



**Arthritis Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 8, 2019 2:00 PM ET**

**Call Summary**

1. **Call to Order** – Scot Foster (NH), At-Large Steering Committee Member  
Kansas – Jessica McGinnis; Vitaly Kroychik  
Minnesota – Amy Michael  
Montana – Melissa Dale  
New Hampshire – Scot Foster  
North Carolina – Jeanne Dairaghi  
Oregon – Hilde Hinkel  
Utah – Stephanie George
  
2. **CDC Arthritis Program National Grantee Overview** –  
January 2019 FEATURED Grantee – Arthritis Foundation  
Nick Turkas, Director, Help and Support with the Arthritis Foundation will be provided an overview of the work being done as a component of the CDC grant, as well as an overview of the Arthritis Foundation as a resource and partner for CDC State Arthritis Grantees.
  - A copy of Nick’s presentation is located online under the AC General member call resources
  - Nick reported that approximately 20 million people visit the Arthritis Foundation website annually; the Arthritis Foundation uses search engine optimization to help put AF up front in arthritis google searches
  - Nick asked participants how AF can help states make the connection with healthcare providers, and suggested a separate presentation to talk through this further
  - Currently, the Arthritis Foundation is reaching out to the top 50 health systems to see what would help them engage and refer patients with arthritis to the Arthritis Foundation as a resource
  
3. **Presentation from newly funded CDC State Arthritis Program Grantees**  
Kansas  
Vitaly Kroychik, CHES, CTTS, NCTTP, Community-Clinical Linkages Section Director, along with Jessica McGinnis, Arthritis Program Manager for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, presented on the arthritis work in Kansas.

- A copy of Jessica's presentation is located online under the AC General member call resources.

4. **Announcements/Other**

Heather shared the following link to a Walk With Ease and Walkability storybook that was recently finalized in NY through a partnership with the Alliance of NY State YMCAs, along with a production company. <http://storybook.link/YMCA/Walkability/?p=4>.

5. **Adjourn**

**Next call is scheduled for February 5, 2019 at 2:00 PM ET**