

NHAFF Meeting Minutes July 20, 2016

Members present: Paula Leonard-Schwartz, MD; Amy Schneider, MD; Gary Sobelson, MD; Polina Sayess, MD; Molly Rossignol, DO; Greg Thesing, MD; Peter Mason, MD; Laura Fry, MD; Doug Phelan, DO; Joann Buonomano, MD; Louis Kazal, MD; via phone: Burt Dibble, MD; Melissa Duxbury, MD

Meeting called to order at 6:20 pm

Motion to accept previous minutes with the addition of Megan Adamson's name to NCCL report.

Motion passed.

President's report: Rob Kiefner held a dinner to welcome Marie Ramas to NH.

Treasurer's Report: Income is largely due to dues and NHMS reimbursement of registrations that were paid by credit cards. We are on very solid ground.

Request to include budget with P&L report

Motion to accept.

Motion passed.

Resident Report: 8 new residents- 6 of them are Canadian. Megan Kennedy is staying in Hillsborough and will do OB.

Concord Hospital hired its own recruiter to recruit residents.

They go to the AAFP Resident and Student conference and woo the Dartmouth students interested in family medicine.

Academic Report: Academic rep is a 1-year position. We have never had an official designation for an academic rep.

The Board should write a letter to Cathy Morrow and ask her to talk to 1st years who may be interested in family medicine.

The rep's name should be presented at November meeting. January would be the first meeting they would attend.

Encourage NHMS to post for preceptors.

CME Report- CME came in \$4,500 under budget. Originally thought bigger was better, but we lose money.

Some good ideas for breakout sessions that might interest residents & students: role playing/interviewing. We could pair residents up with docs, maybe over breakfast?

Videographer: discussion regarding possibly having videographer for FP of the Year award & presentation (CME committee will discuss feasibility.)

Advocacy: As of July 1, no prior auth for Suboxone (Medicaid, not expanded Medicaid). Anthem/Cigna merger on the rocks. It sounds like Department of Justice may say no to the merger.

Non-compete bill passed.

Medical marijuana- Temescal has served 1,300 certified patients. Pretty easy to certify. Patients can also name a designee that can pick up at the dispensary for you (must be approved by DHHS).

Suspect there will be more legalization bills, but will most likely get killed.

MAT follow-up- NHMS offering course. Urgent care & ER are great places to have it. You provide the medication and they must maintain counseling.

October 27, 28, Molly & Peter presenting at Attitash.

NHMS supported and passed uniform prior auth forms.

Membership status change requests:

Action: Catrina to write letters asking why the member wants to change status.

24 Resolutions so far. Topics include a social determinants tool kit, effort for student loan forgiveness, gun violence, direct to consumer advertising, reciprocity on training license, nutrition at conferences, revision of oath to AAFP Fellowship and removing sugar sweetening in beverages.

Northeast Caucus at COD:

Action: Catrina to reserve room, order refreshments for 50 and send out invites to all northeast delegation, presidents, vice presidents & EDs.

Call a special meeting to discuss resolutions: Sept. 8 (check for board room)

Dennis McCullough- Previous FP of the Year winner, passed away. Great NY Times article. Letter of condolence to AAFP.

NHAFF to donate \$100.

Peter received a \$7,000 grant for Good Neighbor Health Clinic to get a fridge to store vaccines so they can do immunizations.

NH ranks 14th as best place to practice medicine. Worst on retaining residents.

Meeting adjourned: 8:35

Next meeting Nov. 16