

Vermont Academy of Family Physicians Board Meeting

Saturday, January 24, 2013
Vermont Medical Society Offices, Montpelier, VT

Present: Allyson Bolduc, Stuart Williams, David Little (by phone), Fay Homan, Rob Penney, Carol Blackwood (by phone), Andrea Regan (by phone), Allan Ramsay, Stephanie Winters

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Allyson Bolduc, M.D.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of November 10, 2012. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Prior Authorization – Allan Ramsay

Allan reported that the Green Mountain Care Board (GMCB) annual report is online at www.gmc.vt.us. Right now the GMCB is working on hospital rate review.

Allan asked for the VTAFP Board feedback on a proposal on primary care prior authorization and rate review. He noted that a national survey suggested that primary care practices spent \$64,859 annually per physician interacting with commercial health insurers about payment, formularies, prior authorizations, and claim denials. VMS will be working with Allan to send out a survey to practicing family physicians, internists, and pediatricians on prior authorization practices. Allan will send a draft survey to Stephanie. She will distribute it to the board for feedback.

4. Reports

a. Vermont Medical Society Update – Stuart Williams

Stuart noted that things have been quiet since the last board meeting, but the legislative session had started so things will start to pick up. The Governor gave his budget address and it focused on education, health care reform and transportation.

b. Updates from UVM – David Little

David noted that the number of interviews had got up, and he was unsure if this was a national trend. 5 residents will be done in June and 4 of them want to stay in VT! The pediatric residents hold a resident advocacy day every year and have invited the family physician residents to join them on March 28th.

c. Treasurers Report/Budget – Mike Sirois

Allyson and Mike met to review the chapters' finances. The audit is done and we are in great shape. We have money and need to figure out what to do with it. There is about \$40,000 in the fidelity account, which is \$2,000 more than we reported in November. We have approximately \$57,000 in the checking account. We will have more people attending the COD meeting this year, so we may need to adjust the budget. The board discussed the possibility of moving some money in to the fidelity account from the checking account.

5. Plans for 2013

a. Bargaining Group Application

Stephanie and Stu will meet and draft an application to become a bargaining group. The application will be discussed at the March meeting.

b. Committee Representation

Allyson commented that we currently have representation on the following committees: VDH/VCHIP/OB/AAPVT/VTAFP, Immunization Coalition, Pediatric Council, and the Joint School Health Committee.

c. Resolutions

The VMS resolutions on Patient Incentives and the Vermont Prescription Monitoring System were sent out to the board for consideration to sign on in support. The board thought this would be a good starting point for a process to create our own resolutions. Upon motion made and seconded the board supported signing on to both resolutions.

d. Members connecting with Legislators

Allyson discussed the Oregon key contact program and thought it might be a good idea for the VTAFP to start such a program. Stephanie noted that it would be relatively easy to add to our website. For now the board would like to focus on health care committees. Stephanie will work on getting this up and advertised to the members via email and the next newsletter.

6. Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.