

Maine Medical Association
Meeting Minutes September 7, 2012

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Member	10-5	12-7	1-20	3-7	4-25	6-6	8-3	9-7	Member	10-5	12-7	1-20	3-7	4-25	6-6	8-3	9-7
K. Christian, MD, Chair			P	P	P	P	P	P	G. Raymond, MD			P	P	P	CC	P	P
R. Chagrasulis, MD				P	P	P	P	P	C. Reddy, MD			P	CC	CC	CC	CC	P
J. Charity, MD			P			P		P	L. Ryan, DO			P	CC	CC	CC	CC	CC
N. Cummings, MD			P	P	P	P	P	P	J. Smith, MD								
I. Daudi, MD																	
R. DeJong, MD				P	P				Staff								
R. Evans, MD			P	CC	CC				J. Barnard			P	P	P	P	P	P
K. Flanigan, MD				CC	P				H. Lukas			P	P	P	P	CC	P
R. Flowerdew, MD			P	P	P	CC	P	P	A. MacLean			P	P	P	P		P
M. Gleaton, MD			P	P	P	P		P	D. McMahon			P	P	P	P	CC	P
P. Klainer, MD				P					G. Smith			P	P	P	CC	P	P
D. Kreckel, MD			P	P	P	P	P	P	D. Poulin				P	P	P	P	P
J. Linder, MD				CC	CC	P	CC	CC									
M. McAllister, MD									Guests:								
D. McDermott, MD			P	P	CC		P	P									
B. Miller, MD			P	P	P	P	CC	P									
M. Parker, MD			P			P	P	P									
C. Pattavina, MD			P	P	P	CC	P	P									
B. Pierce, MD			P	CC	P	CC	P	P									

Topic	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order	Dr. Christian called the meeting to order at 10:12 am	
2. Review and approval of minutes of June 6, 2012	Out of state guests: Raymond Hicks, MD, currently practicing in Kentucky with plans to move to Maine next year to practice; Brent Mulgrew, EVP of the Ohio State Medical Association; Terri Marchiori, Director of Federation Relations at the AMA; William Strassberg, MD, former BOD member practicing orthopedic surgery; Laura Jett, MD was welcomed as an in-coming member of the BOD. Agenda reviewed.	A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of August 3, 2012. Motion approved.
3. Approval of Agenda		The agenda was approved as presented.

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<p>4. Report on Executive Committee Conference Call 9-4-12</p> <p>5. Membership Report</p> <p>a. Membership</p> <p>b. New & potential group memberships</p> <p>c. Delinquent Membership Dues</p>	<p>Dr. Christian reported the EC Conference Call approved the agenda of the BOD meeting of September 7; members were updated on Annual Session events, and discussed the consideration of Resolution #5 for submission by the EC to the General Membership Session.</p> <p>Mr. Smith noted August as an exceptional month for membership with the additional of the UNE and Tufts students; and a few groups paying their group membership dues.</p> <p>The Acadia Hospital group has agreed to pay for group membership for the Medical Directors and CMO only, which will be 6 new members. They chose not to include their staff psychiatrists which would have been an additional 6-7 physicians. Mr. Smith will be meeting with Dr. Shubert regarding a group membership at St. Joseph’s Hospital. Every group in Maine is within our sights for a potential group membership.</p> <p>Mr. Smith noted the current \$45,000 gap in dues to meet budget. Half of this amount can be recovered with three groups that have yet to pay their dues. Mr. Smith continues to remain optimistic on both group and individual dues collection.</p>	
<p>6. Report of Chief Operating Officer; Mr. MacLean</p> <p>7. Finance Report; Dr. Parker; Ms. Lukas</p> <p>a. August Financials</p> <p>b. Annual presentation on MMA Reserves by investment advisors: Bucky Johnson, Jim Jackson and Hans Underdahl (RBC Wealth Management)</p>	<p>Personnel: Mr. MacLean noted that MPHP recently hired Heidi Lamonica to fill the administrative assistant position left vacant with the resignation of Karen Snell in July. MPHP received 60 resumes for this part time position. An MMA Staff Retreat will be scheduled for the fall. Facilities: MMA successfully replaced the server and will continue to evaluate the telephone system replacement situation/options. Negotiations continue with Quality Counts, MMA and OnPoint (at the Hanley Building) to relocate Quality Counts to the Hanley Building. Quality Counts has outgrown the current space they lease in the MMA Building.</p> <p>Dr. Parker reviewed the August financials noting the most significant category of Membership Dues which is currently \$45,000 under budget. Other areas noted were Corporate Affiliates dues, as well as Conference Room fees. The Quality Improvement Program is behind although with the Pilot Program starting on October 1 more fees will be collected. Dr. Parker noted that with the computer upgrade and other expenditures, the budget is a work in progress.</p> <p>The representatives from RBC Wealth Management presented the annual investment update, including MMA and the Maine Medical Education Foundation.</p>	<p>MMA does have some ideas for smaller tenants to rent the space once vacated.</p>

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<p>8. Priority Presentations and Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. State of Maine lawsuit against Federal Government re: MaineCare cuts in 2012 supplemental budgets b. Review of Resolutions 1-5 c.. Nominating Committee Report <p>9. Leadership Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. President; Dr. Cummings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Post presidential year plans b. President-Elect: Dr. Kreckel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presidential year plans 	<p>Resolution #6 – re: Opposition to State MaineCare Lawsuit was written following the Executive Committee Conference Call of 9-5-12. It is an important issue in the state and inconsistent with the mission of MMA. Discussion followed. Many various motions were made. A small group of physicians will volunteer to rework the resolution for presentation to the General Membership Meeting on Saturday, September 8, 2012.</p> <p>Resolutions reviewed.</p> <p>Mr. Smith commented on the Nominating Committee Report noting the significance of 8 new members coming onto the Board of Directors.</p> <p>Dr. Cummings will continue her work on Physician Health with more awareness on employed physicians as it is becoming a larger issue.</p> <p>Dr. Kreckel plans will be revealed in his presidential speech on September 8, 2012.</p>	<p>Final motion – Motion made to amend the resolves in the resolution. The motion was seconded and approved.</p> <p>The motion was made to not take a position on Resolutions 1-5. Motion was seconded and approved.</p>
<p>10. Committee, section or delegation reports requiring discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Legislative Committee; Dr. Ryan & Mr. MacLean 	<p>No discussion necessary.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Public Health Committee c. Senior Section d. Committee on Membership & Member Benefits 	<p>Ms. Barnard noted that a successful hearing on expanding BPA limits was held at the Board of Environmental Protection with five physicians testifying. The focus of the committee has been on the resolutions to be presented at the General Membership Meeting.</p> <p>Senior Report in binder. Dr. Miller noted the August 22 Program “Is Violence a Medical Issue” with guest speaker Dr. McAfee was well attended. The next presentation is “Physician Health & Wellness” on October 14 is expected to be successful as well.</p> <p>Dr. Pierce reported that a 6% increase in the dental plan is anticipated for the MMA Staff. The committee will continue to monitor this.</p>	

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e. Committee on Technology & Communications 1. Unveiling of new website	A sample of the new website to be shown at the General Membership meeting on Saturday, September 8, 2012..	
f. AMA Delegation	The New England Delegation meets in Waltham at the end of September with all New England State Society Presidents presenting a report.	
g. Maine Community Health Options Focus Group	A Focus Group on Crescendo’s non-profit health insurance plan will be held on Saturday, September 8. The goal is to have 10 physicians volunteer to participate in this group.	
11. EVP Report		
a. Annual Session 2012 1. Schedule	Schedule reviewed.	
2. Out of state guests	List of out of state guests reviewed to be certain all were hosted by MMA physicians.	
3. Silent Auction	Silent Auction to benefit Long Term Development & MPHP.	
b. Contracts/grants 1. MEHAF Payment Reform Grant	Ms. Barnard has submitted the request for the third MeHAF grant. MeHAF’s mission is to promote access to quality health care, especially to those who are uninsured and underserved, and to improve the health of everyone in Maine. The grant supports MMA’s mission to educate physicians on payment reform.	
c. 2012 EVP Report	Attached.	
d. Physician Education Seminar	To be held July 24, 2013 at the Augusta Civic Center.	
e. Golf Tournament	To be held July 22, 2013 at the Augusta Country Club.	
f. Report on Prescription Drug Task Force	No report.	
g. Community Paramedics Pilot	No report.	
h. Rural Medical Access Program	Report from Medical Mutual on disbursements attached.	

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<p>i. FQHC Pilot</p> <p>12. New Business</p> <p>13. Organizational Meeting of New Committee</p> <p> a. Election of Chair</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.</p>	<p>Mr. Smith reported that he has had great response from 6-8 health centers with only 1 response from Bucksport who declined participation.</p> <p>None.</p> <p>Motion was made to nominate Lisa Ryan, DO. The motion was seconded and approved.</p> <p><i>Submitted by Diane McMahon</i> <i>Authenticated by Kenneth Christian, MD</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 10, 2012 4:00 pm MMA Headquarters</p>	

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