

MAPA Board Minutes

October 3, 2009

Attendance: Paul Winter, Dawn Calabrese, Caroline Chang, Keely Cook, Luis Gomez, Monica Fiehler, Jorgen Schlemeier, Stacy Vienhage; Garrett Ungerer and Sue Million (SLU students)

Call to Order—Paul

Legislative Update—Paul, Jorgen

-Recent meeting w/ Paul, Jorgen, BOHA and lawyers, and BNDD to review legislation

-Language changes:

1. On waiver—if work in rural health clinic, attempt to lower requirement to 10% supervision (similar to federal clinics)
2. Renewal period on waivers—changed to every 5yrs. Issue = only for waivers newly issued v. current or once initial renewal period reached
3. Clean up wording of original prescribing law stating “independent of supervising physician” at recommendation of BNDD/DEA, as to not leave open for interpretation.

Anticipate new language going into effect 8/2010

Law went into effect 8/28

Big item = whether PA’s graduated from program w/ “advanced pharmacological content” –to cover grad’s from programs who have pharmacology training w/o designated “pharmacology class” (North Dakota program in particular)

-New requirement = 120hr in 4mo period supervision prior to prescribing for new grad’s (otherwise 300hrs but pharmacology classes/training allow to opt out of the additional changes)

-Handicap License plate—to possibly file early w/ consent bill, upcoming

-Medicaid issue—PA reimbursement for surgery. No word yet. Jorgen to touch base w/ Euan McCaslin (director of MO Medicaid)

Unclear if this is an issue only for hospital employed PAs or if included private practice PAs. (Original issue was to get reimbursement for inpatient PA services, which has been changed. Medicaid has always been reimbursing for outpatient services.)

BOHA Update—Paul

-Goal to get more PA-friendly people on the board, especially to replace members who are still there on expired terms

-Dr. Derenna is new member to PA Commission (one of the original DO’s involved in lawsuit in 1990’s). Our take is to try to reach out to him—if still adversary, to draft letter to BOHA w/ concerns. If this does not work, to contact rep in that area (Lager) who supported our current supervision bill.

-2 other physician terms are also expired

-Need replacement for PA rep to Commission

-Need replacement for layperson

PAC Fund Report—Paul

-\$1780 = current balance

-Still need more money and also people to donate monthly to cont continuous revenue

Membership Report—Keely

-184 total members

-60 students

-124 nonstudents

-613 licensed PAs in Missouri

website for Missouri PA search <https://renew.pr.mo.gov/licensee-search.asp>

Treasurer's Report—Dawn

-Total assets \$45,297.35

-Please see report for further details

DAL Reports

SW—Stacy. Updating database for PA in the area. Next goal will be to contact members and especially nonmembers. Pushing PAC fund donations at meetings. More students at monthly meetings to gain interest. Speaking to graduating class to continue interest.

Pre-PA society in SW area, recently raised money for PAC.

Next meeting Oct 13. Usual numbers 20/mo without students, 30 with

NW—Tobie. Unavailable

NE—Luis. Neurosurgery PA at St. John's hospital recently organized dinner for PAs in that hospital. Paul spoke there.

SE—position vacant

Student Report

SLU—Monica

-Gearing up for PA week:

-Goal to get PA students recognized/familiar in community

-Next Saturday going to volunteer at different organizations

-Penny wars between classes

-Drive for "Our Little Haven"

-Fund raiser at Humphrey's

-Idea for PA panel on Fridays. Hopefully to begin soon

-Working on Challenge Bowl team from SLU for next year

-Elections for new class student representative and student society board members in near future

MSU—Ashley. Unavailable.

CME Update—Paul

-On track for next conference July 15-18, 2010

-Hopefully to get faculty members at SLU and MSU and other providers to volunteer lecture to help w/ cost

New Business

Issues w/ COMS—lots of turnover w/ staffing, resulting in decreased service
Possibility of finding help locally in Missouri instead. No opposition from board members to looking around for other management groups.

Supervisory Agreement Sample—possibility of offering samples available to put up on website. Possibly to put under members only section of website. To contact state regarding this, also.

Shadow Pool—possibility of coming up with a group of PAs willing to let prospective students shadow them discussed—need to identify these people and formulate database

Organization Formally Known as MAPA?—possibility of officially changing to MOAPA to avoid confusion w/ Michigan, Montana and Minnesota groups. No opposition from board members. To contact Liz Roe at AAPA regarding logistics on this issue.

Possibility of adding another DAL position for central Missouri. To investigate how many PAs are in that area, feel out enthusiasm, etc, to see if feasible.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting: February 20, 2010. 10:00am, St. Louis

Respectfully submitted,
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