

**Physician Reentry Into the Workforce Project: Assessment & Evaluation
Workgroup
Conference Call Summary- June 23, 2008**

Conference Call Participants:

Workgroup Members Present

Patrick C. Alguire, MD, - Co-Chair
Gregory S. Balschke, MD, MPH
Claudette E. Dalton, MD
Stuart C. Gilman, MD, MPH
Thomas R. Henzel, EdD
William A. Norcross, MD
Mary E. Rimsza, MD
Kelly Towey, M.Ed.- Project Consultant

Nielufar Varjavand, MD- Co-Chair
Donald E. Girard, MD

Guests/Observers

Ethan A. Jewett, MA, Project Co-Director
Holly Mulvey, MA, Project Co-Director
Saralyn Mark, MD, Content Expert

Workgroup Members Absent

Update on reentry activities

- Dr. Dalton provided an overview of the reentry report that was presented at the AMA House of Delegates meeting in June. A link to this report will be posted on the AAP reentry Web site. Dr. Dalton will also email a copy of the report to the Workgroup members.
- Mr. Jewett presented at the AMA Women's Physician Caucus in June on his recent reentry survey. Among the findings were that the availability of flexible work and/or part-time work is a driving force for reentering/leaving the physician workforce.
- Dr. Rimsza noted that Oregon is interested in conducting a similar study to her Arizona study that used state medical board data. It was also noted that the Workforce group is currently looking at finding 6 or more states interested in replicating the Arizona study as well.
- It was noted that the AAP Web site has added more resources for individual physicians.

Review of 14 issues and development of article:

- The 14 issues document was reviewed. It was noted that Dr. Varjavand has agreed to take the lead on developing an article based on the responses to the 14 issues.
- Drs. Dalton, Henzel and Rimsza stated that they were willing to work on the article as well.
- Dr. Henzel will review the current issues and responses and develop a listing of common themes. Dr. Henzel will report back to the Workgroup with the common themes by July 9. These common themes will serve as the basis for developing possible minimum standards for assessment and evaluation for the article.
- A conference call will be scheduled to follow up on the development of the article with those who expressed a desire to work on this project.