

## PAHPM TOWN HALL MEETING

Link to the recording:

<https://meeting.sinc.stonybrook.edu/p32y76axl8i/>

### CHAT POD DISCUSSION ALL PARTICIPANTS (TOWN HALL MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2016)

**\*chat pod discussion was integral to the recording. Please review and comment to keep up the dialogue!**

Eric Walker: Birmingham, Alabama. UAB hospital Birmingham AL. I work in inpatient PC (consults and inpatient unit) and have been for ~8 years in Birmingham AL (UAB - Univ of AL at Birmingham). Thank you all for your hard work for our specialty.

Jacqueline: Santa Clara, Utah. I currently am working full time in PC and teaching a PA course at a local University, and trying to support some issues in the state. N-patient Consultation team, 2 PAs, 2 APRNS, Chaplain, PC SW. Have been there for 3 years full time and 2 years part time before that when i was working full time in pulmonology. Currently do a lot of COPD education for intensivists.

Jacqueline: Class teach at Dixie State University is a PA Seminar for students interested in becoming PAs.

Harvey Nix, Four Seasons: hi. Nathan Boucher and I co-wrote JAAPA article on PAs in PC

Jacqueline: Good article, salient points

Harvey Nix, Four Seasons: Glad to be here...lost Wifi- had question if the CSU Primary PC be offered at AAHPM in Phoenix

Donna Seton: CSU has had a booth in the expo area in the past couple years. I suspect Helen will be there again this year.

Harvey Nix, Four Seasons: hi LAura!

Laura Morales: Work at UNM in Albuquerque. Student Health Clinic but want to work in Palliative Care. Hi Harvey.

Jacqueline: Entered previously : live in Santa Clara, UT, practice in St. George, UT at an Intermountain Hospital. Full time inpatient PC Consulting service.

Nancy Didion: I am a PA from Madison WI, presently practicing in OB/GYN but hoping to transfer to a Palliative Care position in our clinic. Position being developed. going forward well, thus far.

Jacqueline: Thank you for all your groundwork to bring this together and identify important needs.

Holly P: so excited to see many new faces! for those I don't know, I'm in my 7th year in Palliative Care. I'm in Asheville, NC and used to work with Harvey but now at the VA. I do both inpatient and outpatient Palliative Care.

Nancy Didion:Finished the weeklong immersion course in Asheville NC in October. very good program.

Harvey Nix, Four Seasons: I am about to complete my 9th year as a PA in PC, working for Four Seasons, and Holly and I worked together. I also just recently promoted to Manager of FS Hospital PC program . I am working on being a preceptor next Spring .

Donna Seton: Congrats on the promotion, Harvey!

Rich Lamkin:Congrats, Harvey! That's great news!

Laura Morales:I am finding the info on education on the website. Thanks a lot.

Harvey Nix, Four Seasons:The preceptorship I am doing is a senior in local PA program with an interest in PC and Hospice practice- I am excited to take this on.

Harvey Nix, Four Seasons:Wingate University, Hendersonville NC is a satellite location

Laura Morales:I'll probably start with the Stanford course.

Nancy Didion:I did the Stanford Course prior to doing Four Seasons.

Laura Morales:was it adequate?

Laura Morales:What did the Four Seasons bring to your knowledge base?

Jacqueline:I am in week 11/12 of the Stanford Course, I had emailed one of the instructors in regard to CME she got back with me twice stating they were looking into it and would let me know right away but haven't heard anything. Nancy, were you able to get CME?

Holly P:four seasons course is very thorough. it covers intense symptom management, communication with role playing, and some of the business aspects of hospice and Palliative Care

Nancy Didion:ALOT! I've been a PA for 35 yrs now, but have had no education or experience in HPM prior to the course. It gave me a strong beginning, now I keep educating myself through other on line material.

Laura Morales:Did you feel that the Stanford course gave you enough info to begin working? Or do you feel it is mandatory to attend the Four Seasons? Its expensive

Harvey Nix, Four Seasons:Yes- ditto Holly- we were credentialed at 3 hospitals at one point. Today I met Lynn Meadows from California on a Center of Excellence visit with dr. DJohn Morris and Dr Janet Bull. She is trying to set up more inpt PC program there, so she was glad to see a PA in practice in hospital.

Nancy Didion:I didn't seek CME for it. I'll be at the AAHPM conference in Phoenix and look forward to meeting many of you.

Jacqueline:I have been working in the field for 3 years. I feel the course hits most of the important issues, is strong on communication skills. It is all online and there are many many students. I've enjoyed reading others post.

Holly P:that's so cool Harvey! Four Seasons course is pricey. other self studies I would recommend are Unipac series or EPEC

Donna Seton:EPEC is great.

Jacqueline:And I did query the instructors frequently and they all responded thoughtfully.

Donna Seton:UNIPAC (via AAHPM) is also a great resource

Harvey Nix, Four Seasons: Donna , the syllabus for Phoenix conference says Fri, 545-715 for our SIG

Donna Seton:Thanks Harvey - I'm thinking we will probably get together afterward. Harvey Nix, Four Seasons:for the mixer?!

Donna Seton:Yes - for the mixer

Harvey Nix, Four Seasons:Yeeha

Rich Lamkin:Thank you for all of those new "faces" who came out today. We hope to be able to get to chat more with you and work with you more in the future.

## **AGENDA TOWN HALL MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2016 (recorded)**

### **WELCOME TO ALL! THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING TO ALLOW ALL ATTENDEES FULL PARTICIPATION.**

**HISTORY OF PAHPM:** started in 2011. recognized by AAPA as CO of the year! motivated by the combined workforce and education needs. Our goal is to raise the visibility of the profession, advocating for PAs in HPC (Hospice and palliative care).

THE YEAR 2016" member organization of the PQCL (Patient Quality of Life Coalition). paypal is now connecting our membership, and now we will grow to fulfill the mission.

### **REPORTS:**

PRESIDENT is Donna Seton and PRESIDENT ELECT is Rich Lamkin

VICE-PRESIDENT is Judy Knudson - who is working as a liason with NCP to maintain contact to update the guidelines with JCAHO. this is crucial to legislation as well as hospital policy

SECRETARY is Nadya Dimitrov

TREASURER is Kathy Kemle (report given by ND due to illness)

**COMMITTEES:**

**MEMBERSHIP: new chair, Martie Lynch**

1. Website Changes: members only section. pahpm.org
2. drive: social media and eblast
3. newsletter: Martie Lynch to create and maintain
4. email access: members@pahpm.org if you are NOT members, info@pahpm.org

**LEGISLATIVE:** Rich Lamkin currently, Leslie Smith is committee member

1. PQLC\*: meetings currently Wednesdays 12-1pm. Goal to have PCHETA passed
2. HR1202 bill in Congress: Two new co-sponsors on the HR1202 bill (CMS billing of hospice services), who will hopefully sign on with the new Congress
3. ADVOCACY: new page on website, area to be developed, updated regularly on the website. Goal will be to present current issues nationally in HPC workforce and policy issues
4. PCHETA: palliative care and hospice education and training act \* which specifically mentions PAs in the bill. It is a public health bill, and we are working with them to have this passed. included in the coalition is the NCP and CAPC.

**EDUCATION:** Kevin Bogart, new co-chair with N. Dimitrov. and Jeff Myers, new member. Jacqueline Murray and Holly Pilewski new members

1. CSU Institute for Palliative Care: "What Every Physician [Assistant]..." (essentially a "Level 1" education opportunity for primary palliative care). We are collaborating with CSU on expanding this and other educational opportunities
2. ONLINE EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES -
3. CME AND AAPA - We are networking and collaborating with AAPA Learning Central staff to see if the CSU Primary Palliative Care Course ("What Every Physician (and PA) Needs to Know About Palliative Care) can be placed on Learning Central
4. We have presented at other conferences:
  - APAO Annual CME Conference);
  - we typically have at least 1-2 HPM CMEs at AAPA's annual conference
  - NHPCO leadership conference (April 2016)
5. We are working on possible grant and research funding looking more specifically at PA practice and utilization in HPM.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

## WHAT IS COMING IN 2017

1. AAHPM Summit with SIG and PAHPM (february, 2017) with a PA 'mixer' following the mtg. The AAHPM conference syllabus lists Fri, 545-715 for our SIG meeting.
2. research to publish in medical journals, also publish the results of our survey (needs assessment)
3. develop syllabi for curricula and templates for jobs for our members. to develop elective rotations for students.
4. develop credentialling that is accepted as specific expertise and education for the specialty and our healthcare colleagues who want to hire PAs.