## August Cabinet Meeting Diabetes Committee Report

Due to the high-risk members of the diabetes committee, we have not had an official meeting to report on.

Of course that doesn't mean there is nothing to report.

The committee received new posters for the diabetes display boards, focusing on nutrition. I will try to include photos of the updated posters in this report for the cabinet meeting. Please let your committee members know if you need to borrow the display boards for your service projects.

With COVID still rampant or re-emerging in some of our areas many clubs have not been meeting or having service projects at all. This is ok. We have to be taking care of ourselves so that we can take care of others. Even for those not on the committee, I am open to innovative suggestions on how we can bridge the gap by serving our communities while not putting anyone at undue risk.

One thing I will share is that despite Call to Congress being cancelled, I continue to be involved in advocacy efforts, and was just recently included in a smaller group of Advocacy Influencers. This provides me with access to special webinars and notifications about upcoming legislation, hearings, etc that need action. I will continue to involve the Lions clubs in these efforts whenever possible. The easiest way I see to do this would be to post the info on the MH Lions facebook page, and anyone who sees it from any club would be welcome to share from there. See below for an example:

Your help is needed! Follow this link to easily urge your senators to pass this! Underserved areas and minorities are often impacted more heavily by COVID for many reasons.

## https://www.diabetes.org/TRACE-bill-support-senate-bill

The biggest news from the 27 D1 Diabetes Committee is that despite a COVID related delay, we have not given up on our plans to offer the CDC sponsored "Diabetes Prevention Program" as a pilot project in the area. I have 2 webinars coming up in the very near future aimed at how we can keep offering this very necessary service to our communities while keeping people safe. Once I have that information we will be very motivated to still allow this to start this year. I have received the monies granted by the WI Lions Foundation for the inaugural class of 20 attendees. The previous District Governor and cabinet supported this and I hope you continue to do as well, in addition to allowing us to use funds from the current diabetes account for additional supplies. I hope to know more specifics about that after these webinars. I am still 110% committed to making this happen.

Yours in Lionism Lion Jill Kietzke, Diabetes Committee Chair



Sorry I couldn't get the other poster to attach.