

Vermont Academy of Family Physicians Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 25, 2012
Vermont Medical Society, Montpelier, VT

Present: Stuart Williams, Rob Penney, Michael Sirois (phone), Fay Homan (phone), Tom Peterson (phone), Andrea Regan (Phone), Anna Meyendorff (phone), Stephanie Winters

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Rob Penney, M.D.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of November 5, 2011. The minutes unanimously approved.

3. 2012 Meetings

The board discussed setting the meetings for the year in advance so people had adequate notice.

The dates discussed were:

March - at the VMS Office in Montpelier

June - the Wednesday before Vermont Day - in Burlington

September - at the VMS Office in Montpelier

November - immediately following the annual meeting - at the Capitol Plaza in Montpelier

4. Reports

a. Updates from UVM - Tom Peterson

Tom reported that the Department is still feeling the loss of Dr. Ramsay on the faculty. There are a couple of new faculty and they just finished up resident interviewing.

The Department is close to launching a policy on opiate management.

Data has just been released that medical schools are growing around 15%, but residency slots are not increasing and there is projected to be a shortage in 2015.

b. VDH Report

There has been lots of discussion on immunization and midwives at the meetings. Dr. Shapiro spoke regarding the dangers of co-sleeping and Wendy Davis presented new guidelines on O2 Sats.

c. Treasurers Report/Budget

Stephanie and Rob had a conference call with Mike Sirois, the new VTAFP Treasurer and discussed finances and creating a budget. Stephanie sent a draft budget around and board members seemed to approve. Currently there is around \$45,000 in the checking and \$33,000 in the Fidelity account. Board members asked that Mike, Stephanie and Allyson be added to the Fidelity account and that a \$5,000 limit be placed on the amount any one person can sign a check for. Since Stu Williams practices so close to the office, he was volunteered to be the second signer for checks over \$5,000.

d. Vermont Medical Society Update - Stuart Williams

A lot has been happening in the Legislature so far this session. The next Council meeting will be February in Burlington and the topic will be opiate prescribing. Speakers will be Commissioner of Health Harry Chen and House Human Services Chair Ann Pugh.

5. Officers

- CoD 2012 (Philadelphia 10/14-10/17) – We need people interested in attending the meeting as a Delegate/Alternate Delegate. Rob thinks Allyson may be interested in attending as Delegate, but anyone interested should contact Stephanie.
- President-Elect – We also need a nominee for President-Elect for November.

6. Advocacy

- Immunization Requirements Legislation – The board voted unanimously to support this legislation. Stephanie will send a joint letter to the committee and Andrea agreed to testify.
- Bargaining Group – Stu and Stephanie discussed this with the VMS and there is currently legislation reinstating bargaining groups. They suggested we keep the discussion going and that more will be know after the law passes, by fall.
- Blueprint – Paul Reiss is testifying on the Blueprint in the House Health Care committee soon.

7. Old Business

None

8. Next Meeting – March – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

9. Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.