



NHAFP Meeting Minutes November 29, 2018

Members present: Joann Buonomano, MD; Gary Sobelson, MD; Doug Dreffer, MD; Phil Baker, MD; Christopher Allen, MD; Amy Schneider, MD; Lou Kazal, MD; Paula Leonard- Schwartz, MD; Greg Thesing, MD; Marie Ramas, MD; Mary Cullen, DO; Cowan Stark, MD; Leah Matthew, MD; Heidi Robin; Ashley Dunkle, MD; Catrina Watson; On the phone: Polina Sayess, MD; Hilary Alvarez, MD; Molly Rossignol, DO; Sheila Ramanathan, DO

Meeting called to order at 6:20 pm.

Review Minutes.

Motion to accept with changes (change date & add Mary's name).

Motion passed.

Introductions

Sally Garhart, MD- NHPHP presentation and burnout discussion. NHPHP.org has a lot of resources for physicians.

AAFP is working with the likes of Google and similar companies to develop EHR with AI in it that will be how physicians want it to be.

President's Report: Joann filling in for Melissa while she is sick.

Treasurer's Report: Two reports submitted. Dues deposit for November was substantial and we received grant money for our 2018 CME. We have one more COD reimbursement to make.

Motion to approve.

Motion passed.

Would like clarification on reimbursement requests. Some people have requested mileage to/from the airport, while others have not. Do we reimburse, at what rate? What if people request it for board meetings? A clear policy is needed.

Motion: NHAFP will follow NHMS guidelines on mileage reimbursement for those meetings where NHAFP reimburses transportation.

Seconded.

Motion passed.

A policy is needed on how long someone holds receipts before submitting for reimbursement after attending a meeting.

Motion: 60 days.

Seconded.

Motion passed.

Resident Report: Would like to thank NHAFP for the support of residents. The funds allowed us to purchase Point of care ultrasounds, EKG materials, wireless cameras and

dermatoscopes. Total number of applicants: Over 1400. Total number of invitations: 165, Total number of interviews: 128.

Bittersweet time as we are losing a program coordinator and another attending. In 2020 we will have 2 residencies in the state- will we have two resident reps?

FMIG Report: Cathy Pipas, MD, pairing with FMIG to do a 12-week wellness program. First, second year students and faculty have the option of attending (no credits given, though they will look into changing that for the future). Will hold a skills night with Maine Medical in February.

CME Committee: Full slate of speakers. "Save the dates" will be mailed out soon.

Advocacy: NHMS will focus on roughly 150 bills, many of which we only have titles for with no bill text..

- Direct primary care bill- eliminating insurance commission regulation of it
- Medicine for all/single payer- possibility of a commission to study it.
- Telemedicine bills- specifics of the bill will be very important. Suspect they will try to take away stipulation of NH license/BOM oversight.
- 3D mammography- had come to an agreement that insurance companies would voluntarily cover it without a mandate. Harvard Pilgrim balked at last minute. Now reimburses at a very low/unfair amount.
- Buffer zones for women's health care centers
- Family paid medical leave
- Graduate physician- medical students with no residence training would be given the ability to have privileges under physician supervision. Bill is sponsored by a physician. Pilot program?
- Regulation of medicine bills- Lyme, opioids (would require specific forms or doctor patient communication)

New Business:

10 State Conference. Marie will be attending. It is an easy registration process to register NH and also attendees. \$280 fee. Marie will bring back info to the board.

Non-mainland chapters feeling very isolated. Puerto Rico expressed interest in collaborating with state chapters, no specific plan or requests were made, just an interest to be "in the loop." Only 100 FPs are actively practicing there. Medical school, residencies and practices still feeling the burden of the hurricane. Many docs have left. It would be great if in the future there could be a mentorship with them, where they could call & talk to colleagues, even if just to discuss their day.

COD- Northeast Caucus invited Puerto Rico to join them. Delaware is hosting this year.

**Note: Catrina to add bylaws committee re-assembly to the next agenda.

Motion to adjourn 8:15 pm.

Motion passed.

Next meeting March 20