

Vermont Academy of Family Physicians Board Meeting

Saturday, November 1, 2014
Capitol Plaza Conference Center, Montpelier, VT

Present: Mike Sirois, Carol Blackwood, Nellie Wirsing, Anne Morris, Tom Peterson, Alicia Guilford, Elizabeth Newman, Reid Blackwelder, Paul Reiss, Stuart Williams, Clara Keegan, Fay Homan, Mark Lichtenstein, Allyson Bolduc, Emily Jones, Andrea Regan, Ben Clements, Stephanie Winters

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:59 p.m. by Carol Blackwood, M.D.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of September 16, 2014. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Announcements

The VTAFP 2015 Annual Meeting will be held in collaboration with the VMS and AAPVT Chapter on Friday, November 6 & Saturday November 7th. Save the date!

Also we will be getting the key contact program under way after the elections!

4. Reports

a. President's Report – Carol Blackwood

Carol discussed looking in to technology to have people join the board meetings by video conferencing.

The meeting schedule for next year will be:

January 13th, March 10th, June 3rd, September 8th all to be held from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Montpelier (except for the June meeting which will be held in Burlington).

Discussion ensued on board composition and bylaws. We should review at the next meeting.

b. UVM – Tom Peterson

Last year 6 students match in family medicine, which is low, but this year there are 14-15 applying and it is a great group. The Family Medicine Residency program has 3 directors (Morris, Gibson & McCray) and this year there are 107 applicants scheduled for 6 slots.

This year the UVM FM Dept. is requesting \$6,625 for support. A motion was made to approve the amount. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

c. Treasurers Report/Budget – Mike Sirois

A draft 2015 budget was presented that reflected income and expenses received last year and so far this year. Upon motion made and seconded the budget was approved. Mike reported that we remain solvent with \$113,00 in the Fidelity account and \$25,812 in the checking account. Year to date we have taken in \$20,446.33 so we are on track to make our income goal.

d. VDH

Allyson gave an overview the monthly integration meetings that included developmental screening pilot of a registry and a transition workgroup that is collecting data and working to identify practices that would take kids with a "warm handoff". The lead program continues with free testing machines

e. **VMS**

Allyson discussed the letter that the VMS had sent to the GMCB on proposed pilot year 3 measure chances for Vermont Accountable Care Organizations (ACO's). She wondered if the VTAFP could send its one letter. A motion was made to endorse sending such a letter and was seconded and supported unanimously.

5. **Congress of Delegate Report**

Allyson, Carol and Andy attended this year and it is a great meeting and people should consider attending. It energizes and reaffirms what we do.

6. **Other Business**

Alicia Guilford has been representing VTAFP on the Unified Pain Management Workgroup. She has been attending meetings and presented some changes to statute that are being proposed and she asked for feedback.

Discussion regarding the Blueprint not keeping up with costs yet increasing standards and not increasing pay ensued over dinner. Paul Reiss discussed HealthFirst possibly pulling out of the BP if this wasn't rectified. Suggestions to the BP are – do away with repeated change attribution method and allow flexibility for payment. The VTAFP should as the BP for a spot on the executive committee since 80 something % of practices in the BP are family practices.

7. **Adjourn**

This meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, from 6-7:30 p.m.