

Maine Medical Association  
Meeting Minutes December 5, 2012

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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M. McAllister, MD	P	P							D. Poulin	P	P						
D. McDermott, MD		P															
B. Miller, MD	P	P							Guests:								
K. Mitchell, DO	P	P							R. McAfee, MD								
M. Parker, MD	P	P							L. Graham, MD								
C. Pattavina, MD		P							J. Maier, MD								

Topic	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order	Dr. Ryan called the meeting to order at 4:12 pm	
2. Review and approval of minutes of October 10, 2012.	Introductions of attendees present and via conference call were exchanged. Ben Young, MD, Resident member was welcomed as a new member to the BOD.  The October 10 meeting minutes were approved noting one edit to Page 3.	Edit Page 3 under Item 9b. Elections; change Jan to Jane Pringle. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of October 10, 2012, as amended. Motion was approved.
3. Approval of Agenda	Mr. Smith requested 2 additional items be approved for the agenda, 1. MaineCare primary care fee increase to be presented by Kevin Flanigan, MD 2. International medical graduates, added to Mr. Smith's report.	The agenda was approved as presented with the additional two agenda items.
4. Report on Executive Committee Conference Call 12-2-12	Dr. Ryan reported the EC reviewed, discussed and approved the BOD agenda on the 12-2 Conference Call.	

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<p>5. Membership Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Membership</li> <li>b. New &amp; potential group memberships               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Update on Pilot for Health Centers</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. List of Delinquent Membership Dues</li> <li>d. Renewal of Maine Medical Partners</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Smith noted that in November membership increased slightly.</p> <p>Mr. Smith was pleased to share that Maine Medical Partners, and Central Maine Medical Group renewed their group memberships and Blue Water Emergency physicians have joined a new group member. MMA is awaiting a response from the employed physicians at St. Joseph's Hospital. If the response is not favorable, MMA will recruit the physicians individually.</p> <p>Most of the FQHC's in the pilot have paid their dues with the potential of an 8<sup>th</sup> group joining as well, (Portland Community Health Center).</p> <p>Mr. Smith addressed the attached delinquent list. The delinquent physicians will not be billed for 2013 dues until such time as the 2012 dues are paid. The plan is to work individually with each physician on the list</p> <p>Maine Medical Partners proposes to pay \$60,000 for their annual membership dues in 2013 for all their employed physicians. Mr. Smith recommended acceptance of the proposal (which includes the impact of the merger of the two cardiology groups, Cardiovascular Consultants of Maine and Maine Cardiology). Not accepting the proposal could risk the loss of the entire group. MMA does lose funds previously received from the cardiology groups in the merger, although it is hopeful that the FQHC's Pilot and smaller group memberships can makeup some of the difference.</p>	<p>Mr. Smith and Lisa Martin, Membership Coordinator will continue work on these physicians and may be in contact with some members of the BOD for assistance to encourage these members to pay their dues.</p>
<p>6. Report of Chief Operating Officer; Mr. MacLean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Facilitation of Staff Retreat</li> <li>b. Year-end employee reviews</li> <li>c. Update on Quality Counts move to Hanley Bldg.</li> </ul> <p>7. Report of Associate General Counsel; Ms. Barnard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Update on grants</li> </ul> <p>8. Finance Report; Dr. Parker; Ms. Lukas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. November Financials</li> <li>b. MMA &amp; MMEF 2011 990 Review</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Smith noted he and Mr. MacLean continue to work on a date and content for the Retreat. An HR professional from Falmouth, ME is being considered as the facilitator.</p> <p>Year-end reviews with MMA employees to be scheduled.</p> <p>Mr. MacLean confirmed that the renovations are almost complete at the Hanley Building. Quality Counts anticipates moving the first of January. The rent money from Quality Counts at the Hanley Building will be paid to MMEF and not MMA.</p> <p>Mr. MacLean has been in contact with a potential renter for the space that will be vacant in the Frank O. Stred building when Quality Counts moves.</p> <p>Ms. Barnard confirmed receipt of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grant from MeHAF on Payment Reform, which is to educate and engage physicians on the subject of Payment Reform. Ms. Barnard noted we currently have 2 existing MeHAF grants on Advocacy and Healthcare Outreach. These grants are MMEF grants and even with delegation of the grant work to outside contractors. MMA receives financial benefit via the indirect rate.</p> <p>Dr. Parker reviewed the November financials, noting that with just a few weeks from year end, it is anticipated that the budget shortfall may be greater than expected and could be \$16,000-\$30,000.</p>	<p>Choosing Wisely Campaign to be utilized as an additional tool for having a larger array of resources available thru the payment reform grant.</p>

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<p>9. Priority Presentations and Topics</p> <p>a. Consideration of Resolutions passed at Annual Session</p> <p>Added Priority Topic:</p> <p>MaineCare and the ACA Kevin Flanigan, MD</p> <p>b. Preparation of Legislative Session</p> <p>c. Preparation for January Board of Directors Retreat</p> <p>10. Leadership Reports</p> <p>a. President; Dr. Kreckel</p> <p>1. AMA Meeting Nov 10-13, 2012 Hawaii</p> <p>2. Presidents Retreat Quebec City</p>	<p>Ms. Lukas noted that MMEF 990 has been filed. The MMA 990 is ready, although it needs the approval of the BOD. Copies of both were distributed.</p> <p>Guests from the Public Health Committee (proponents of the resolution) were introduced; Drs. Lani Graham, James Maier and Robert McAfee were welcomed. <b>Limits on the Possession of Dangerous Weapons</b>, was approved at the General Membership Meeting on September 8, 2012, but rejected by the <b>BOD</b> at the October 10 meeting. The MMA Board of Directors Policy "Review of Resolutions Approved by the Membership at Annual Meeting" was inadvertently not addressed at the October 10 meeting. Dr. Walworth's letter of support was noted as well. Each of the physicians addressed the Board members noting the importance of the resolution and their support of the resolution. Discussion followed among the BOD, noting concerns with the resolution were primarily process issues and that there was support for the general direction of the Resolution.</p> <p>Dr. Flanigan, MaineCare Medical Director, would like MMA to assist in disseminating information on MaineCare primary care fee increase. MaineCare is committed to have the policy and payments in effect on January 1, 2013. The increase in MaineCare is set, at a minimum, in line with the Medicare rate. The requirement by physicians is that they are board certified, or attest to their practicing 60% in primary care (E&amp;M codes).</p> <p>Mr. MacLean stated the important organizational meeting of the Legislative Committee is December 12, 6:00pm-8:30 pm at MMA Headquarters. The cloture deadline is January 18. Mr. MacLean noted this is the time to share any information that you may feel should be on the legislative agenda for the next two years. Mr. MacLean further noted the attachment which presented an overview of the composition of the 186 members of the Legislature.</p> <p>Mr. Smith noted discussion will continue from the Retreat of 2012 on 24 priority areas determined at the Retreat and an attempt made to prioritize that list. In prioritizing the 24 categories, it was noted the importance to consider the financial information, the value to MMA members and consistency with the MMA mission. The membership dues model will be discussed as well. Mr. Smith is hopeful to have a Canadian physician present to address the group on the changing healthcare landscape in the country. Dr. Parker recommended a physician from the Canadian Medical Society as the rules do vary in each province of Canada. BOD members were encouraged to make their reservations at the Chateau as the room block expires December 16.</p> <p>Dr. Gleaton noted the AMA House of Delegate's discussion of the structure that different committees use to address difficult topics and that it did not want to change the compensation of officers. A study was conducted to take a serious look at combining the National Advocacy Conference with the AMA Interim Meeting. A location was found outside of DC in 2013, but logistics of busing everyone to DC was complex. (The 2013 AMA Interim Meeting will be in Maryland, just outside of DC). Other discussion included: the recommendation of not utilizing ICD 10 going straight to ICD 11. Given the existing problems with ICD 10, it would make sense to skip over it and go to ICD 11. ICD 10 is scheduled to go into effect in October 2014, which has been delayed from October 2013.</p>	<p>The Board approved the MMA 990 for 2011.</p> <p>It was further decided that the resolution be referred to a work group, with volunteers from the Public Health Committee. This group will review the resolution, more specific to the process and address the concerns noted by Dr. McAfee.</p> <p>Mr. Smith noted the concerns re board certification and the impact of this to the physicians. MMA to disseminate this information to the provider community.</p> <p>Mr. Smith will note specific chapters in the Race to Relevance that will be important to review prior to the Retreat.</p> <p>A Conference Call option will be available to those who are unable to attend the Quebec meeting.</p>

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	Previously discussed.	
11. Committee, section or delegation reports requiring discussion a. Legislative Committee; Mr. MacLean	Previously noted under 9b.	
b. Public Health Committee; Ms. Barnard  c. Senior Section; Dr. Miller  d. Committee on Membership & Member Benefits  e. Committee on Technology & Communications 1. Website redesign  f. AMA Delegation 1. Report of AMA Meeting  g. Committee on Physician Quality; Ms. Poulin 1. Update on Peer Review & Quality Committee	Next meeting December 12, 2012 at 4 pm at MMA Headquarters.  In the essence of time, no discussion on further Committee, section or delegation reports were presented.  No report  Work continues on new website. Reference made to Mr. Smith’s written EVP report.  Dr. Gleaton noted discussion was regarding garnishing of wages of those physicians who have not paid students loans by withholding MaineCare and Medicare payments. This resolution did not pass. Discussion on pharmacists not getting privileges to deliver vaccines. The AMA is trying to prevent penalizing those who did not adopt EMR. Dr. Gleaton further complimented the AMA for its democracy of allowing everyone to be heard.  No report as Ms. Poulin had a conflict and was unable to attend.	Dr. Gleaton offered to share more information on these topics and her willingness to take any information forward to the AMA.
12. EVP Report; Gordon Smith  Additional agenda item Physicians practicing in Maine from other countries  a. EVP report (attached)	Mr. Smith noted the complicated rules that make it nearly impossible for these physicians immigrating from developing countries or refugees to practice in Maine. Some states have a Welcome Center for these physicians. Several MMA members, including Alice Haines, MD and Leslie Fernow, MD recently participated on a conference call with these individuals interested in providing a more welcoming environment to these physicians in our state. Mr. Smith participated in the call, as well.  Attached.	Continue conversation on this topic.

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b. Proposed Maine Bureau of Insurance Rule Chapter 855	Attached. FYI	
c. Proposed MaineCare Pain Management Policy	Attached. FYI	
d. Status of Chronic Pain Project	Attached. FYI	
13. New Business a. Approval of Health Flexible Spending Account limit of \$2500  b. Conflict of Interest Forms	FYI.  The Conflict of Interest forms attached for completion by the Board members. These forms are to be completed annually by BOD members.	
14. Old Business a. Establishment of Audit Committee  b. Establishment of Annual Session Committee	Members still need to be recruited for this Committee.  Annual Session Committee members consist of Drs. Jett, Flowerdew and Petzel.	Mr. Smith will extend an invitation to Jo Linder, MD to join this committee.
15. Adjourn  Meeting adjourned at 5:57 pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Submitted by Diane McMahon</b>                      <b>Authenticated by Lisa Ryan, DO</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Next Meeting:</b>  <b>Friday, January 18, 2013</b>  <b>4:00 pm</b>  <b>Chateau Frontenac, Quebec City</b></p>	

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