NHAFP Meeting Minutes July 15, 2015

Members present: Doug Dreffer, MD; Paula Leonard-Schwartz, MD; Steve Elgert, MD; Amy Schneider, MD; Doug Phelan, DO, Polina Sayess, MD; Gary Sobelson, MD; Hilary Alvarez, MD; Peter Mason, MD; Laura Fry, MD; Robin Hallquist, MD; Joann Buonomano, MD; Burt Dibble, MD, via phone; Catrina Watson

Meeting called to order 6:16 pm

Introductions, welcome to new board members

Motion to accept previous minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept. Motion passed.

President's Report: NHAFP granted two awards which I had the honor of presenting. Resident of the Year – Kim Decker, MD and Student of the Year- Mary Margaret Morelli. Student of the Year received \$500 and a plaque. The other graduating students had \$100 donated to NHAFPF in each of their names. The caliber of students was extraordinary.

The quality of applicants to our residency program is high, but the quantity concerns me.

Residency Report: New interns class started a month ago and they are 2-3 weeks into rotations. Four staying on in NH.

A teacher's award was given to Marty Black, MD, a mentor award was given to Andy Valeras, DO and an appreciation award was given to Chris Keenan.

1-2 residents a year do OB, but we do not know how many continue to practice it. What determines where residents will practice? We know that family draws residents "back home". Money is also a draw. "Quality of life" does not help pay down student loans.

CME Committee Report: NHAFP invested \$6,500 on annual meeting. We had 46 paid attendees. Board feels location works. We hope there will be a dedicated AV person next year. How can we improve attendance? Personal invitations go a long way. Robin requests extra brochures be sent to her to pass out.

Old Business: Steve shows off the bag that was created for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten with help from funds donated by NHAFP.

Motion for Foundation to have separate agenda and minutes at each chapter meeting. Look through old minutes to compile policies for Foundation.

Motion passed.

Advocacy Committee Report: Survey went out from NHMS regarding prior authorizations. A task force will meet to discuss. Those interested/passionate about it are very welcome to participate.

An email was circulated in hopes of getting interested physicians to contact the candidates. Meet with them and ask questions and voice your concerns. A sign on letter was sent out drafted by Environment America and PSR expressing support for President Obama's Clean Power Plan. Environmental advocacy regarding global warming is one of the most important public health strategies that we can pursue to address risks of respiratory illness and broader health and social dysfunction. The NHMS has established policy in this area and has restated this policy by voting to sign on. All physicians are encouraged to sign on as individuals.

Steve Elgert spoke on The Exchange on Monday, 7/13/15, as Governor Maggie Hassan expressed her concerns with Medicaid Managed Care. You can listen to an archive of the recording.

New business:

Motion to fund Amy's attendance to COD to help mentor new alternates.

Motion passed.

Motion to fund Hilary to attend COD as official observer to gain experience for becoming Alternate Delegate.

Motion passed.

Discussion of two resolutions. After much thoughtful discussion the Board feels they cannot support either resolution.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 pm