

Vermont Academy of Family Physicians Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 22, 2012
Vermont Medical Society, Montpelier, VT

Present: Allyson Bolduc, Andre Regan (phone), Carol Blackwood (phone), David Little (phone), Fay Homan, Mark Lichtenstein, Mike Sirois (phone), Rob Penney, Stuart Williams, Tom Peterson (phone), Stephanie Winters

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of January 25, 2012. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Reports

a. Updates from UVM – Tom Peterson

Tom reported that there were 14 family medicine students this year which is a jump from 5 last year. The resident match was very successful for residents in family medicine and peds too – a strong primary care year!

b. Treasurers Report/Budget – Mike Sirois

Mike reported that there is a little over \$50,000 in the checking account and \$36,000 in the fidelity account at the end of the year.

c. VDH Report

The February and March meetings have had presentations on immunizations- including new information on Zostovax, GIS mapping, and new growth charts for WIC.

d. Vermont Medical Society Update – Stuart Williams

David Coddair, a family physician from Morrisville is considering running for Vice President of the VMS. A lot continues to happen on the legislative front.

4. November CME Meeting Suggestions

Possible topic ideas thrown out were:

- Updates from members on committees (would also like to see this in the newsletter);
- Panel discussion on what works and what doesn't
- Update on the GMCB from Allan Ramsay
- Pharmacologist talk about drug testing

5. Officers

a. CoD 2012 – Delegate/Alt. Del.

Allyson will serve as Delegate again. Mike Johnson, Andrea Regan or Carol Blackwood are possibilities to also serve.

b. President-Elect

Please think of candidates for this office. They will be elected at the November meeting. Jim Ulager or Sharon Fine were suggested.

6. Advocacy

H.745, the prescription monitoring bill passed the House. Two provisions that were of concern were removed from the bill – 1) requiring physicians to provide patients' records to drug diversion investigators, and 2) requiring physicians to check the VPMS every time prior to prescribing a controlled substance.

H.559, the Health Reform Bill is mostly dealing with the health insurance exchanges this year and has passed the House. This legislation would create a new health benefit exchange.

H.524, eliminates the requirement that naturopaths prescribe consistent with a formulary. The Commissioner of Health and the Director of the Office of Professional Regulation both support this legislation.

S.209 is also supported by the Commissioner of Health and the Director of the Blueprint for Health. This bill would require health insurers to cover naturopaths as primary care providers and medical homes under the BP.

S.103 is the death with dignity bill and this is unlikely to get anywhere this year.

H.777 is a bill that would by law exempt licensed midwives and certified nurse midwives from carrying medical malpractice insurance for home birth until 2014. This was voted out of the House Health Care Committee, but on the House floor was committee back to House Judiciary for further work.

S.199, is the immunization bill that would remove the philosophical exemption for immunizations required for school entry. The bill passed overwhelmingly in the Senate, but is not certain in the House. The House Health Care committee held a public hearing last night and will take testimony all next week in committee.

7. Other Business

a. Vermont Day Funding

Upon motion made and seconded, the board voted unanimously to support Vermont Day with the customary \$1000.00.

b. Grant

Stephanie will work with a communications specialist to update and re-do the website. There was also agreement to co-sponsor and IZ PR campaign with the Peds. A suggestion was brought up to survey families who don't immunize with why and barriers.

8. Next Meeting – June – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

9. Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.