

## Vermont Academy of Family Physicians Board Meeting

Thursday, June 10, 2010  
Willsboro Board Room, Sheraton Hotel, Burlington, VT

**Present:** Paul Reiss, Carol Blackwood, David Little, Tom Peterson, Stuart Williams, Fay Homan, Robert Penney, Andrea Reagan, Sharon Fine, Joanne Reiss, Stephanie Winters **Absent:** Mark Lichtenstein

	<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>RESP. PARTY</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>
1.	Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m.			
2.	Approval of Minutes	A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of March 6, 2010. The minutes unanimously approved.			
3.	Congress of Delegates	Discussion ensued on how many Delegates the Chapter should have and who should attend the meetings. Due to budgetary issues some felt that both Delegates and both Alternates should not attend the meetings. A motion was made to have 2 Delegates and 1 Alternate attend the national meetings and to make sure that a new attendee is matched up with someone who has attended previously. This policy will be revisited yearly. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.	<b>Rob Penney, Tom Peterson and Faye Homan will attend this year.</b>		
4.	Vermont Medical Society/Legislative Activities	Stuart Williams discussed the need for an alternate delegate for Family Physicians on the VMS Council. Mark Lichtenstein was interested, but he is not currently a VMS member. VMS will be holding its priority planning retreat on the 19 <sup>th</sup> of June and generally hold 4 meetings per year. The Council is the governing body of VMS and directs the staff on resolutions and lobbying efforts. Mary Dill mentioned her interest after her presidency.			
5.	Strategic Planning Update	Mary reported that Nancy Fisher from AAFP is interested in attending the strategic plan discussions at the September Board meeting. Since the Board meetings are only 2 hours, and the strategic plan won't be the only topic the Board did	<b>Dr. Little will meet with Deb Richter to see what she wants from the VTAFP</b>	<b>David Little</b>	

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6.	<p>Vermont Department of Health Grant</p> <p>not feel it would be valuable for the AAFP to attend. David Little stated that Deb Richter was expanding her efforts – Primary Care VT – if the VTAFP wanted to collaborate that would be better to bolster the efforts rather than start another group.</p> <p>At the September Board meeting it was discussed that members will focus on one strategic plan initiative and decided how to achieve it.</p> <p>The VTAFP no longer has a grant with VDH as of the end of June. Mary was able to advocate for \$15,000 in funding through the AAPVT Chapter for funding for school health committee work and lead education.</p>			
7.	<p>Blueprint for Health</p> <p>Sharon Fine discussed that her practice has been doing a medical home pilot for years and that this initiative has gained a fair amount of national attention especially with the Health Care Reform Bill, which actually took some of what Vermont has been doing and used it in the bill.</p> <p>The Blueprint is looking to expand the pilot statewide with payment reform from federal money. The Blueprint is looking for a letter of support from the VTAFP for this initiative. Board members asked Sharon if there was any private practice representation on the board and she didn't think so. They also asked if VTAFP could have a seat on the Blueprint Executive Board. Paul Reiss was interested in serving on this. The Board needs to see the executive summary of the expansion in order to sign on to the letter.</p> <hr/>	<p><b>Sharon Fine will talk to Craig Jones and Lisa Dulsky-Watkins on getting the exec. summary and to see if VTAFP can sit on the Exec. Board</b></p>	<p><b>Sharon Fine</b></p>	

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8.	<p><b>VTAFP Financial Report</b></p> <p><b>ASSETS</b>  Cash (Chittenden Bank Checking) 33,900  Investments (as of 5/10/10) <u>31,270</u>  Total Assets: 65,170</p> <p><b>Tax Status</b> - At least once every 3 years an “e-postcard” tax filing is necessary to maintain tax exempt status for small non-profits with gross receipts of &lt;\$25,000. Completed for 2009. An on-line account exists for the purpose of this filing.</p> <p><b>DUES</b> - A dues increase of \$25 (25%) was voted by the Board, with prior approval by the membership to raise dues as needed. Will be in effect for FY 2011.  '08 dues: 23,204  '09 dues: 22,649  '10 YTD 21,963  Expected '11 dues with increase: 28,200</p> <p><b>Budget</b> – VAFP Has been running at a loss every year (except '10). '07 = -2812/'08= -3093/'09= -7708/'10 (YTD) + 2700</p> <p><i>Notes: With reinstatement of Registration fees, the FY 2010 Annual meeting broke even. Department of Health Grant funds were previously used to support the Public Health portions of the Annual Meeting CME, as well as some Administrative costs of the Academy. These funds were no longer available for this purpose as of 2009. Health Department Grant funds will now come from Vt Acad Pediatrics funding. We plan to drop the \$900 insurance policy previously required by the VDH.</i></p> <p>A motion was made seconded and approved to accept the treasurers' report. Mike Johnson will be taking over for Paul as treasurer.</p>	<p>A motion was made seconded and approved to accept the treasurers' report. Mike Johnson will be taking over for Paul as treasurer.</p>		

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9.	Annual Meeting a. Program Update b. AAFP Representative c. VTAFP Board/Officers	<p>Robert Penney announced that the VTAFP Annual Meeting is Saturday, 11/13/10 in Berlin at the hospital. There are a few things lined up and ideas, but need some ideas for non-UVM speakers. Some ideas are depression in kids/parents, contract negotiation, chronic pain in the elderly, practical genetics and EMR's. Carol Blackwood also offered to do a presentation on geriatrics: when enough is enough.</p> <p>Discussion ensued on allowing non-pharma sponsorships. Mary felt that sponsorships should not be allowed. Upon motion made, seconded and approved, the board voted to allow non-pharmaceutical sponsorships for meetings.</p>			
10.	VITL Report	<p>Paul Reiss reported that VITL is much intertwined with the Blueprint with Hunt Blair involved and being the Deputy Director for Health Care Reform in Vermont. Their annual meeting last September was great, but not a lot of physicians attended. The primary mission of VITL is to get EHR's in practices. Their secondary mission is to help hospitals and practices exchange information.</p>			
11.	Updates from UVM	<p>David Little reported that the Family Medicine Clerkship has increased in length from 4 to 6 weeks effective in March 2011. A key course in the medical student curriculum this year is generations run by a family physician, Charlotte Reback. UVM is still above the national curve for medical students becoming family physician residents with 9 this year. This weekend is medical alumni weekend and Melanie Lawrence is being honored.</p>			
12.	Next Meeting	<p>The next meeting will be in September. The board prefers evenings.</p>	<p><b>Mary Dill will poll the board on availability</b></p>	<p><b>Mary Dill</b></p>	
13.	Adjourn	<p>The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.</p>			