

MOAPA Minutes

Feb 20, 2010

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Kelbie Larbey, Dawn Calabrese

Via conference call—Liz Roe, Toby Bisges

Call to Order—Paul

Approval of Minutes—Motion by Paul, Second by everyone

Legislative Update—Paul, Liz

-**HB 1738**—goal to decrease requirements for waiver to that of federal standards
-Had to change language to be more specific. New language states PA/physician teams apply once, then after approved will not be required to reapply or meet new standards for supervision other than stated, and same as federal requirements—supervision every 2 weeks

-This does not apply to HPSA clinics, which will still require renewal Q5 yrs

-Language of controlled substance portion also requested to be changed. Now states that a PA “may prescribe in pursuant w/ supervision agreement”, instead of previous language stating “may not prescribe without independent consultation of physician.” Old language will be taken out as to not be interpreted that this would be for all medications prescribed by a PA.

-This change was also required by BNDD so not up for interpretation

-Goal to try to encourage other PAs to come to MOAPA w/ practice/supervision questions rather than straight to BOHA, as this has led to further problems w/ interpretation recently.

-Missouri legislative session = Jan to May; hopefully this Bill will reach House committee in March

-Senate bill, possibly to go to hearing in 2weeks

-Jorgen to meet w/ the BOHA attorney to go over language changes requested by BOHA before the Bill has made it too far in either the House or Senate

Handicapped License Bill

-No updates yet, possibly to roll into current Bill

Disaster Planning Bill

-A physician w/ Missouri Physician Disaster Corps approached MAPA regarding this issue

-Her question is whether or not PA model language exists to allow PAs to provide care in disaster situations. It is available, though not in Missouri. Plan to talk to Jorgen about this matter

- Per Liz, typically these types of Bills are noncontroversial. She has model language from other states available
- Issue brief on disaster relief is available on the AAPA website

BOHA Update—Paul

- Recent changes in Board personnel
- Board now wanting to add two changes to HB 1738—
 1. To add retroactive date of Aug 28, 2009 where a physician assistant does not need to reapply for waiver after this date. Will need to find out if any PAs had applied for waiver before that date, otherwise those people will have to reapply if language approved
 2. To add to the Bill's last sentence stating, "no supervision requirements for rural health clinics will be made in addition to requirement for federal sites"

-Recent question from Mercy Children's Hospital came up regarding whether or not PAs can take call if they are not onsite—recommendation by Liz to not make specifics on this issue, as to not become too restrictive w/ practice regulations

Membership Report—Stacy Cheetum (AAPA)

- Currently 196 members total out of 680 PAs in the state
- Unclear how many of these are students
- Unclear what the turnaround time is from when renewal/membership fee sent in, to when the PA is listed as updated member
- Question to AAPA will be the possibility of changing the renewal period from July to any time throughout the year

Treasurer's Report—Dawn

- See report

PAC Update—Paul

- Currently \$2361
- Form needs to be updated on 2 issues:
 1. Delete possibility of credit card payment, due to cost
 2. Add box to check for continuous renewal v. 1-year payment only
- More money needed, as this is an election year

CME Report—Ryan via Paul

- Scheduled for July 15-18, Radisson, Branson
- 26hrs CME available
- Registration forms planned to go out in next few weeks

DAL Report

NE—Luis

- Working on several dinner/medication talk dates to disperse throughout year

NW—Toby

- Recent expansion on PA jobs in area and increase in physician support
- UMKC looking to open PA school in near future, possibly later this year?
- Next meeting 2/25/10, 15 PAs expected to attend
- January meeting, disappointing turnout of only 1 attendee
- Previous meeting 2009, with LEAP awards presented to area PAs including outstanding leadership, achievement in education/publication, service, and PA practice; plan to make a yearly event
- Possibility of upcoming CME hospitalist boot camp as combined event w/ KAPA

SW—Stacy

- Since last meeting, visit w/ graduating MSU class for contact information, etc
- Recent visit w/ incoming class—MSU MOAPA committee created, instead of 1 representative—11 people out of class of 28 joined
- Monthly meetings still going well, average 30 attendees per month
- Next meeting 2/25/10

SE—position vacant

Student Reports

SLU—Sue, Joe

- Idea for student trip to Jefferson City to meet w/ Jorgen next month, possibly March 8, for better understanding of legislative process
- Plan to schedule Paul to talk to class about MOAPA
- Possibility of organizing challenge w/ MSU PA students to raise money for PAC fund

SLU 2nd years—Monica

- Sending 10 students to AAPA conference for challenge bowl team

MSU

- Students come to St. Louis every summer for GYN exams, possibility for joint student meeting, etc
- Fundraising in the future
- Grass roots efforts for class interest

New Business

- Regional Chapter President Meeting/Conference Call—to discuss/exchange ideas, membership, etc.

- IL Chapter has 2200 PAs in state, 600members, \$150 membership fee

last yr passed schedule II prescribing

- WI Chapter has 1500 PAs in state, 900 members, \$125 membership fee

- MI Chapter has 3000 PAs in state, 700 members \$175 membership fee

Quarterly newsletter

- This year is an election year for board members

- PA BOHA Audits

-Possibility of putting information on Facebook of what audits entail from PAs who have been audited

-MOAPA now has Facebook group page

-Opportunity for PA networking, advertising events, etc

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting May 8, 2010, tentative pending business at that time

Respectfully submitted,
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