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NCPDP ANNOUNCES WORK GROUP CO-CHAIR ELECTION RESULTS

Scottsdale, AZ – During the May Work Group Meetings in Scottsdale, Arizona, NCPDP members cast their votes on for Work Group Co-Chair positions for the coming year.

WG1 Telecommunication Co-Chairs will be Annette Gabel of Medco Health Solutions, Charlie Oltman, MBA, of Target Corporation and Roger Pinsonneault, R.Ph. of Total Pharmacy Solutions.

WG2 Product Identifiers Co-Chairs will be Anne Johnston, R.Ph., of Gold Standard , John Klimek, R.Ph., of SuperValu Pharmacies and Tom Ochocinski, R.Ph., of Walgreens Company.

WG3 Standard Identifiers Co-Chairs will be Wayne Karp, R.Ph., of Pharmacy Industry Consultants LLC, Tania Knutson of Caremark and Aiden Tuite of AccessHealth.

WG7 Manufacturer Rebates Co-Chairs will be Dan Hardin, R.Ph., of SXC Health Solutions, Jackie Krewson of Argus Health Systems and TJ Sheehan, MBA, TAP Pharmaceuticals.

WG9 Government Programs Co-Chairs will be Eileen Held, Caremark, Patrick Robinson, CalPERS - Health Benefits Branch, Darren Townzen, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

WG10 Professional Pharmacy Services Co-Chairs will be Karen Eckert, R.Ph., MPM, of Wolters Kluwer Health, and Keith Fisher, R.Ph., MS, of SXC Health Solutions.

WG11 ePrescribing & Related Transactions Co-Chairs will be Russell Keith of SureScripts, Teresa Strickland of Healthcare Computer Corporation and Michele Vilaret, R.Ph., of NACDS.

WG12 Education – Legislation and Regulation Co-Chairs will be Linda Campbell of Smith Premier Services, Michael Simko, R.Ph., of Walgreen Company and Marge Simos of Express Scripts.

WG14 Long Term Care Co-Chairs will be Gary Schoettmer, R.Ph., of RNA Health Information Systems, Shelly Spiro, R.Ph., of R. Spiro Consulting, and Dan Staniec, R.Ph., MBA of Caremark.

WG15 Sample Management and Activity Reporting Transactions for Safety Co-Chairs will be Robert Browne, MD., FACP, of Eli Lilly and Daijin Kim of Pfizer.

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WG16 Property and Casualty/Workers' Compensation Co-Chairs will be James P. Andrews, R.Ph., Cypress Care Inc., Perry Lewis, Third Party Solutions, Inc. and Natalie Neil, Cogent Works

WG17 RFID/Auto ID Co-Chairs will be John W. Hill, MBA, HCM, Argus Health Systems, Inc., Eli B. Perlman, TIBCO Software, Inc. and Lynda Schulman, Caremark, Inc.

WG45 External Standards Assessment, Harmonization and Implementation Guidance Co-Chairs will be Joseph Gregar of RelayHealth and Mary Lynam of Argus Health Systems, Inc.

MC Maintenance and Control Co-Chairs will be Mark Elliott of ME Healthcare Systems Consulting and consultant Nancy Nemes.

The Standardization Co-Chairs for 2007 include, Stephen C. Mullenix, R.Ph., Mallinckrodt, Inc., Laura Topor, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Margaret Weiker, EDS and Lee Ann Stember, NCPDP.

About NCPDP

Founded in 1977, NCPDP is a not-for-profit, ANSI-accredited, Standards Development Organization with over 1500 members representing virtually every sector of the pharmacy services industry. Our diverse membership provides leadership and healthcare business solutions through education and standards, created using the consensus building process. NCPDP has been named in federal legislation, including HIPAA and the MMA. NCPDP members have created standards such as the Telecommunication Standard and Batch Standard, the SCRIPT Standard for e-Prescribing, the Manufacturers Rebate Standard and more to improve communication within the pharmacy industry. Our data services include the NCPDP Provider Identification Number, a unique identifier of over 75,000 pharmacies, and HCidea, *"The Prescriber Identity Solution"*. For more information about NCPDP Standards, Data Services, Educational Programs and Work Group meetings, go online at www.ncpdp.org or call (480) 477-1000.

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