ACOG, District IX,
Interim Advisory Council Meeting
San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina – Coronado Room

Sunday, May 6, 2007
7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

MINUTES

I. Roll Call

A. The following District IX, Advisory Council Members were in attendance:

1. Frank R. Gamberdella, MD, Chair
2. Jeanne A. Conry, MD, PhD, Vice Chair
3. Laurie Gregg, MD, Secretary
4. James Macer, MD, Most Recent Past Chair
5. Michael Haydon, MD, Junior Fellow Chair
6. Rene Allen, MD
7. Mibhali Maheta Bhalala, MD
8. Dennis Buchanan, MD
9. Chrysten E. Cunningham, DO
10. Jeff Cragun, MD
11. Philip Diamond, MD
12. Bruce B. Ettinger, MD, MPH
13. Ruth E. Haskins, MD
14. Diana E. Hoppe, MD
15. Dan Lickness, MD
16. Malcolm Margolin, MD
17. Kelly McCue, MD
18. Rita Melkonian, MD
19. Rick D. Murray, MD
20. John Pfeffer, MD
21. Susanne Ramos, MD
22. Dane Shipp, MD
23. Laura Sirott, MD
24. Jeffrey L. Thomas, MD
25. Robert Wallace, MD, MBA
26. Ashley Weinert, MD
27. Sharon Winer, MD
28. Randy Winter, MD
29. Anita C. York, MD

B. Staff Present:

1. Margaret Merritt, ED (staff)
2. Jessica Donnelly (staff)
3. Shannon Smith-Crowley, JD, MHA

II. Committee and ACOG Representative Reports

A. Legislative Committee – Ruth Haskins, MD

1. Legislative Consent Calendar
   a. 2 Senate Bills are extracted: SB 850 and SB 962
   b. SB 850: Vital Statistics – Certificate of Still Birth

c. Not an anti-choice bill. Bill was amended stating no certification for 23 + weeks abortions. Not a certificate of "live birth". The District will maintain a WATCH positions on the Bill.
d. SB 962: Umbilical Cord Blood Biomedical Resources Program
    1. Was originally a mandated brochure bill and the mandate was removed. The Bill would require women to donate cord blood for banking and research. Competing Bill with the AB 34 Cord Blood Bill authored by Portantino.
e. Health Care Reform:
    1. Any changes in MICRA will increase costs. The Supreme Court decided to ban partial-birth abortions. An initiative was just filed regarding statutory rape, pregnancy, miscarriage and abortion and that these diagnoses is a sign of sexual abuse. The initiative states that fetus remains should be kept for evidence.

2. Legislation for discussion (Cord Blood/Universal Healthcare) – *previously discussed*
3. District IX Policy / Practice
4. Legislative Lobby Day & Reception
    a. Both events occurred April 25th, 2007 at the California State Capitol.
    b. Legislative Lobby Day was an all-day event.
    c. The morning was a Grand Rounds and the participants then lobbied 2 bills to members of the legislature.
    d. The Legislative Reception took place later in the evening.
    e. AB 43: Neutral Gender Marriage Bill
    f. District IX initially supported this Bill. However, ACOG National advised that it was against current policy to take a support position on an issue where National has not taken a position yet.
        1. Dr. Ruth E. Haskins resigns as Chair of the Committee on Legislation.
        2. Advisory council members discuss ACOG policy. Current policy states that ACOG is one entity and a District cannot take a conflicting position on any issue.
        3. Scientific data on same sex marriage will be sent to National from the District IX, Committee on Health Care for Underserved Women.
        4. Dr. Hale enters the Advisory Council Meeting at 8:15 AM and discusses the issue on AB 43.
            a. AB 43 is a very sensitive issue at National and is under review by the Executive Board. A District is unable to take a stand on any issue while a review is taking place.
            b. ACOG has never taken any position on this issue and all laws in all states will need to be examined.
            c. Members can take a stand on an issue as an individual or on behalf of a local society.

MOTION 1: Dr. Bruce Ettinger moves to create a committee that can explore this issue further and send a letter of concern to National.
Motion is seconded, opposed by one voting member of the Council and supported by all other voting members.

B. Committee on Business and Practice Management – William K., Khieu, MD, MBA
    1. Appointment of New Chair, Robert Wallace, MD, MBA
        a. Dr. Wallace will work with Dr. Khieu for the first 4 to 6 months.
        b. The Committee will hold a workshop Saturday, June 9th, 2007 at the Sheraton LAX Hotel in Los Angeles, CA.

c. Dr. Wallace will speak during the Junior Fellow portion of the Workshop and will make an announcement at the District IX, Junior Fellow Advisory Council Meeting today.
d. The Workshop may be video taped for those who are unable to attend the event.

C. Committee on Healthcare for Underserved Women – Bruce Ettinger, MD, MPH
1. 30 candidates applied for the Committee and 20 were selected to serve during the first term.
2. The first Committee Meeting on February 3, 2007 reviewed Assembly Bills AB 14 and AB 43.
3. The Committee Charge and Mission Statement were also discussed.
4. The Committee will create a matrix of focus and a strategic plan at the next Meeting.

D. Preconception Care Advisory Council – Jeanne A. Conry, MD, PhD
1. The CDC convened a Select Panel and developed 10 recommendations on Preconception Care.
2. This information will be provided to Advisory Council Members and Officers are asked to distribute that data to communities within their Section.
3. The 2nd Annual Preconception Care Summit is scheduled from 10/29/2007 – 10/31/2007.

E. Midwifery Advisory Council Meeting – Ruth E. Haskins, MD
1. Council consists of 5 members.
2. The group met for the second time on April 17, 2007.
3. The Council created 1 master coding document that was submitted to the CA Medical Board on April 26, 2007.
4. Midwives must submit a summary of their year to OSHPD by March of 2008.
5. The next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, May 12, 2007.

F. CMA Scope of Practice Summit – Ruth E. Haskins, MD
1. District IX was represented by Dr. Haskins and Shannon Smith-Crowley, JD, MHA at the April 17th Meeting.
2. Wants to kill and bill that expands Scope of Practice.

MOTION 2: Dr. Ruth Haskins moves to request District IX contribute $5000.00 in support of this project. Dr. Winer seconds the motion.
Motion is amended and District IX will contribute $10,000.00 in support.

G. CMA House of Delegates – Ruth E. Haskins, MD
1. Appoint New CMA Delegate
1. Dr. Colleen McNally has resigned her position as a CMA Delegate.
2. The 2008 HOD is scheduled in October in Anaheim, CA and the 2009 HOD will be held in Sacramento, CA.
3. ACOG is the most powerful delegation at the HOD.
4. Dr. Diana Hoppe is interested in representing ACOG at the HOD.

III. Leadership Program Reports (Oral Reports)

A. CREOG

B. Wyeth Resident Reporter
1. 10 residents from District IX are participating in this year's program during the ACM.
2. 2007 marks the 20th anniversary of the Resident Reporter Program.
3. The program is organized by Dr. Sterling Williams and Japanese exchange students are attending the Resident Reporter this year.

C. Leadership Institute
    1. 33 ACOG members attended the 4 day conference in North Carolina.
    2. The District IX participants were Drs. Bruce Ettinger, Laurie Gregg and Albert Mendivil.
    3. All Officers are encouraged to notify the District Office of their interest in participating in the 2008 conference.
D. Shingo Exchange
E. Congressional Leadership Conference
    1. The 5 District IX representatives for the 2007 conference in Washington, D.C. were Drs. Haskins, Diamond, McCue, Winter and Sirott.
    2. This year, there were 27 meetings with legislative offices and 20 other offices were visited and given ACOG materials.

IV. Old Business

A. Medical Student Recruitment
B. Advance Practice Clinicians: Early Aspiration Training Project by UCSF
    1. Study has been approved for mid levels to perform early aspiration abortions.
    2. The study is a manpower project involving UCSF and Planned Parenthood.
    3. ACOG will be watching and reviewing the study.
C. Electronic Medical Records – *previously discussed*
D. Medi-Cal Reimbursement Rates
E. Planned Parenthood – After Hours Care – Laurie Gregg, MD
    1. Planned Parenthood Mar Monte representatives met with District IX on March 19, 2007.
    2. PP Drs. Victor Chan and Richard Fisher attended the meeting.
    3. PP acknowledged the existence of a problem and will provide all local ERs with an 800 number, DVD and telephone numbers of PP physicians.
    4. A similar plan needs to be set up in the San Diego area.
F. CMA Balanced Billing – Shannon Smith-Crowley, JD, MHA
    1. No resolution on this issue yet.
    2. CMA and ER physicians have taken the lead on the issue. ACOG, is watching and the 2007 Yee bill has already been killed.
G. California Endowment Grant for LEP Report Complete
    1. The project is complete and Dr. Elizabeth Lyster was nominated for the National Section Award for Section 2.
    2. Dr. Lyster has been invited by the CA Endowment to give a presentation on LEP in this month.
    3. CA Endowment encourages ACOG to continue moving forward on this important issue.

V. New Business

A. First Trimester Genetic Screening: ACOG and SMFM's Role
    1. ACOG Practice Bulletin 77 provides information on this topic.
    2. Dr. Gamberdella has been in contact with Maternal and Fetal Medicine physicians and generalist Ob/Gyns throughout the state.
    3. Doctors are very concerned about costs.
    4. Dr. Gamberdella recommends that District IX play a major role and coordinate a task force.
    5. Drs. Lickness and Ramos have been appointed to the DHS Committee and Drs. Gregg, Sirott and Cragun have been appointed to the ACOG Genetic Screening Workgroup for the District.

B. HPV Vaccine & Ob/Gyns as Vaccine Providers – Claudia Aguiliuz, DHS VFC Coordinator
   1. Claudia Aguiliuz conducts a Power Point on the VFC Program and its benefits.
   2. The average cost of purchasing the vaccines provided through the program is $30,000 - $40,000.
   3. VFC highly recommends that vaccine providers offer all of the age appropriate vaccinations.

C. Grant Projects – Looking for member interest in Grant Projects
   1. Interest is driven by passion and personal interest.
   2. CA Endowment is interested in continuing our LEP work.
   3. Dr. Conry recommends that the District apply for a grant supporting Preconception Care.
   4. The District Office requests that Officers provide feedback with their grant pursuing interests.

D. 2007 ADM
   1. The meeting will be held 08/08/2007 through 08/12/2007 in Victoria, British Columbia.
   2. Dr Ben Curet from District VIII is hosting the meeting.
   3. Passports are required to attend.

E. 2008 ADM
   1. The meeting will be held 08/18/2008 through 08/24/2008 in Banff, Canada.

F. Future Interim Meeting Locations (2008, 2009)
   1. The 2008 Interim will be held in Sacramento, CA
   2. Napa or Sonoma could be one venue for a future meeting.
   3. Attendees would fly into Santa Rosa and drive to the Napa or Sonoma Valley from the airport.

VI. Elections and Nominations – James A. Macer, MD, District IX Nominating Committee Chair

A. National Elections
   1. Candidates had until 04/02/2007 to apply.
   2. The slate will be discussed at the 2007 ADM and Advisory Council Members will have an opportunity to provide their feedback to Dr. Macer.

B. District Election Process for 2008-2011 Rotation
   1. Sections 4, 5 and 8 are up for election in this term.
   2. Outgoing Section Chairs are responsible for developing a nominating committee.
   3. The District nominating committee consists of the District Past Chair, a Young Fellow and a Fellow from each Section.
   4. All District Officer positions are elected positions.
   5. District Secretary and District Treasurer are not limited to one term.
   6. Nominating Committees need to meet prior to the ADM.

C. Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Section Award – Nomination of LEP Report & Dr. Lyster – Dr. Gamberdella
   1. Dr. Lyster and the LEP Grant Project will be resubmitted for the National Section Award for Section 2.

D. Helen Rodriguez – Trias Award Nomination of Dr. Carolina Reyes – Dr. Conry

VII. 2007-2008 Calendar of Events

VIII. Executive Session

IX. Adjournment