

Maine Medical Association
Committee on Continuing Medical Education and Accreditation
Minutes
January 24, 2013

Members in attendance

George Davis, MD, Stephen Diaz, MD, Buell Miller, MD, Kathryn Bourgoin, MD and staff Gail Begin

Call to Order

Dr. Davis called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Review and Approval of the October 25, 2012 minutes

The committee approved the minutes of the October 25, 2012 meeting as written.

2013 Site Surveys to be completed

Cary Medical Center

Dr. Davis

Riverview Psychiatric Center

Dr. Miller

Status of Previous Surveys

The committee did not review any progress reports.

Committee Policy

The committee did not discuss any new policies.

Process for Improvements for 2012-2013

Dr. Davis suggested that we require data from our providers (who in turn obtain that data from their local hospitals) of the *percent change* in specific important variables that address patient safety or adverse effects. In that way, no raw data need be forwarded. (Hospital administrators are sensitive to raw data being publicly disseminated, as there can be misinterpretation). As an example, death rates are usually much higher in tertiary care centers because sicker patients are sent there. The higher mortality rate does *not* imply worse care, but that may be the interpretation of the lay public unfamiliar with statistics or patient demographics. Graphing the changes over time would give a measure of the effectiveness of CME presentations with regard to patient outcomes and would also give an idea of when a CME program need be repeated (as a percent change in the wrong direction would likely indicate). By collating the providers' data and graphs we would then comply with the ACCME's requirement that we have a mechanism for evaluating the statewide effectiveness of CME programs.

Pertinent Updates

Dr. Bourgoin discussed updates from this year's Alliance for Continuing Medical Education (ACME) national meeting and would disseminate that information to the coordinators at our annual meeting on May 2, 2013.

Items discussed;

- Collaboration with nurses and pharmacists

- Needs Assessment

- CME Committees at hospitals

- Accreditation- State or National

- REMS-Risk Evaluation Management Strategies (Free CME on medications)

- Pfizer Grants for CME

- Linking Electronic Medical Records to Performance Improvement CME

Planning for this year's Annual Meeting

The committee planned and discussed speakers for the annual meeting that include; Dr. Kathryn Bourgoin of EMMC presenting information from the Alliance for Continuing Medical Education (ACME) national meeting including updates and pertinent information. Dr. Davis will update the coordinators on the CCMEA process for improvements and Randal Manning, Executive Director or Dr. Mark Cooper from the Board of Licensure and Medicine will update on Maintenance of Licensure. The CME coordinators and CCMEA Committee members will meet on May 2, 2013 at the Maine Medical Association building.

Next meeting date

The next meeting of the committee scheduled for May 2, 2013 from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM at the Maine Medical Association offices in Manchester, Maine.

Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 2:40 PM.