

Vermont Academy of Family Physicians Board Meeting

June 4, 2015

Held at the residence of Allyson Bolduc, South Burlington, VT

Present: Carol Blackwood, Tom Peterson, Adrienne Trout, Rob Penney, Allyson Bolduc, Andrea Regan, Mike Sirois, Anne Morris, Fay Homan, Stephanie Winters

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:23 p.m. by Carol Blackwood, M.D.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of March 26, 2015. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Reports

a. Presidents Report – Carol Blackwood

Carol discussed the collaborative fall meeting – November 6th & 7th and asked for topic ideas. The group suggested the following:

- Case-based presentation through the specialty – pair specialties, come up with a case and how it touches each specialty through the process.
- Poster Session
- VCHIP Projects
- Wilderness Medicine – Rob Williams
- Dermatology – Laura McGevna
- Top 10 things that changed/4 pearls from ea. Specialty/what specialties would like other specialties to know – John King

b. Treasurers Report/Budget – Mike Sirois

Mike note that our financial health remains well. To date we have \$59,053.06 in our checking account and \$116,484.19 in our Fidelity account. The checking balance does include grant funds and we have not yet paid the VMS support fee. Year to date we are on target with our budget.

c. UVM – Tom Peterson

Tom reported that 6 new residents have started and 2 residents are going in to fellowships in sports medicine. A residency program has been approved to start at CVPH next July. The dental residency is going well. 17 out of 116 students are entering family medicine (which is the highest ever), AND – the family medicine clerkship ranked #1 for the third year in a row!

d. Primary Care/Public Health Integration Meeting – Allyson Bolduc

Allyson noted that recently the meeting has discussed tobacco, the transition pilot between peds and family med., and immunizations with a reporting from Chris Finley, the VDH immunization chief on changes, updates, etc.

e. VMS/Legislative Update

Stephanie reported on the legislative wrap-up. As of July 1, 2016 there will no longer be a philosophical exemption for school entry immunizations! This is a direct influence of all the calls, emails and testimony from the physicians of the state including the VTAFP! Unfortunately, the sugary drinks excise tax did not pass, instead the tax is on all drinks and is a sales tax so will have no public health impact. In a meeting with Speaker of the House Shap Smith, Stephanie noted that he thought an excise tax would pass, just not in the next few years. The Medicaid increase or restoration of the ACA primary care bump did not make it through the last minute budget wrangling - instead there will be a 2% increase. A \$ 88 increase on the tobacco tax did pass this year.

4. Bylaws Review

Carol drafted some changes to article 5 of the constitution that would clarify board representation. Also, she made changes to the bylaws and the election and powers and duties of office section. Board members are asked to review. After some discussion and suggestions Carol will make further changes and bring the edits to the next meeting in September.

5. Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, from 6-7:30 p.m.