W/RCPS, Jay Rothbaum - W/RCPS, Michael Agovino - NYCPS

Chair: Bill Scheer opened the meeting.

James Schiffer began with a summary of the Office of Medicaid Inspector General Lawsuit (OMIG) – (Kimberly O'Connor et al.). The response date is January 31, 2007 in New York City.

Elizabeth Lasky provided background about new administration, the direction of the Spitzer administration, who are the new leaders and faces of the legislature, discussed our legislative initiatives, new opportunities – MTM - regarding copays on PDL drugs, handed out strategy plans on key initiatives.

FSHRP – streamline health care 1.5 billion fraud collection
New budget – DRA working on putting out information to government about reduction – budget neutral response.

PSSNY must publicize impact of cuts – pharmacists are the most underused resource.

Ask PSSNY to design simple forms to be used by members of the public who wish to express the value of their local pharmacist and/or complain about being forced to use mail order. These testimonials will be used in lobbying state legislators.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Scheer, RPh

Attachment: Capital Public Affairs Legislative Report & Update 01/2007