

DPAC in the News

Welcome to the first issue of DPAC in the News!

In an effort to update DPAC members and share current information, the Communications and Public Awareness (CPA) Team plans to publish regular newsletters, this being the first! Please help us with this newsletter by sending updates and information from your workgroup. Thanks for all your efforts to make a difference in the lives of people with diabetes in Michigan!

Art, Leslie, Roni, Ann, Jean, Jose, Judith, and Kristi

- The Communication and Public Awareness Workgroup

..... Highlights from the Workgroups

Communication and Public Awareness

DPAC Website Redesign: Members are providing input on the MDCH update of DPAC website. New MDCH website is estimated to go live in mid-September. Stay tuned for updates on this site—we plan to provide a “one-stop” shop for all your DPAC information needs.

Editing Support to Workgroups: Don't forget the Communication and Public Awareness Workgroup can edit your letters, articles, etc. Just contact Art Franke or Leslie Biskup-Ahmad.

Advocacy and Policy

Standards of Care Proposal: Wrote a policy brief to provide information to the Governor's office on diabetes and suggestions for minimum for diabetes coverage as they plan the Michigan First Plan.

Self-Management Programs: The Workgroup is drafting a standard article for provider newsletters to promote the use of diabetes self-management programs to physicians in the state.

DaRE (Data and Research, Evaluation)

Diabetes in Michigan Update: Creating a Michigan diabetes presentation (per the May meeting), and reviewing data to complete this presentation for DPAC member use.

Diabetes coverage and Services Detail:

Consolidating information from Medicare, Medicaid, and CSHCS (Children's Special Health and Community Services) to put together a summary of current diabetes coverage.

Member Survey: Membership Committee requested a member survey, plan to work with the committee once more details are defined in the action plan.

Welcome to New DaRE Workgroup

Members:

Berhane Seyoum (Wayne State University)
Kelli Pickett (Priority Health)
Lori Corteville (MDCH)

SAVE THE DATE!

Next Full Member Meeting—Wednesday,
October 24

