

Vermont Academy of Family Physicians Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 13, 2015
Held via Conference Call/Skype

Present: Mike Sirois, Carol Blackwood, Tom Peterson, Stuart Williams, Fay Homan, Allyson Bolduc, Andrea Regan, Rob Penney, Stephanie Winters

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Carol Blackwood, M.D.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of November 1, 2014. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Announcements

Carol and Stephanie were trying to Skype to test it out for future use during board meetings. Mike will be setting up Skype in his Hinesburg office, so if it works then Burlington people could group there to participate.

Mark Lichtenstein is stepping down from the board due to health issues. Stephanie will send a gift basket to show appreciation for his service to the VTAFP.

Andrea mentioned that she was going to try to start up a database of providers interested in working per diem through HealthFirst and AHEC. The idea would be people who had recently retired, etc. could put their name there to connect with offices who have a provider taking a leave. If anyone has any ideas she would like the feedback.

4. Reports

a. President's Report – Carol Blackwood

Carol discussed her priorities – increasing communication capabilities to get more participation in board meetings and making the joint meeting with VMS and AAPVT a successful event.

b. Treasurers Report/Budget – Mike Sirois

We are in good shape financially with a Fidelity balance of \$114,774 and a checking account balance of \$42,356. The checking balance is so high because we just received 2 grant payments that we need to spend. We ended our fiscal year with a surplus of \$16,274.83 with dues coming in higher than budgeted.

c. UVM – Tom Peterson

Clerkship is going full force. There are students in practices with great response. Interviewing for residency slots is going great – over 100 interviews for 6 slots (400 applied). 2 of the 6 senior residents matched in nationally acclaimed fellowships.

Tom noted a HRSA grant opportunity to integrate population health in offices.

d. Primary Care/Public Health Integration Meeting

Allyson went over recent meeting topics including HPV, tobacco and pregnant women, vaccine purchasing pool advisory committee (which Allyson serves on). Allyson reported on information she has received from that committee including – new recommendations on PCAV 12 & 13, ACIP recommendations, Prevenar 13 is now supplied and discussing Zostavax with payors to cover and whether it can be part of the federal purchasing plan. Allyson is still working with a group on transition issues.

e. VMS

Stephanie noted that the session had just started and would be one with lots of budget issues – we will see what the Governor has planned when he gives his budget address next week. Stu asked about the bargaining group application. Stephanie hasn't heard back from the state, but will follow-up.

5. Other Business

Stephanie will send the bylaws for the next meeting so we can start reviewing them and looking at the section on board composition.

6. Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2015, from 6-7:30 p.m.