

NHAFP Meeting Minutes July 16, 2014

Members present: Doug Dreffer, MD; Robert Kiefner, MD; Paula Leonard-Schwartz, MD; Amy Schneider, MD; Hilary Alvarez, MD; Cole Zanetti, DO; Melissa Duxbury, MD; Dave Kehas, MD; Peter Mason, MD; Louis Kazal, MD; Polina Sayess, MD; Gary Sobelson, MD; Catrina Watson; Eli Bueno, DO via phone

Meeting called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Board has stated that there are no conflicts of interest with the agenda.

Introductions

Motion to accept previous minutes.

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: New signor added

Motion to accept.

Motion passed.

NHMS Public Health Task Force - spans across all specialties, encompasses public health and population health. Would like to involve family physicians.

President's Report: Writing a letter to members. There was a Meridian discussion at last meeting. NHMS arranged for a meeting, but Meridian pulled out of New Hampshire. Gary sent a letter to Concord Monitor regarding duplicative services in VA patients. AAFP has taken a position on it and it will be included in letter to members. What role should FPs play? Is it a hotter topic in Manchester? It has become such a controversy, but has been happening for years.

Resident Report: Homeless clinic third Wednesday of every month.

Homeless shelter in Vermont working with extended population - focuses on education and advocacy. Many of the homeless have doctors/PAs. Medical students do assessments of overall health, and they leave with a health plan.

Funding Request: Cole will be presenting in Seattle, Wash., and asked to form a tract-informatics, public health, primary care, point of care focus. Predictive Analytics in Positive Deviance. How do we take advantage of all the information we are putting into EMR? A pilot program was run in Dallas, calculated data and risk and was able to reduce 30-day re-admittance by 26% without any new staff. This could reduce cost and improve quality. Cost of conference is estimated at \$1,900.

Motion to support.

Motion passed.

Membership Committee: Small number of respondents to survey may not be a true depiction, but there are some interesting answers.

Advocacy Committee: Medicaid expansion is the big focus and will impact practices more than we realize.

Granite State Physicians for a Single Payor will introduce a bill next session and will seek endorsement from NHAFP.

Steve Elgert has expressed concern with companies not prescribing birth control and have decided not prescribe erectile dysfunction medications.

Request for Polina Sayess, MD to attend COD as an observer for N.H.

Motion to support.

Motion passed.

Bylaws discussion. Draft sent out to board. Email any changes/suggestions.

D&O Insurance quote presented to board by chapter exec.

Motion to purchase.

Motion passed.

Possible resolutions to be presented at COD:

- 1) Integrate family medicine. More complimentary/alternative medicine.
- 2) AAFP to work with general interns and pediatrics for summit to look at primary care - where should we be putting our focus. Research and data indicates we need more family physicians, not pediatricians or internists.
- 3) Tobacco archive - Allen Blum, strong anti-tobacco proponent from University of Alabama, trying to digitalize records/reports. Used nationally. Needs funding. If AAFP recognizes his work it may spark further interest and funding. He received a 1993 Public Health Award.

Discussion on re-engaging previous board members. Board discussed and invited to contact president off-line if they had further concerns/comments. It was also noted there are no vacancies.

Motion to adjourn: 7:50 p.m.

Next meeting September 17.