

Vermont Academy of Family Physicians Board Meeting

Saturday, November 5, 2011
Comfort Inn, Montpelier, VT

Present: Alicia Guilford, Rob Penney, Mark Lichtenstein, Carol Blackwood, Michael Sirois, Tom Peterson, Paul Reiss, Joanna Weinstock, Allyson Bolduc, Stuart Williams, Mary Dill, Fay Homan, Cy Jordan, Stephanie Winters

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:16 p.m. by Rob Penney, M.D.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of September 29, 2011. The minutes unanimously approved.

3. Reports

a. Vermont Medical Society Update – Stuart Williams

The VMS Annual Meeting was held October 29, 2011. Norm Ward a family physician was elected as President-Elect of the VMS at this meeting. There was lively conversation regarding the proposed resolutions, which passed. The resolutions were: creating an Act 48 progress report, reconvening the Physician Policy Council (bargaining group), distracted driving, opposition to a provider tax, and patient education & responsibility for health.

Discussion ensued on the creation of a primary care bargaining group. What steps would need to be taken, how would we go about creating the bargaining group? Stu and Stephanie will research for the next meeting.

b. Updates from UVM – Tom Peterson/David Little

The loss of Allan Ramsay to the Green Mountain Care board is a huge hit to the palliative care unit at UVM. The medical students are going great guns and more students are going in to family medicine residency! UVM received a 5 year HRSA grant – TopMed for students. The residency program is in the middle of the interview process for next year.

c. Treasurers Report/Budget

Michael Sirois has agreed to serve as Treasurer for the VTAFP. Upon motion made and seconded, Michael Sirois was unanimously voted in to serve as Treasurer.

Stephanie reported that the financials had been given over to the accountants and that there was some question as to the end of the fiscal year actually being December instead of September. If this is the case it will delay the audit as we will have to wait until the end of the fiscal year. Currently there is \$31,623.46 in the checking account and the mutual fund balance of \$35,000.00. Stephanie, Rob, Allyson and Mike will meet after the audit and to work on setting a budget.

4. Vermont Day

At the last Vermont Day it was realized that non-VTAFP members were going to VT Day without paying. The VTAFP donates \$1000.00 toward VT Day to cover its member's registration. The UVM Department of Family Medicine is going to cover this and they thank the VTAFP for the continued support.

5. Website

After a technical hiatus, the VTAFP website is back up and running, but we need to update it and get more useful information on it.

Suggestions were:

- Post the meeting information with presentations
- Look at the NY State website for ideas
- Post the concussion guidelines and sexual abuse information (from VDH meetings)
- Link to the immunization schedule
- Link to the AAFP about membership and how to join
- Meeting minutes and the Newsletter

We need a champion to review the website for updates and get information to Stephanie that should be put on. Mark Lichtenstein volunteered to do this.

6. Grant

The VTAFP has secured a grant with the Vermont Department of Health to work on issues relating to Maternal Child Health (e.g. immunizations, breastfeeding, oral health, etc.) Discussion ensued on possible ideas for the grant funds.

7. Blueprint

Rob, Paul Reiss and Joe Haddock met with Craig Jones and Lisa Dulsky Watkins regarding payment issues with the Blueprint. The Blueprint is substantially underfunded and Paul Reiss reported that they are getting paid less now as a Blueprint practice than FAHC. VTAFP needs more input in to the process!

8. Advocacy

Rob met with legislative leaders and discussed possible opiate prescription legislation. We need more people to get involved!

9. Other Business

The UVM Department of Family Medicine has submitted a request for student funding in the amount of \$3790. It is less than last year as they had some funds left over. A motion was made to support this at the amount requested. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

10. Next Meeting – January (we will poll the board to find a common date)

11. Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.