

**Maine Medical Association
Committee on Continuing Medical Education and Accreditation**

Minutes

October 25, 2012

2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Members in attendance

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

Call to order (Dr. Davis, Chairman)

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

Review and Approval of the April 26, 2012 minutes

The minutes of the April 26, 2012 meeting were approved with spelling out the initials for PICME (Practice Improvement CME), MOC (Maintenance of Certification) and MOL (Maintenance of Licensure).

2012 Site Surveys to be discussed for accreditation

Maine Medical Center

The Committee voted to accredit Maine Medical Center for a 4-year accreditation with a progress report due in 6 months to correct areas of Noncompliance: *Criteria 7(SCS 2) Conflict of Interest resolution, 11 and 14 (score card metric data was not included) along with copies of their records retention policy and use of updated accreditation statements. Once the progress report is complete, MMC will be reviewed for 6-year status.*

Penobscot Bay Hospital

The Committee voted to accredit Pen Bay Medical Center for a 4-year accreditation with a progress report due in 6 months to correct areas of Noncompliance: *Criteria 15 and Updated Accreditation Statements. Once the progress report is complete, Pen Bay will be reviewed for 6-year status.*

University of New England

The Committee voted to accredit University of New England for a 4-year accreditation with a progress report due in 6 months to correct areas of Noncompliance: *Criteria(s) 7(scs2), 11, and 14 and Updated Accreditation Statements.*

York Hospital

The Committee voted to accredit York Hospital for a 4-year accreditation with a progress report due in 6 months to correct areas of Noncompliance: *Criteria 6, 11 and 12.*

Mid Coast

The Committee voted to accredit Mid Coast Hospital for a 4-year accreditation with a progress report due in 6 months to correct areas of Noncompliance: *Criteria(s) 3, 6, 11, 15 and Updated Accreditation Statements.*

Aroostook

The Committee voted to accredit The Aroostook Medical Center for a 2-year accreditation with a progress report due in 6 months to correct areas of Noncompliance: *Criteria(s) 6, 7(scs2), 11, 12, 14 and Updated Accreditation Statements.*

Status of Previous Surveys

The Committee did not have any previous surveys to discuss at this time.

Progress Reports

Maine Coast Memorial Hospital submitted a progress report, which was approved by the Committee with the addition of their “conflict of interest” policy.

Mercy Hospital submitted a progress report, which was approved by the Committee.

Lincoln County Healthcare submitted a progress report, which was approved by the Committee.

Houlton Hospital submitted a progress report, which was approved by the Committee.

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 state-wide effectiveness of CME programs.

Pertinent Updates

ACCME Recognition Survey progress report results

Gail Begin advised the Committee that the Maine Medical Association’s progress report was approved by the ACCME.

MMA New Website

Gail Begin discussed the Maine Medical Association’s new website and displayed the new CME information that will be on the website. She inquired if emails could be listed on the website for CME site surveyors and committee members, the members of the committee approved this request.

Annual CCMEA Meeting

Dr. Davis advised the Committee of the annual meeting date April 25, 2013, Maine Medical Association Building, 11AM – 4PM. The agenda for this meeting will be discussed in detail at the January meeting of the Committee.

Next meeting date

The next meeting of the CME Committee is scheduled for January 24, 2013.

Adjournment

The CME Committee adjourned at 3:40 PM.