

# Vermont Academy of Family Physicians Board Meeting

Thursday, September 29, 2011  
Vermont Medical Society, Montpelier, VT

**Present:** Rob Penney, Allyson Bolduc, Fay Homan (phone), Mary Dill, Andrea Regan (phone), David Little, Tom Peterson, Anna Meyendorff, Carol Blackwood (phone), Stephanie Winters

## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m. by Rob Penney, M.D.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of May 25, 2011. The minutes unanimously approved. David Little noted that the minutes referenced VT Day and we need to keep that on our radar.

## 3. Reports

### a. Vermont Medical Society Update – Stephanie Winters

The Governor announced the appointees to the Green Mountain Care Board. Two of the appointees are primary care physicians – Dr. Allan Ramsay & Dr. Karen Hein. The Vermont Medical Society Education and Research Foundation has been awarded a \$130,000 grant from the Physicians Foundation to help fund the creation of a statewide Physicians Resource Center. Dr. Cy Jordan will be spearheading the efforts of the foundation as the Administrator. The VMS annual meeting will be held on October 29, 2011 with the banquet keynote Dr. Ramsay who will also be awarded with the VMS Distinguished Service Award that evening.

### b. Updates from UVM – Tom Peterson

The medical school has received a 2 year grant for education on the diagnosis of ovarian cancer. They have also received a pre-doctoral grant to work on keeping medical students interested in family medicine.

### c. VDH Report – Rob Penney

Monthly meetings continue with the VDH, VCHIP, AAPVT and the OB's. Discussions in the past few months at the meetings have been on concussions, lead and midwives doing homebirths.

### d. Treasurers Report/Audit Status

The audit is being scheduled but couldn't happen until the end of the fiscal year, which is 9/30. Michael Sirois has agreed to serve as the Treasurer of the VTAFP. A motion was made and seconded to vote Michael Sirois in as treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.

### e. Congress of Delegates

Both Rob and Allyson were able to attend the Congress of Delegates meeting in Orlando a few weeks ago. Jeffrey Cane from Colorado was elected president-elect of the AAFP. Topics that were covered during the meeting were: RUC problem and some chapters suing the RUC regarding family medicine rates. Also the corporate sponsorship with Coca Cola was brought up. Topics at the town meeting were SGR, GME funding, and CMS Center for Innovation – ACO's are here to stay, but may be \$\$\$ for primary care.

**4. Grant Status**

We were able to secure a grant with the Vermont Department of Health Maternal Child Health Division. We received our first installment of that grant for \$6000. The total grant this year was for \$30,000.

Discussion ensued on possible grant related activities such as mini-grants and Vermont Day. Stephanie explained the importance of good record keeping and accountability to the grant and its criteria. Stephanie will get the grant priorities and goals out to the board.

**5. Family Physician of the Year**

Discussion on the nominees ensued. We received a few nominations with very little background. Those who nominated are encouraged to resubmit next year. John Saia was unanimously voted as the 2011 Family Physician of the Year. David Little nominated him and will work on presentation speech.

**6. Website – Review and Discussion**

The website is back up and running, but we need feedback on content. Suggestions included:

- Section for VDH
- Find a member section
- Resource section
- Department website
- Legislation

**7. DHMC Teen Mental Health Initiative**

Rob received a letter regarding the VTAFP support of this initiative. It is a resource to improve screening for depression in teens. Rob is going to contact Dr. Kazal and ask for more information and see if VT doctors are already involved.

**8. November Meeting – 11/5/11**

Discussion on the proposed agenda ensued. Some changes to the timing were made. The meeting notice will go out this week.

**9. Opioid Prescribing Management**

Discussion ensued on whether the chapter should take a lead role in responsible opioid prescribing including education, academic detailing and a champion in each office. This is something that the grant could fund.

**10. Other Business**

**11. Adjourn**

This meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.