

Maine Medical Association
Meeting Minutes April 30, 2014

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Member	12-4	1-24	4-30						Member	12-4	1-24	4-30						
B. Pierce, MD, Chair		P	P						G. Raymond, MD	P	P	P						
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K. Flanigan, MD		P							A. MacLean	P	P	P						
R. Flowerdew, MD	P	P	P						D. McMahon	P	P	P						
M. Gleaton, MD	P	P	P						D. Poulin	P	P	CC						
K. Lombard, MD	CC		P						G. Smith	P	P	P						
D. Kreckel, MD	P	P	P						D. McMahon	P	P	P						
G. T. Marshall, MD		P	P															
M. McAllister, MD	P		P						Guests:									
D. McDermott, MD		P							MHA Representatives									
K. Mitchell, DO		P							Charles Therrien			P						
M. Parker, MD	P		P						Steve Diaz, MD			P						
C. Pattavina, MD	P	P	P															
J. Petzel, MD	CC																	

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1. Call to Order	Dr. Pierce called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Welcome to new Board Member Kenneth L. Lombard, MD Welcome to Maine Hospital Association Board Representatives: Charles Therrien, President & CEO, Maine Coast Memorial Hospital Steve Diaz, MD, Chief Medical Officer, MaineGeneral Medical Center Introductions of attendees.	
2. Executive Committee Conference Call March 12, 2014	Brian Pierce, MD, Board Chair reviewed the minutes of the March 12 meeting.	
3. Review and approval of minutes of January 24, 2014	The January 24, 2014 Board meeting minutes were approved as presented.	Accepted.
4. Membership Report	Mr. Smith reported that with the addition of the Central Maine Medical Group physicians the membership numbers of active members at 2561 and total members at 4227 is an historic high. The real issue is engagement of members. Mr. Smith had a successful meeting at Martin's Point with the practice paying \$5000 more in group dues for 2014 and it is	

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	<p>expected in 2015 the amount will increase another \$5,000 to bring them back to 2012 dues level. Mercy Hospital was a successful meeting as well, with an increase in their employed physicians, their dues increased by about \$3,000. The negotiation process with Franklin Memorial Hospital physicians is not going as well as hoped. Only five physicians have renewed membership. Franklin made the decision to not pay 2014 groups dues and eliminated the dues/CME account for all physicians making the goal of retention very difficult.</p>	
<p>5. Report of Chief Operating Officer; Andrew MacLean</p>	<p>a) Mr. MacLean noted that the buildings survived the winter with some minor roof leaking at the Hanley & Stred Buildings that was not attributable to the new sections of the roof completed in 2013. Quality Counts & OnPoint tenants at the Hanley Building have successfully switched office spaces. Stred Building tenants Home Care & Hospice Alliance tenants have now been in place for over a year.</p> <p>b) Staff Retreat. An MMA Staff Retreat is scheduled for May 7 with Karin Anderson as the facilitator. Ms. Anderson has conducted interviews with all of the staff. A significant portion of the Retreat will focus on the strategic plan for MMA and the staff role in it. Additional items are communications and accountability.</p> <p>c) MPHP has added 1 FTE, Paul Davis as a Case Manager, bringing the total of Case Managers to 2 FTE's. As a Case Manager he has acclimated well to the program.</p>	<p>Informational</p>
<p>6. Finance Report; Dr. Flanigan</p>	<p>a) March Financials. FYI</p> <p>b) April Financials. Dr. Parker reported that the April financials are tracking normally. If the finances continue the same track we should be able to meet budget. Mr. Smith will work with Blue Hill Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital on finalization of their 2014 dues. Mr. Smith noted as well that MMA is committed to not hiring any additional or replacement staff until year end.</p>	<p>Informational</p>
<p>7. Priority Presentations & Topics</p>	<p>a. Retreat Follow-up: Mr. Smith reference the attached <i>Timeline for Implementation of 2014 Retreat Work Product</i>. This timeline focuses on the result of the work conducted by the Board of Directors at the President's Retreat in January. The analysis of actual costs of services and programs is on-going with the expectation to have all specialty society contract reviews completed by June 30. The goal, as directed by the Board, is to have each specialty agreement meet costs plus 20%. The Maine Association of Psychiatric Physicians was given additional time to meet the goal. Specialty societies maybe a gateway to our members; Dr. Fazeli shared he felt it a huge value to MMA. CME Accreditation is successful to date, although all financial information is not yet complete. MMA Annual Session is currently being reviewed although from a financial standpoint it cannot be fully analyzed until 2014 meeting is completed. FQHC's Pilot Program currently has 9 FQHC's and the two year program expires on October 1. Mr. Smith will meet with all the centers prior to the expiration to gather their overall opinion on the program. All indications are strong that they will want to continue the program. On a preliminary basis, discussions have started with some behavioral health agencies to see if our services would be of value in a similar program. A benefit to this would be to increase membership among psychiatrists. An arrangement has already been established with Community Health and Counseling in Bangor. Mr. Smith has met with Spurwink and Tri-County will schedule meetings with Sweetser, Kennebec Behavioral Health and Crisis & Counseling.</p> <p>b. Legislative Wrap -up. Mr. MacLean noted the legislature session for the most part was completed on April 17, although there are still 46 vetoes to be considered. Medicaid expansion was strongly supported by MMA and the hospital community with the veto override failing on two different versions of the bill. The third version will be considered on May 1. Governor LePage and Commissioner Mayhew won the previous battles calling it welfare, not healthcare. The ultimate future of Medicaid expansion probably depends on the elections in November. If the Legislature is in</p>	<p>Informational.</p> <p>2015 President's Retreat will further review 1st Friday Programs, Physician Education Seminar and HIPAA training.</p> <p>Informational.</p>

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	<p>Democratic control, it is anticipated that the Medicaid Expansion bill would be the first bill passed in the 127th Legislature.</p> <p>State Budget – Mr. MacLean noted that in an unusual procedural situation Governor LePage refused to submit a supplemental budget. The second budget bill passed at the end of the second session. Of interest in this is that more resources were directed to fraud & abuse investigations and they gave themselves ability for a delay window, affecting the hospitals in that one cycle payment is pushed into the next fiscal year. Charles Therrien noted that sales tax on hospitals was not enacted but pushed into the next legislative session.</p> <p>Legislative Committee</p> <p>Mr. MacLean was pleased to report that Amy Madden, MD has agreed to chair the Legislative Committee for another cycle. In the 1st session of the 127th Legislature any number for bills can be submitted. The cloture deadline varies although generally between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Mr. Smith recommended waiting for elections before the initial Legislative Committee meeting. All specialty societies leaders are invited to attend this meeting.</p> <p>Mr. McLean referred to attached Legislative Update on Laws of Interest enacted by the 126th Legislative. Mr. MacLean noted items of specific interest:</p> <p>LD 990, replaced by LD 1642- Price List – requiring health care practitioners to maintain & inform patients of a price list (as billed without insurance) for services and procedures that they provided at least 50 times in the past year. Cost data information available on the MHDO website also needs to be noted.</p> <p>LD 1760, Cost Estimate for Encounter, this bill needs to be followed only if requested by uninsured patients.</p> <p>LD 1686 Access to Naloxone. This became law without the Governor’s signature, allowing family members to receive the kit and it can also be administered by law enforcement and municipal firefighters if they have received training.</p> <p>LD 388/1840 PMP Enrollment – Directs & funds DHHS/PMP program to create automatic enrollment in PMP at the time of licensing or renewal of a license.</p>	<p>Mr. Smith recommended that MMA educate the physicians (LD 1642) in the interest of transparency to have a sign in the office.</p>
<p>8. Leadership Reports</p>	<p>a. President; Dr. Raymond</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Observations of ASAE Symposium. Dr. Raymond reported a very positive experience attending the meeting with Mr. Smith. This group of volunteers come together for discussion of common goals and focus on the expertise of the association to enhance the initial model of collaborative leadership with the EVP & President. Dr. Raymond commented his attendance at the National Advocacy Conference was also very valuable and certainly an eye opener for him. 2. New Committee Appointments. Dr. Swamy, a vascular surgeon from Bridgton was appointed to the Physician Quality Committee. Dr. Letourneau, Executive Director of Quality Counts was appointed to the Nominating Committee. 3. March 8 Officers event at Seadog Brewery. Dr. Raymond reported a very successful event. New faces were seen at this event, although still difficult to attract younger physicians. <p>b. President-elect Dr. Ryan.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annual Session Committee Report. Dr. Ryan shared that the Annual Session in September reflects some changes to incorporate a more casual and relaxed atmosphere including more free time. The General Membership meeting is set to be completed in 2 hours and the Saturday evening traditional banquet has been replaced with a lobster bake at which the President will be installed, 50 year pins will be presented and traditional awards given. 	<p>Recommendation was made to optimize the value of the symposium and initiate the process of having the EVP attend with the President-elect each year.</p> <p>Informational.</p> <p>Future events to be planned at the location in Topsham and Bangor.</p>

