

## NHAFP Meeting Minutes March 16, 2016

Members present: Doug Dreffer, MD; Paula Leonard-Schwartz, MD; Amy Schneider, MD; Gary Sobelson, MD; Mary Cullen, DO; Polina Sayess, MD; Melissa Duxbury, MD; Molly Rossignol, DO; Greg Thesing, MD; Peter Mason, MD; Robin Hallquist, MD; Laura Fry, MD; Rob Kiefner, MD; Catrina Watson; Hannah Fuson; Joann Buonomano, MD; via phone: Burt Dibble, MD

Meeting called to order 6:20 pm

Motion to accept previous minutes.  
Motion passed.

President's report: A survey was sent to members, re: opioids. What help can we give our members. Molly discusses proposed rules.

Challenge: Personally invite 2 colleagues to attend cme.

Item of interest: Rob will host a meet and greet at his home for a doc that is coming back to NH that many of you are familiar with, Maria Ramos, MD. More info to come.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to accept.

Motion passed.

Academic/Resident Report: Concord Hospital electing new chief. A few 3<sup>rd</sup> years looking for jobs- 1-Hillsborough, 2- Hospitalists, - Academic.

In 18-24 months the residency will be in a new building on Concord Hospital campus.

Designing practice of the future. Being in a group practice has great impact on the design of a practice.

Few family physicians still do OB care. There used to be five physicians that rotated for deliveries now it is down to two or three. They will get help with phones and in-person triage from residents.

Student Report: 1<sup>st</sup> years are on Spring break. 2<sup>nd</sup> years are nervous about exams coming soon. We are hoping to get a few more students to attend cme weekend.

Advocacy: There is a bill that would allow for a needle exchange and immunity to trace amounts of illegal drugs found in the needles. Molly testified in front of HHS. Some of the benefits of such a program are lowered HIV, face to face time to encourage treatment, immunizations, primary care, etc. Recover Together may be a future site of an exchange.

SB417- would prohibit geographic non-compete. It will be heard next week in the Senate.

Medicaid expansion passed.

Generic drugs- something is going on with contracting. Suspect it may be that they found a loophole in Obamacare rule that insurance companies can only make 20%. Gary may write an editorial on it. COD dealt with this last year. Resolution was not passed, it was referred to board.

NCCL- We will have three attendees. One will not be able to vote officially, as he is a student, but he is still very eager to attend. The special constituencies that will be represented are, new physician, woman and minority.

MET: Molly appeals to the board to look at buprenorphine. Evidenced based help that we can give our opioid patients. Few physicians are prescribing it. WE need to be a support system. Can we offer a waiver training session?

May 10 the Governor's Summit on Addiction is being held at the Radisson in Manchester. A discussion ensued regarding the difference between dependent vs addicted.

Polina has formed a new interest group with AAFP. Lifestyle Medicine Interest Group was formed for those interested in lifestyle intervention to prevent health problems. She is looking for people to join.

Catrina to email application and brief description to members.

Medical Marijuana: VA and federally qualified/funded health centers cannot participate in certification of patients for medical marijuana. Some practices are just choosing not to participate as well. This will be a challenge for physicians.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

NHAFP Foundation meeting called to order

Review Minutes.

Motion to accept

Motion passed

Meeting adjourned: 7:51 pm

Next meeting: April 8