

NHAFP Meeting Minutes January 20, 2021

Meeting held through Zoom

Attendance: Joann Buonomano MD, Juliann Barrett DO, Mary Cullen DO, Catrina Watson, Melissa Duxbury MD, Greg Thesing MD, Marie Ramas MD, Polina Sayess MD, Amy Schneider MD, Louis Kazal MD, Javier Cardenas MD, Angela Yerdon McLeod DO, Cowan Stark MD, Doug Phelan DO, Amanda Pereira MD, Matt Nagelschmidt MD, Gary Sobelson MD, Doug Dreffer MD, Chris Allen MD, Maria Boylan DO, Stephen Bishop MD

Meeting called to order 605p

Motion to approve Minutes:

Minutes approved

Treasurer's Report: see attached

Chapter \$127,553.35

cd\$29,914.12

Treasurer's report approved

Student Update:

No updates

Resident Update:

Concord:

Interview season is complete

All residents have been invited receive or have already received their COVID vaccines

Portsmouth:

Last interviews are happening soon

They have all received COVID vaccines

Subcommittee Updates:

CME- Will be virtual, thinking 1 day conference with didactics and annual meeting of the members. We will be hiring the same person that did the NHMS virtual conference.

MVG has agreed to hold our deposit until 2022

The Bylaws will need to be addended to change to allow a resident director from each FM residency program to be represented to the board.

Old Business:

Resident Funding- committee formed from last board meeting met on 12/22/20 and there is a draft proposal:

CME funds shall not exceed \$8000 / residency program, which will be reevaluated yearly with the budget.

Purpose of funding is to enhance family physician experience or to assist educational opportunities that would not otherwise be attainable at the residency program.

Licensing fees/professional fees are not an appropriate expense for reimbursement/funding nor are personal materials outside of food and travel expenses.

Additional or unique funding requests can still be brought to the board for consideration.

New Business:

Discussion re COVID vaccine roll out- What is the next best step? What can we do at this point? We would like to have a seat at the table, but were we? Or was this a political issue? Joann and Marie to meet with our IM counterparts to come up with a plan for next steps. How can we make sure that our most vulnerable patients will be able to be vaccinated.

Slack discussion – goal to use this to communicate rather than long email strings

Regarding posting links on our website: the executive director will vet items before submitting them to be uploaded to the website

#ThisIsOurShot -- grassroots effort to spread the word to help get everyone vaccinated. Started by AAFP member. Take a picture/ post when you get your Covid Vaccine with this #

Healthcare Voices of NH: independent, grassroots and nonpartisan group that seeks to identify and amplify voices from healthcare workers to promote collective action and improve health and healthcare for all. Their first project is a messaging campaign to enhance public confidence in the Covid vaccines and vaccination by demonstrating widespread support from healthcare workers known in their communities. Now has over 800 healthcare workers signed on in support.

The Lighthouse NH: While understanding the cultural barriers and historical reasons for hesitancy regarding the health care system and communities of color, the LighthouseNH seeks to engage BIPOC communities in public health and wellness. Please try to share this information with patients. Catrina will forward a letter out to members with this information

NCCL- will be virtual again. 4/28-5/1. Marie would like to send a full delegation: Women, minorities, IMG, LGBTQI+, new physicians

COD update- unknown if this will be virtual or in person. Marie would like to encourage anyone who may want to submit a resolution to do so any time. Does not have to be done in the summer/ just before COD. Consider using Slack to gather information.

Juliann Barrett will be deployed to the Middle East for 4 months. Motion made and passed that Hillary Alvarez will take over signatory powers while Dr Barrett is away.

Motion to adjourn
Meeting adjourned 757p

Next Meeting March 17