

Maine Medical Association
Committee on Continuing Medical Education and Accreditation
MINUTES
November 21, 2013

Members in attendance were Dr(s) Davis, Miller and on the phone Dr(s) Diaz, Bourgoin and Dennis. Staff member in attendance was Gail Begin.

Call to order (Dr. Davis, Chairman)

Dr. Davis called the meeting to order at 2:10p.m.

Review and Approval of the May 2, 2013 minutes*

The minutes of the May 2, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

2013 Site Surveys to be completed

<u>Site</u>	<u>Committee Surveyor</u>
Cary Medical Center	Dr. Davis
Riverview Psychiatric Center	Dr. Miller

Gail discussed that both Cary and Riverview site surveys had not been received. We are awaiting both surveys.

2014 Site Surveys to be completed

<u>Site</u>	<u>Committee Surveyor</u>
Aroostook Medical Center	Dr. Bourgoin
MaineGeneral, Augusta/Waterville	Dr. Miller
Penobscot Community Health	Dr. Davis

Committee members discussed and distributed the 2014 site surveys.

Status of Previous Surveys

None at this time

Progress Reports

University of New England's progress report regarding Criterion 7 SCS2, Criterion 11 and Criterion 14 along with a copy of their conflict of interest policy was accepted by Dr. Davis the initial surveyor and by the committee.

Annual Reporting

Gail discussed that the MMA-CCMEA committee will be sending out notification of the Annual Reporting requirements at the end of December. She also noted with the new requirement of PARS (Program and Activity Reporting System) that our providers would be reporting directly to the ACCME on this online reporting system. Gail hopes to go to the national meeting in Chicago to learn more about the reporting system and its benefits for our Maine providers.

Process for Improvements for 2012-2013

Dr. Davis discussed his previous thought to collect information from our providers on specific care statistics. Dr. Bourgoin noted that she would have her quality manager send us stats on pressure ulcer information to review at our next meeting to see how requesting this type of information would benefit CME and other providers when discussing the need for certain CME programming. This information will be reviewed at our January meeting.

FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

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

ACCME Self-Assessment Exercise

Gail distributed to the CCMEA Committee a self-assessment exercise sent out by the ACCME to determine how decisions are made and how much discrepancy there is between surveyors when making decisions regarding provider accreditation. The Committee completed the exercise and the finished assessment will be sent to the ACCME. The results will be shared at the January meeting of the Committee.

MMA New Website

Gail reviewed the new MMA-CME portion of the website with our committee members. She noted new areas for the site surveyors, member CME activities, and provider materials.

MMET Pilot Program

Gail revisited the concept of the MMET Pilot Program in order to let the Committee know that we would be actively recruiting providers in the state that would pay a fee of \$1500 per year for use of the MMET CME accreditation programming along with a cap of 6 activities until such time that the pilot project has a year or so of data to assess the program further. Gail will be updating the committee at its January meeting.

Annual CCMEA Meeting

Dr. Bourgoin noted that she will be attending the ACME National meeting in January and would be able to present with her new assistant Katie Petersen. Gail noted she will be reviewing the PARS system at that meeting for our providers to understand how to use the online product.

Next meeting date

Dr. Davis noted that our next meeting would be on January 23, 2014.

Adjournment

Dr. Davis adjourned the meeting of the committee at 3:35 p.m.