

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2017, 5-7 p.m.
Terrace Conference Room, 213 East Capitol Ave.
Jefferson City, MO

President Heidt called the meeting to order. Board members in attendance were: Drs. Heidt, Schwarz, Poirier, Char, Koburov, Owen, Koboldt, Bausano, Sampson and McMurry. Resident representatives in person were: Drs. Hormberg-WU, Monahan-University of Missouri-Columbia. Attending by phone: Drs. Jamtgaard, Andrews, Rueckert, and Resident member Dr. Bachman-University of Missouri – Kansas City. Jorgen Schlemeier and Sarah Luebbert also participated.

Minutes

Attention was brought to the minutes from the last board meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes and the motion carried.

Legislative Update

Heidt, Char, Poirier and Jorgen will meet with the House budget chair, Rep. Scott Fitzpatrick, at 2 p.m. on January 24, to discuss removing the LANE line item from the MO HealthNet budget and possibly replacing it with MMERP.

Jorgen provided a legislative update including:

- There is a large gap in the state budget due to revenue shortfalls, so \$500 million will need to be cut from the FY18 budget. There has been discussions of cutting Medicaid payments across the board. Talked about delayed managed care implementation to assist with the cuts.
- Dr. Frederick has a bill that requires all medical school brochures to contain a warning that you may commit suicide if you decide to attend medical school.
- There is another bill about charging copays for emergency room visits for Medicaid patients.
- Tort Reform is doing well across all topics. The tort coalition has been discussing the EMTALA liability and could bring it up next year. Sen. Caleb Rowden has a bill that most practitioners are behind, where a contracted or privileged physician was sued and the hospital was looped in. The courts stated they were an employee and were liable as well. This bill would help define the difference between employed and privileged physicians so the hospital can't be sued in the future.
- Collaborative practice agreement bills have been filed again from the nurse practitioners. There are multiple bills. One bill would allow more agreements with one physician and would eliminate the distance between the physician and nurse. MHA is not supporting any of these bills but different hospitals are interested in loosening up the collaborative practice agreements.
- The sepsis bill is not likely to have any more movement. The requirement already exists and this was addressed in the hearing.

- There are some efforts to eliminate the balance billing issue. The insurance companies are not negotiating with the air ambulance services. There was additional discussion about the usage of air ambulance services and the lack of regulation in Missouri.
- Pharmaceutical pricing: A bill has been filed that states if the price of a drug increases more than 3% in a year then the drug will be removed from the formulary list. There are a few ideas that are floating around including 340B pricing to increase the number of patients that can receive this. Another idea is to go to the pharmaceutical company and tell them the drug will be on a prior-authorize list if they don't lower the price of their drug.

TCD CME update

Dr. Heidt provided background on TCD CME. As of three weeks ago, BOHA had not yet set up the task force that they stated they would establish at the October meeting. MHA held a meeting on this topic in which the stakeholders discussed the issues they have with the current requirements.

The TCD survey was sent to the MOCEP membership and the results were shared with the board. There was discussion if the current requirements are still in place and if they can be audited with DHSS no longer having control of the development of this CME.

There was discussion on what we should be telling the physicians and hospitals in the interim when the audits begin in the urban areas of St. Louis and Kansas City. Governor's Greitens executive order to hold any new regulations from being implemented for 100 days could impact the timeframe of the BOHA's actions to develop a task force. Jorgen is checking with BOHA about the status of the task force being developed.

If the current CME requirements are kept in place, there could be an issue with having enough new CME each year to meet the requirements because the technology doesn't advance fast enough to have new information to create CME.

We need to keep top-of-mind the goal of the original TCD requirements as we move forward on the steps to restructure the requirements. The question was asked if nurse practitioners are required to adhere to CME on stroke/trauma/STEMI. Heidt stated it is left up to the hospital to determine based on the NP's involvement with the patients. It was questioned if there should be a variance in CME requirements for board-certified physicians over non-certified.

Missouri Medicaid ER Reduction Program (MMERP)

Heidt provided a background on the LANE analysis that was discussed with MO HealthNet Division (MHD) beginning in summer of 2016. After discussions with MHA and MSMA, we began to work together on a plan to develop a proposal for us to provide to MHD with an alternative to LANE. The three groups met with Dr. Parks, director of MHD, in October and he came back and said he would like to implement both programs. Dr. Parks then announced his retirement and left as of December 31, 2016. The FY17 budget includes a line item of savings

for MHD of \$10 million. We believe MHD is going to be looking to make these savings before June 30, 2017. The executive summary was distributed to the board and asked for it to be kept confidential at this time. MOCEP representatives will continue to meet with MHA and MSMA representatives to further our efforts to push our joint proposal.

Several board members noted that their Health systems are putting together numbers of how LANE would impact their institution.

Dr. Heidt provided an overview of how the EDIE system will work if this system is implemented. There was additional discussion about the HIDI system from MHA being implemented into the MMERP program.

Dr. Schwarz testified earlier this evening at a hearing on powdered alcohol. The new legislation is attempting to ban the sale of this to anybody under 21, because the current legislation doesn't prohibit it.

Committee Updates:

EMS/ITLS

Bob Page provided an update and has asked us to provide him with the name of another medical director to replace the prior one. Dr. Lynthia Andrews volunteered for this position. Page stated 30 classes have been scheduled for the first quarter and that is ahead of last year at this time.

The number of classes being scheduled has decreased due to a change in requirements causing a reduction in the amount of training needed. There is a new course coming to Missouri Southern and possibly a pediatrics class coming. The current two year cycle ends in March so these groups will need to begin their two year cycle again.

Bylaws

Dr. Poirier reviewed the suggested edits from the ACEP bylaws review committee. We need to have all edits to the bylaws committee by Feb. 14, they meet on Feb. 21, and then we will need to notify our membership of the changes, and vote on it at the next membership meeting in May.

Dr. Jotte motioned that we make the discussed changes and then submit back to the board for final approval before submitting to the bylaws committee. Approved by all.

Education & Programming

Sarah provided an overview of the 2017 Advocacy Day.

The Annual Membership Meeting will be May 4 in Springfield. Sarah will look into lowering the price for the sleeping rooms and will book a block of rooms for the board. Need to add to calendar and send out save the date.

Drs. Char and Sampson will be speaking at the SEC Conference in Florida this year. MOCEP has been slowly increasing our attendance at the event to see if there is enough interest from Missouri physicians. Since we have continued hosting our annual meeting in conjunction with Tom Steele we haven't pushed attendance at the event yet. Dr. Heidt would like to finish out this year in promoting the SEC Conference since we committed to a three year turn. At the summer board meeting we will discuss what to do with our annual meeting in the future. It was recommended that we send a board member separately from those that will be subsidized for speaking. The event is June 5-8.

EM Medical Student Symposium - An email was sent to several board members regarding an event held in Ohio and board members thought it would be interesting to host something similar in Missouri. We could host it in conjunction with the SAEM event in September. Would want to work with EMRA on this opportunity. Could apply for EMRA funding to help sponsor. We could reach out to Iowa and Illinois to invite them to attend. The education and finance committee need to discuss the financial aspects of it, and we will further discuss at the board retreat. Want to make sure it has a MOCEP branding to it.

National Emergency Nurses Association is meeting in September. Dr. Char was inquiring if MOCEP would like to have a presence at the event. Could possibly be a happy hour or a small event. Dr. Char and Sarah will work on this event.

Grants/Awards

RR Hannas Award Recommendations - Five physician candidates were nominated and two resident candidates were nominated. The committee recommends that Dr. Melissa Kroll be awarded the RR Hannas resident award.

There was a lot of discussion regarding the physician candidates and it was narrowed down to two candidates in which they tied. The committee would like to recommend that both candidates, Drs. Charles Sheppard and Brent Ruoff, receive the award if the budget allows for it.

No objections were made to the recommendations. A motion was made by Dr. Jotte to add a line item in the budget to allow for another \$1,000 to be expended for the second award for the RR Hannas Physician of the Year. This was approved.

The committee also felt like there should be a new award developed as a Lifetime Achievement Award for individuals that have been in the trenches and an advocate for emergency medicine. Bausano motioned that the awards committee be granted approval to establish guidelines for a MOCEP lifetime achievement award. Koburov seconded the motion. All approved.

Bill Jermyn MOCEP Advocacy Grant-We have three candidates to date for this grant. The deadline is January 31.

MOCEP Student Advocacy Grant-Sarah will let Cathey Wise with EMRA know that we have developed a new student advocacy grant.

Communication

Schwarz stated the January issue of EPIC will be sent out later this week. He also noted that we are still in need of volunteers for the marketing subcommittee. This group will discuss future advertising and marketing ideas to propose to the board.

MOCEP App update: Dr. Poirier reported the app is ready to go, will need to connect the app company with our website company to launch it.

Membership Committee

Dr. Koboldt reported our current membership is 577 and the committee has been working on contacting those that have lapsed. ACEP is sending letters to prospects, and have asked us to follow up with these individuals. We are up 30 members over last year at year end. Our residency retention is doing well, we are at 77% vs. 70% national.

Finance/Treasurer's Report

Dr. Poirier provided a financial update:

- Dues are at \$48,574.97.
- Management income will take out \$7500 from ITLS this year due to taking out the management fee later at the end of FY16
- We are doing well financially this year.

ITLS budget has lost about one-third of the revenue. ITLS is breaking even for now, when we take out our management fee it puts them in a deficit.

It was discussed the depth of work required for the medical director position within ITLS. Dr. Andrews feels it will be only about 12-15 hours per year. We might see a boost with the new pediatrics classes being developed. There was discussion of possibly compensating the new medical director.

SEMPA Updates

Terry Carlisle's update was sent to Sarah and she reported that Terry is currently doing a research paper, abstract and hopefully present the posters at SEMPA conference in April on: 1) cost vs benefit of a PA post graduate fellowship in emergency medicine 2) a study looking at all the post graduate PA residencies/fellowships in emergency medicine looking at Curricula.

EMS committee

Dr. Andrews reported they are still looking at the TCD program and special needs legislation. There is new legislation to require every ambulance to carry steroids for a limited number of patients that may need it. ACEP is working on the DEA legislation so we can continue to carry narcotics on the ambulance. This legislation has passed the house and is in the committee on

the Senate side. State EMS medical director proposed legislation states that the state medical director could be one of the regional medical directors. There are currently six of these but nobody is necessarily interested in this position. The legislation could be interpreted that DHSS would be able to choose a person to fill this role. There isn't current funding for this position.

Dr. Heidt stated that MOCEP was contacted to nominate a new emergency physician to the J5 Medicare Contractor Advisory Committee due to the current representative being termed out. Dr. Poirier explained that Medicare is divided up into seven regions across the US, Missouri is in Region 5 based out of Wisconsin. They have physician representatives that meet or hold a conference call several times a year to provide advice to the Medicare Region 5 decision makers. Dr. Heidt nominated Dr. Poirier to be the representative and he accepted, the board approved by acclamation. Sarah will submit his name as our nominee so J5CAC can begin the vetting process.

New Business

Nomination for Sabina Braithwaite, MD, is running for vice speaker for ACEP. MOCEP has to submit a nomination for her to be considered. Poirier provided an overview of her history. Most likely her opposition will be Gary Katz, MD. She will be given directives on a video that she has to create a video as part of her election. MOCEP board has agreed to endorse her. Char and Poirier will draft a letter of nomination for Heidt to review. The board has requested that she attend the Annual Membership Meeting. There was a question raised if we could help support her campaign. Sarah was asked to find out if other states, similar in size, financially assist candidates, and if so how much.

Closed the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Opened the PAC Committee meeting

PAC funds currently stand at \$20,904.50. \$2,450.00 was donated in the 2016 election cycle.

Jorgen suggested maintaining our current funds for the next election cycle because there will likely be some more physicians and other medical personnel running in 2018.