MINUTES

MSS Executive Committee Meeting, April 14, 2018 10:00am
Meeting Hosted via ZOOM

Members Present – meeting
Kristen Bastug
Sarah Benton
David Finkel
Adrina Kocharian
Shyam Kurian
Stephen Palmquist
James Pathoulas
Karen Riley
Lindsay Riordan
Nathan Rockey
Emily Sadecki
Tom Schmidt
Abby Solom

Staff Present
Becca Branum
Juliana Milhofer

I. Welcome and Introductions
The meeting began at 10:00am as a virtual conference call on ZOOM.

II. MMA Ethics Committee Presentation - Medical Malpractice - Concerns regarding apology law

- Physicians want the option to apologize w/o being sued or reprimanded
  - Premise as to can the physician’s apology be used against him/her
    - Only the statement that physician makes to the patient - not used against physician in court
    - No good data on the helpfulness of these policies; but no data of harm
    - Physician can use this statement if he/she wants -> MMA policy
  - Improve ethical obligations w/o increasing lawsuit potential
  - No real evidence that these laws are helpful but supported by MMA
- MMA approves of apology laws, but want to advance the laws
- AMA Code of ethics
- Student/Resident feedback and approval -> next Ethics meeting - May 22, 2018
  - Contact Becca Branum with feedback - bbranum@mnmed.org or JMilhofer@mnmed.org
  - Education - Students want more knowledge and feedback for how to approach these issues as well as how to understand the legal aspects of the issues
- Motion to support the policy change - Stephen Palmquist
III. Board of Trustees Report  
   A. No report was provided.

IV. MEDPAC  
   A. Report of current legislation was noted.  
   B. Support candidates for office that support medical focus/interest.

V. MMA Foundation  
   A. New head of the committee  
   B. Volunteering and scholarship opportunities  
   C. Working on information exchange for physicians to collaborate and share knowledge  
      i. EHR/EPIC shortcuts and templates and tricks -> minimize burnout  
      ii. Looking for input on how to structure this

VI. MMA Policy Council  
   A. Third meeting in May - Mental Health  
   B. Access issues and MMA support options  
   C. How to sustain Rural Healthcare  
   D. MNCare buy-in

VII. MMA Committee Reports  
   A. Ethics and Medical Legal Affairs  
      i. See above for update.  
      • Physician use of Medical Cannabis  
      • Physician HIV/Aid reporting and following  
         o More discussion to come - out of date policy?  
            ▪ Discrimination potential  
            ▪ More information to come  
         o Must report w/in 30 days - one of two states  
      • MN health records and exchange Act  
         o Discussion tabled due to lack of information  
   B. Medical Practice & Quality  
      i. Patient able to see PT outside of seeing a physician to continue care  
         1. Law stands that PT must refer back to provider for more extensive care  
         2. Change language to favor PT - language change has been opposed  
            a. Information to come in June  
      ii. Cost of care and chronic disease is increasing  
   C. Membership & Communications  
      i. CME credits and improving membership among physicians  
      ii. Foster Rural Membership and decrease burnout rates  
      iii. Social Media committee
1. Content - Guidelines for students or physician member - none as of now
   a. Facebook live events
      i. Twitter for Policy change and awareness
2. MMA Value Plan - going to board for final edits and drafts on 3 goals and outcomes
   a. Updates to come

D. Public Health
      ▪ Premature and sick infants who don’t have access to depots or other states that provide this
      ▪ Improve access and improve cost
      ▪ Improve health of infants
      ▪ Want Financial Support - want MMA endorsement (can’t support finance)
         ▪ No policy to endorse this group -> work on policy to do so
            i. Academy of Pediatrics informally supports
            ii. May not be discussed enough in practice...
   b. Support policy to support babies to assess this type of milk source
      i. Dept of Ag not Health regulates this - standards being met?
      ii. Policy update for June

ii. Climate Change –
   a. Create climate and health task force - best response to health
      i. Make climate change a legislate priority
         1. Committee can’t make priorities for the board
         2. Possibly bring to Board in July
         3. TCMS and MMA Public Health for environmental health
            a. End of April update
            b. Have 1-2 articles in every monthly physician journals - MN Medicine
            c. April 20th conference
               1. Code Blue to Patient Earth - educate public on impacts of climate change

E. Finance
   i. Updates provided regarding current MMA budget.

VIII. HOA Report
   A. Tom provided an update on HOA efforts.
      i. Opioid Crisis
         1. Education - Public health with addiction
            a. High School
            b. Churches in St. Louis Park
            c. Health Fair - pamphlet on used an unused opioid exchange info - English and Spanish
               i. Article publications
            d. Lunch Lectures and Videos -
2. Harm Reduction
3. Policy change
   a. recognize opioid use disorder and policy
   b. Policy/ Naloxone - legislation - Chris Eaton and Dave Baker
   c. Tom Bakk - Legislator - where is this going?
   d. New topic for next year - Project leads and med students will pick
      i. Opioids are still of interest and high priority
      ii. 1 Mayo; 8 Duluth students - Active
      iii. Not currently open to students outside of medical school

IX. MMA Business
    A. Day at the Capitol
       i. Goal 60 students - around 40 or 50 came
       ii. Positive feedback - working w/ administration to work better for students
    B. Newsletter
       i. Goal - in next few weeks - 1-page w/links to external sources
       ii. Editing and formatting needs
       iii. Get awareness out to students about MMA and Policy Changes
    C. Funding for AMA Annual Meeting
       i. Student interest currently:
          1. $500 pot of money
          2. $1500 to split between students that attend
       ii. AMA - chapter interest - each student has a representative
       iii. Classes and courses - networking
       iv. Mayo students are driving - funding need?
       v. Decision by: guaranteed $300 ($500 total; not supper or lunch)
       vi. Chicago - Thursday June 8th - Region 2
       vii. Contact Abby for info in the next 2 weeks
    D. Policy/Advocacy Topic
       i. Mental health was the topic chosen for the discussion.
    E. Upcoming Events:
       i. Facebook live event on LGBTQ Health – May 9- Physician
       ii. LGBTQ Health Forum – May 15

X. Component Society Updates
    A. TCMS and ZVMS students discussed their society’s interest in tobacco related efforts.

XI. AMA Updates
    A. No updates were provided.

XII. Next Meeting
    A. June 2
       i. Policy topic: nutrition

XIII. Adjourn: 12:40pm