

**VERMONT ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS**

Board Meeting

DATE: June 11, 2009

LOCATION: Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center/ Valcour Board Room

ATTENDEES: Mary Dill, MD; Tom Parrott, MD; David Little, MD; Bob Backus, MD; Sharon Fine, MD; Tom Peterson, MD; Stu Williams, MD; Rob Penney, MD; Paul Reiss, MD; Mark Lichtenstein, MD; Fay Homan, MD; Joanne Reiss, Exec.

GUEST: Cy Jordan, MD

ABSENT: Ken Borie, DO; Tim Burdick, MD

	<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>RESP. PARTY</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>
1.	Call to Order	10:30AM		Dill	
2.	Financial Report	No change in investments. Since February Board meeting, VTAFP received \$20881 in dues. Debit totaled \$ 25010. VDH grant spent \$ 27,187 June 08 to present. Total balance remaining \$28721 in general funds; \$60173 in grant funds.			
3.	Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care: Cy Jordan	VPQ offers opportunities for practicing physicians; support came through Robert Wood Johnson grant, to help practices focus on something important to them. Assessment to focus on a theme and develop more specific aims, and offer tools they need to help solve problems. This year with federal money from Bi-State, the theme is to improve scores on PCMH and NCQA in rural practices. Implementation of HER will be worked on; may have contract with VITL to help practices get ready for implementation. Family physicians as individuals need to make voices heard by meeting with Healthcare committees in Senate and House, or forming a Primary Care Consortium. Get the message out in newsletter.			
4.	Blueprint for Health Update	Fine reported on PCMH pilot's third phase set to happen in July in Bennington. All practices have reached level 1. NCQA scoring is not consistent-a lot of the criteria is			

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5.	Vermont Medical Society/Legislative Activities	helpful, but some is pure documentation, of which self-management is huge piece. Vermont as a model is receiving a lot of national attention with its chronic care management coordination.		
		Williams reported that the VT legislature passed a budget that only cut Medicaid reimbursement by 2% and the cut does not apply to E & M codes. Board of Medical Practice has spoken out against nurse practitioners practicing independently of physicians. Williams sought support for resolution to maintain current requirement for collaboration. Parrott motioned; Lichtenstein seconded to support as an academy. All in favor.		
6.	Annual Meeting, Berlin, November 7	Penney reported topics on ADD, and less common chronic pain syndromes. Practice management topics could include contracting with insurers, and coding.		
7.	Updates from UVM	Little reported on a banner year with 16 students entering family medicine, way above the national curve. UVM is 6 <sup>th</sup> in country for primary care, getting better and more diverse students. GPA for students has increased. Last year there were 11,000 applicants for 112 slots. David Little will be stepping down as clerkship director. Candy Fraser will take over Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup> .		
8.	Website	Web site is up with few links. Lichtenstein willing to tend web site.		
9.	Congress of Delegates	P. Reiss moved to accept slate of Peterson and Penney as delegates; and Homan and Lichtenstein as alternate delegates to the AAFP Congress of Delegates in Boston. Fine seconded.		

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10.	Budget	Peterson recommended creating a budget and comparing year to year. Budget sub-committee formed (Dill, Reiss, Peterson). Backus motioned for VTAFP to purchase new computer for chapter exec. Parrott seconded.	Buy computer	J. Reiss	
11.	Vermont Department of Health Grant	VDH will distribute grant quarterly, with quarterly reports, and a defined set of goals and programs. Grant can fund strategic planning with the Board (\$5000), immunizations, and school/health collaborations, but not mini-grants. Budget allows \$100/hr for Dill and \$25/hr for J. Reiss, in addition to funding S. Winters. Nancy Menard comprises a master list of family physicians around the state. Lichtenstein suggested adding internists and pediatricians to master list. Reiss suggested a list of PAs and NPs in family physicians offices.			
12.	Dues	<p>Reiss suggested consideration for educational grants from non-profits, malpractice insurers, labs. Williams motioned to consider grants from non-profits (AHEC, VITL, VDH, VCHIP, medical equipment) Peterson suggested empowering program chair.</p> <p>12:25 Adjourned</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Recorded by: Joanne Reiss, Chapter Exec</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Mary Dill, MD, VtAFP President</p>			

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