

Coalition for Health, non-profit organization



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I. Our organization:

Coalition for Health is a nonprofit NGO with the goal to create a neutral ground for progressive dialogue and search for ideas to improve the Czech healthcare without the need for complex legislative changes. The major part of our activity is helping patients' organizations to become respected partners to care providers.

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II. Our objectives:

❖ **Coalition for Health** has not individual patients as members. We are helping patients' organizations actively participate in the healthcare dialogue and having in the Czech Republic and EU. We have mandate from 42 patients groups to represent them in dealing with the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Social services, insurance industry, care providers, legislature, and media.

❖ **Coalition for Health** has no ambition to create a complex healthcare reform, but we are supporting concrete steps to improve the services and quality of care. We participate in the political discussions on new laws, and work on inclusion of patients in the categorization of drugs and devices process. We initiated the process of dialogue between doctors and patients. We initiated the dialogue of mutual understanding and respect for the patient centered care concept.

❖ **Coalition for Health** is representing patients' organizations in negotiating and dealing with the Ministry of Health. The complaints to the Ministry of Health are referred to CFH as a partner of the Ministry in dealing with them.

❖ **The most important part of our activities is working with the Ministry of health, parliamentary committees, and political groups for support changes that would realistically deal with present problems.**

❖ **Coalition for Health** co-operated on drafting patients rights and obligation law and on patients right to see their medical documentation bill.

❖ **Coalition for Health** is a member of:

- Minister's of Health Patient advisory board
- Drug pricing committee
- Insurance industry working group on reimbursements for medical procedures and treatments
- National board on prevention and treatment of obesity
- National board on osteoporosis
- Advisory forum of European Center for Disease Control ECDC in Stockholm
- Patients Health advisory board in London
- IAPO

III. Activities overview:

Seminars and conferences organized by Coalition for Health:

- ❖ February 4, 2006 we organized an **International conference** of patients' organizations from new accession countries of the European Union. The goal was to exchange helpful information by organizations from countries without tradition and understanding of patient movement. Issues discussed: Role of patient organization in the society
Access to modern medicine
Participation in decision making
Working with pharma industry
- ❖ **Discussion forum** – February 14. 2006 Patients organizations meeting with representatives of General practitioners society and Pharmacists Chamber on reimbursements on co-pay issues.
- ❖ **Seminar on drug pricing and reimbursement** – April 11. 2006 /first ever/ for patients in preparation for categorization. Lecturer was MUDr. Katarina Bartikova.
- ❖ **Conference in the Czech Senate Hall** – October 16. 2006 - "Healthcare dialogue – patients organizations" participants were NGOs representatives, doctors from various fields, insurance companies representatives, and senators. The focus was on the role of patients organizations in the healthcare system.
- ❖ **Plenary meeting of working group on pricing and reimbursement for treatments and procedures** - October 25. 2006 – Coalition for Health called and led the meeting on prices setting and reimbursement for care providers.
- ❖ **Patients organizations yearend open door meeting** - November 29. 2006 – Coalition for Health meeting with cooperating organizations and representatives of pharma industry and others who are helping patients' organizations and CFH.

Active participation as speakers:

- ❖ **Conference of Oncology Society, March 2-3.2006** Stirin, "Organizations helping cancer patients". Speaker Jana Petrenko.
- ❖ **Patient position in the healthcare system** March 9. 2006, "Patient as a partner or hostage of the system." Speaker Mgr. Tomas Cikrt.
- ❖ **Pragomedica, April 4. 2006** – Access to modern medicine and patients organizations Speaker Jana Petrenko.

- ❖ **Rights and obligations of patients – April 6. 2006**, conference organized by Czech medical society CLS JEP. Speaker Jana Petrenko
- ❖ **ECDC meeting in Stockholm, May 10-11. 2006**, Jana Petrenko is a member delegated there to represent European Patient Forum
- ❖ **International Conference of seniors’ organizations – May 26-27. 2006 – “Seniors and the healthcare systems”** organized by EU PM Vladimir Spidla. Speaker Jana Petrenko
- ❖ **Czech Health Forum – May 28 -29. 2006 “Patients in the Czech healthcare system”** Speaker Jana Petrenko
- ❖ **European NGOs Conference – June 5-8. 2006 Budapest, Hungary, “Role of patient organizations in society”**, Speaker Jana Petrenko
- ❖ **National meeting of seniors – Hradec Kralove June 6-7. 2006, “Cooperation with patient groups.”** Speaker Denisa Sevcikova
- ❖ **CMC Celakovice, Seminar for hospital managers and care providers – June 10. 2006, “Patient as a client.”** Speaker Jana Petrenko
- ❖ **Pharma conference, Spindleruv mlyn – June 13-14. 2006**
- ❖ **Meeting of Health Advisory Board – London, UK, June 26. 2006, Board discussion on patients access to modern medicine.** Jana Petrenko
- ❖ **National meeting of seniors – Hradec Kralove September 6-7. 2006, “Drug pricing and co-pay.”** Speaker Jana Petrenko
- ❖ **Meeting of patients with multiple myelom and their doctors – Podebrady, September 2.2007, Advantages of patients organizations -** Speakers Jana Petrenko, Denisa Sevcikova
- ❖ **Coalition for Health’s press conference at IKEM – October 10.2006, CFH donated IKEM one Cardio-monitor.** Speakers: Prof. Pirk, MUDr. Netuka and Jana Petrenko
- ❖ **Meeting of patients with multiple myelom –Hradec Kralove, November 30. 2006, Founding of a new regional organization.** Speaker Denisa Sevcikova

Other activities:

- ❖ **“Krown for health- Czechs live healthier” – February through June 2006, a joint project with dm – drogerie markt s.r.o. Austrian store chain. It was a national campaign to highlight healthy life style with one crown from each sale of health food designated for Coalition projects. Total proceeds of 1 330 409 Kc were used for 7 projects of patient organizations cooperating with CFH.**

- ✓ **Spolecnost STOB;** gift of 338 000 Kc Program for fighting juvenile obesity.
- ✓ **Liga proti rakovine;** Brno 140 000 Kc. Healthy lifestyle for children and adolescents
- ✓ **Liga proti rakovine;** 80 000 Kc. “Tipni to” antismoking program for adolescents
- ✓ **Mama Help;** 300 000 Kc. Breast cancer prevention program
- ✓ **Sdruzeni celiaku CR;** 200 000 Kc. Publication of information material about Cealiakia
- ✓ **IKEM;** 49 500 holster for 24 hour automatic checking of blood pressure for cardiac patients
- ✓ **Coalition for health;** 123 040 Kc. – Coordination and preparation of the campaign
100 000 Kc. – Creation of expert materials by doctors for the PR campaign ad publication

❖ **Party at the Castle Kost** – one day happening at a medieval castle to promote healthy lifestyle. August 19, 2006 – Live music and medieval entertainment for adults and children were alternated with discussions about healthy diet and exercise. Admissions were free for members of patients’ organizations. Visitors could get free blood tests for diabetes, cholesterol and calculations of BMI.

❖ **Insurance industry working group for setting prices for treatments and procedures** - ongoing regular by weekly working sessions where providers negotiate prices for their services. CFH is representing patients in negotiations.

❖ **Committee setting prices and co-pay for drugs and food supplements** – from September 2006 CFH is a committee member responsible for the presence of patients whose drugs are being discussed by the committee. CFH achieved opportunity for representatives of patients’ organizations to be able to address the committee members defending drugs that are vital for their treatment. In the fall these meetings were held 3 days a week almost every week.

Interesting activities or developments:

❖ CFH concluded negotiations with CLS JEP – the umbrella organization for medical societies and finalized the terms of our future cooperation. Signing of the contract is pending in the near future. The important part is cooperation and support of patients’ organizations by individual medical societies according to diagnosis and specialty.

❖ CFH have barter agreement with PR agency Esprit. The agency is promoting CFH and patient organizations in their publications for nurses and care providers. They are also assisting our organisations creating PR materials about their diagnoses and activities.

❖ CFH assisted in founding three new patients organizations for: Chronic myeloid leukaemia, Multiple myelom, and Pulmonary hypertension

❖ CFH received at the end of the year first four used computers from an insurance company and distributed them to Mama Help organization for their new regional centers.

Patient organizations serving their members:



- Information
- Empathy
- Sympathy
- Moral support
- Compliance
- Living with diagnosis

We are not only changing the relationships between doctors and patients, we are changing the attitude of the society towards the healthcare. Patients are becoming partners in care of their health.

We are changing the whole environment into “patients centred care”.

We are working towards general recognition of patient’s organizations as valid partners in healthcare system.

We are working towards convincing politicians that healthcare system is not a black sinkhole for the national resources; it is the investment into country’s wellbeing. We need politicians to understand that:

“The nation’s health is country’s wealth. “

Continuous activities in 2006 - 2007

❖ Kategorizace

Od podzimu 2006 a začátkem roku 2007 se Koalice zúčastňovala pravidelného sezení kategorizační komise, která zasedala až 3 dny v týdnu na přípravě lékové vyhlášky. Podle statutu kat.komise jsme zvali zástupce patientských organizací podle programu jednání dle ATC skupin. Poprvé v historii ČR a většiny EU zemí mohli být pacienti přítomni, když se projednávaly jejich léky. Jejich výstupy značně ovlivnily jednání kat.komise. Nebylo to už jenom o číslech a cenách, ale o skutečných pacientech.

❖ Dohodovací řízení VZP

Koalice se pravidelně zúčastňuje práce druhé pracovní skupiny dohodovacího řízení na VZP, kde se vyjednávají ceny výkonů pro poskytovatele zdravotních služeb. Výsledky těchto jednání jsou zveřejňovány v sazebníku VZP.

❖ Závěrem

Koalice pro zdraví bojovala 2 roky o možnost přítomnosti pacientů na jednáních kategorizační komise a v roce 2006 nám to bylo konečně umožněno. MZČR momentálně připravuje novely zákona 48/1997 Sb. o veřejném zdravotním pojištění. A je nebezpečí, že pacienti opět nebudou mít přístup ke kategorizaci a pravděpodobně jestli se zruší dohodovací řízení, pak nebudou moct ovlivňovat racionálnější alokaci peněz z fondu pojišťoven.

Finances 2006

Rollover from 2005	1 890 375,00 Kc
<u>Income 2006</u>	<u>2 414 673,00 Kc</u>
Office costs	303 044,00 Kc
Salaries and Freelance honoraries	1 709 281,00 Kc
Others: travel costs, subsistence allowances, consumables	53 118,00 Kc
Projects	1 870 706,00 Kc
Subtotal:	3 936 149,00 Kc
<u>Year end 1.1.2005 (bank and cash)</u>	<u>368 899,00 Kc</u>