

# AMCP FL Officers and Committee Chairs

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## Welcome Message:

Welcome to our quarterly AMCP Florida Affiliate Newsletter where we will keep our members informed with the latest affiliate news and events. Below a highlight of our four committees: Student Affairs, Legislative, Communications and Planning.

#### **Student Affairs Committee:**

The Student Affairs Committee is a committee that has been formed as part of the new AMCP Florida Affiliate. The committee is comprised of members with extensive managed care experience who all serve as AMCP diplomats for the various Colleges of Pharmacy within Florida. The committee held its first official meeting in April. We are working on a roster that outlines all key contacts within each college of pharmacy including faculty advisors, AMCP diplomats, chapter presidents and vice presidents. The committee objectives include:

- Support the colleges' local chapters with resources that will help the students learn more about managed care and offer opportunities for students to become more engaged with our organization as well as AMCP
- Support AMCP diplomats across all colleges with sharing of information and ideas amongst one another to promote and enhance learning opportunities for the students
- Encourage and reward leadership within the student organizations for their work in spreading the knowledge of managed care and continue to grow their membership

Finally, as a new committee, we would like to extend an invitation for others to join us including having student representation. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please contact the committee chair, Teresa Roane, at <a href="mailto:troane@cop.ufl.edu">troane@cop.ufl.edu</a>

## **Legislative Committee:**

The Legislative Committee is responsible for tracking state legislation and regulation that impacts managed care pharmacy within Florida. Regarding recent legislation, House Bill 389 and its companion Senate Bill 714 were the biggest win and surprise for pharmacists in 2020. Both bills were signed into law by the governor on March

16<sup>th</sup>. They will become active on July 1st, by which the regulatory boards will have 180 days to complete rulemaking in support of the new statute. The two primary pieces of the statue include:

- Provision to allow pharmacists to "test and treat" minor diseases with a protocol agreement from a physician. This could include influenza, strep, ringworm etc.
- Provision to allow pharmacists to enter into a "collaborative practice agreement" with physicians that they share mutual patients with to provide medication management. This may include test ordering and pharmacotherapy changes that fall within the scope of the agreement.

The statute also details extensive additional pharmacist training for initial certification and recertification. It also outlines record keeping and reporting requirements.

#### **Communications Committee:**

The Communications Committee is responsible for keeping our members informed regarding affiliate news and upcoming events. We encourage our members to stay connected with the affiliate by joining the Florida AMCP Affiliate LinkedIn group and visiting the Florida AMCP site. For questions, please email us at floridaamcp@gmail.com. Stay tuned to the affiliate newsletter for future exciting news and events!

## **Planning Committee:**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all in-person affiliate meetings have been canceled. Please see below for the next in-person AMCP event.

**Upcoming Events:** 

**AMCP Nexus** 

October 20-23

MGM Grand Las Vegas