

Vermont Academy of Family Physicians Board Meeting

Thursday, September 20, 2012
Vermont Medical Society, Montpelier, VT

Present: Allyson Bolduc, Fay Homan, Mike Sirois (phone), Rob Penney, Stuart Williams, Stephanie Winters

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Rob Penney, M.D.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of June 6, 2012. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Reports

a. Updates from UVM – Allyson Bolduc

Allyson reported that the residents were very active and that there are some from the year class that are thinking of staying in VT. There are 5 in the year class. Interviewing starts soon. The residents do have a list serve and Allyson will check to see if anyone that is interested can join.

b. Treasurers Report/Budget – Mike Sirois

Mike reported that the audit is finished and we are just waiting for the report from the auditors. The fidelity account has \$36,000 and the checking has \$38,000 which will increase with the additional grant income we are expecting.

c. VDH Report

The August and September meetings focused on Act 157 (the immunization reporting changes for schools), and update on the pertussis outbreak, health department grants, and the revision of the sports clearance form. There was also an announcement that the UVM Dept. of Mental Health offers a consultation service for primary care physicians to help expedite treatment in the pcp office.

d. Vermont Medical Society Update – Stuart Williams

The VMSERF leadership conference will be held on 9/22 at the UVM College of Medicine. The VMS will hold its annual meeting on October in Woodstock, VT and will review and adopt its policy resolutions for the upcoming year.

The VMS has asked for the support on a bill that it introduced last year on inter-professional health care professional collaboration and health care professional disclosure of license type to patients – “truth in advertising”. Upon motion made and seconded the board voted unanimously to support the bill with the VMS.

4. Family Physician of the Year Nominations

To date, we have received no nominations for the VT Family Physician of the Year. A few names were discussed by board members. We will wait until the deadline of 9/30 and send the names out that were received to the board for email voting.

5. November Meeting – 11/10/12

The agenda is set with presentations on women’s health issues, men’s health issues, children’s health issues, and a palliative care panel. Please make sure you sign up and bring a friend!

6. Advocacy

Discussion around a possible survey to the membership with the following questions:

- 1) What do you want from the VTAFP?
- 2) What Issues should we advocate for
- 3) What benefits would you like to see offered?
- 4) Do you have an EMR, which one, and are you satisfied with it?
- 5) On a scale of 1-10 how do you feel about health care reform?
- 6) What role should VTAFP play in health care reform?
- 7) What is your opinion on Death with Dignity?
- 8) What is your satisfaction level with the chapter?

Rob Penney met with Allan Ramsay who stated that the VTAFP should apply for bargaining group status. Rob also met with Robin Lunge and discussed the Blueprint and NCQA.

7. Other Business

None

8. Next Meeting – November – 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

9. Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.