

Maine Medical Association
Meeting Minutes March 8, 2017

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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N. Knowland	P	P	P		CC				G. Smith	P	P	P	P	P			
D. Kreckel, MD	P		P	P	P				Guest:								
A. Madden, MD	CC	P	CC	P	E				K. Saylor, MD					P			
T. Marshall, MD	CC	P	P	CC	P												

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1. Call to Order Determination of Quorum	Dr. Schlager called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm, with a quorum confirmed. To allow for more time for discussion of high priority items, the leadership reports will occur earlier in the meeting. The board welcomed, Karen Saylor, MD, FACP, who is a candidate for a board opening.	Welcome.
2. Board Chair Report - Robert Schlager, MD	Dr. Schlager highlighted several items from the Executive Committee's meeting. One of the issues discussed was whether we should lengthen the board officer terms to two years. There are both pros and cons for doing this and the Executive Committee generated some interesting ideas for how this could work. What is clear is that there needs to be further discussion on this issue. The second item reviewed was a request from the Public Health Committee to support a letter entitled, <i>From America's Healers: A Letter to Our Patients in the Trump Era</i> . The Executive Committee reviewed the request against its recently approved, <i>Statement on Reform of the U.S. Health Care System</i> and felt it did not meet the principles as defined in the document.	The Executive Committee will revisit Board Officer Terms at its next meeting. Mr. Michaud will share with the PHC, the EC's response to their request.

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<p>3. Priority Presentations & Topics</p>	<p>a) <u>Legislature’s Opioid Task Force</u>. A Joint Order was included in the meeting packet to establish an Opioid Task Force to examine all the opioid bills and put together a comprehensive report by April 30 that includes legislation that could be considered during the current session. The task force will include four members of the Senate and four members of the House, as well as one member each from the following: a hospital administrator, a law enforcement representative, a treatment provider, a person in recovery, a physician specializing in addiction treatment, a representative from a statewide organization of physicians, and a representative of substance abuse and recovery service providers. Also, invitations will be extended to the Governor and the Attorney General, or their designees, as well as a representative of the judicial branch. We hope the names will be announced later this week because there is a lot of work to do before the April 30th deadline.</p> <p>b) <u>Other High Profile Legislative Items</u>. Senator Collins has asked MMA’s Board through G. Smith to give her its thoughts on the American Health Care Act. The Board referred to MMA’s Statement on Reform of the US Health Care System as its guiding document and stands by those principles, specifically we support the core values of the “Quadruple Aim” which encompasses protecting patients, communities, physician wellness, and women’s issues. Everyone agreed all would be best served if the changes to the AHCA went through the usual legislative process.</p> <p>c) Distributed at the meeting was a list of summary documents about the American Health Care Act.</p> <p>d) <u>Update on Grants and Contracts</u>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MeHAF Advocacy grant: The March board packet includes the proposal, workplan, and budget submitted to MeHAF for April-December 2017. Grantees will be announced in early April, and will be able to apply for funding in 2018. MMET has received MeHAF grant funding for advocacy on access to meaningful health coverage for three years. • MeHAF Opioids grant (ends March 31): This project supports implementation of the treatment and harm reduction recommendations proposed by the Maine Opiate Collaborative by engaging health care providers through presentations, local meetings, and peer-to-peer messages including provider forums, CME presentations, and communications. Consultant Carol Kelly will also do some work on mapping current providers of MAT in the state. • Maine Community Foundation Opioids grant (ends June 30): This project supports educating and activating community members, stakeholders, and decision-makers to address opiate misuse and follow up on the recommendations of the Maine Opiate Collaborative (MOC) and community conversations. This includes the community forums held around the state since last fall. • DHHS contract – MICIS: All MICIS presentations in 2017 will be on opioids. Presentations begin in 	<p>Mr. Smith will send a response to Senator Collins and send a copy to the Board for informational purposes only. He thanked the board for the thoughtful feedback.</p>

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	<p>April and we are planning some regional 3-hour workshops at locations around the state which will include the MMA presentation on Maine opioid prescribing laws. We expect many of the requests for presentations will be for one-hour sessions at practices, medical staff meetings, and conferences. The MICIS 2017 flyer is available at www.mainemed.com/MICIS.</p>	
<p>4. Financial Report: Michael Parker, MD; Dieter Kreckel, MD; Ms. Heidi Lukas – YTD Financial report.</p>	<p>Dr. Michael Parker briefly reviewed the YTD financial report and noted that we are on track except for some of the grant spending which will be addressed by staff.</p>	<p>Informational</p>
<p>5. Leadership Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. President, Charles Pattavina, MD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article • May 22nd Listening Session b. President-Elect, Jabbar Fazelli, MD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. President’s Retreat c. Past-President, Brian Pierce, MD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. EVP Performance Review 	<p>Dr. Pattavina and the Maine AARP Executive Director co-authored an op-ed article on Medicare which was published in the Bangor Daily News on February 22nd. The article is entitled: <i>A voucher system will not protect Medicare</i>. A copy of the article was included in the packet. Both he and Mr. Smith attended AMA’s National Advocacy Conference, February 27 – March 1, 2017 and brought back materials which they shared with the board. Dr. Pattavina plans to attend the ACEP Legislative meeting in Washington next week. The May 22nd Listening Session in Washington County is confirmed and board members are invited to join him and Gordon at this event.</p> <p>The 2017 President’s Retreat is confirmed for October 27-29, 2017 at the Regency Hotel in Portland.</p> <p>Following the board meeting this afternoon, the board will go into executive session to discuss the EVP performance review.</p>	<p>Informational</p> <p>Informational</p> <p>Informational</p>
<p>6. Management Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Gordon Smith, Esq. b. Andrew MacLean, Esq. c. Peter Michaud, Esq. 	<p>Mr. Smith highlighted some items from his written EVP report which was provided prior to the meeting. He asked members for feedback to the changes in the Weekly Update format and MMA’s website. He thanked Mr. Michaud and Ms. Goggin for their work on this project. He is making a proposal to the Maine Society of Anesthesiologists and Speech and Language Association to manage their specialty societies.</p> <p>Mr. MacLean gave a brief report on facilities and staffing. He reported that staff met January 30, 2017 with Carol Kelly to determine the next steps for preparing for the EVP transition. Mr. MacLean reported that he and Ms. McMahon continue to work on the facility decisions made during the 11/5/2016 board meeting. Ms. McMahon has several sketches of the LCR with future layout options and cost estimates. Dr. Flowerdew is currently reviewing those plans.</p> <p>Mr. Michaud reported that there is a hearing scheduled for March 20th before the Taxation Committee to</p>	<p>Informational</p> <p>Informational</p>

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	hear testimony on the 3% tax increase resulting from passage of Question 2 in November. He is looking for physicians to testify particularly if they know someone who is leaving the state because of the tax, or if your practice/hospital is having difficulty recruiting individuals for the same reason. Mr. Michaud reviewed several scope of practice bills and provided a brief written report regarding each of the bills.	
7. Evaluation of Meeting	Meeting evaluations results on a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being the worse and 10 being the best) were an average of 8.29.	
8. Adjournment	Follow adjournment at 5:55 p.m., a motion was made and seconded to enter an executive session to discuss the EVP's performance review.	Motion carried.
	Submitted by: Dianna Poulin Approved by: Robert Schlager, MD Attested by: Andrew MacLean	