

## MINUTES

### MMA POLICY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2014

6:00-8:00 PM

1300 GODWARD STREET NE, SUITE 2500

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413

#### Members Present

Donald Jacobs, MD, Chair

Leah Anderson

Maya Babu, MD (via phone)

Elisabeth Bilden, MD

Terence Cahill, MD (via phone)

Stuart Cameron, MD

Stephen Cragle, MD (via phone)

James Dehen, MD (via phone)

Peter Dehnel, MD (via phone)

Laurie Drill-Mellum, MD

Alexander Feng

Elizabeth Fracica (via phone)

Daniel Heinemann, MD (via phone)

Jessica Heiring, MD

Evan James

Christopher Johnson, MD

Kenneth Kephart, MD

Ernest Lampe, MD

Kathryn Lombardo, MD (via phone)

Steven Meister, MD (via phone)

Noel Peterson, MD (via phone)

Neil Shah, MD

Christopher Thiessen, MD (via phone)

Jon Van Loon, MD (via phone)

Robert (Jay) Widmer, MD (via phone)

#### Members Absent

David Agerter, MD

Peter Amadio, MD

Michael Baich, MD

Ramnik Dhaliwal, MD

Mark Eggen, MD

Robert Grill, MD

Meltiady Issa, MD

Kimberly McKeon, MD

Douglas Pryce, MD

Christopher Rief, MD

Jonathan Shelver, MD

Kimberly Tjaden, MD

Sally Trippel, MD

Craig Walvatne, MD

Thomas Witt, MD

#### Staff Present

Barb Daiker (via phone)

Erick Dick

Dave Renner

Janet Silversmith

## **I. Welcome & Introductions**

Don Jacobs, MD, MMA President-Elect and temporary Policy Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. All attendees introduced themselves.

## **II. Approve Minutes of April 26, 2014**

With no changes noted, the following motion was made, seconded and adopted:

<b>Motion:</b> that the minutes of the April 26, 2014 meeting be adopted as written.
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## **III. Review MMA Annual Conference Policy Forums**

### **A. Telehealth**

Barb Daiker, MMA Quality Manager, provided an overview of the current plan for the telehealth forum. Among the activities planned are 1) a simulation of telehealth to demonstrate a live consult; 2) small group discussions to identify issues of concern; 3) expert panel; and, 4) audience Q&A. There will also be group polling questions to gather opinions from the audience on various topics associated with telehealth.

Don Jacobs, MD, Chair, noted that one of the submitted issues is on the topic of telehealth and informed consent. After discussion, the group agreed that this issue should be addressed within the telehealth forum, rather than as part of the open issues forum.

Janet Silversmith noted that Council volunteers will be needed to serve as recorders in all of the forums.

### **B. Workforce**

Dave Renner, MMA Director of State and Federal Legislation, provided an overview of the planned agenda for the workforce forum.

Ernest Lampe, MD, one of the forum planning committee members, noted that the goal of the forum as planned was to focus on issues of team-based care.

Neil Shah, MD questioned the composition of the panel and asked whether a representative should be included from a team that does not use non-physicians. Don Jacobs, MD asked about possible representation from mental health. Also noted was the focus on policy issues – urging the forum to clearly identify policies that can support an adequate workforce. A lengthy discussion followed.

It was noted that one of the submitted issues is on the topic of educational resources regarding APRN scope of practice changes. Ken Kephart, MD recommended that this issue be addressed by the workforce forum, rather than as part of the open issues forum. The group concurred.

Janet Silversmith again noted that Council volunteers will be needed to serve as recorders in all of the forums.

### **C. Open Issues Forum**

Janet Silversmith reviewed the summary document listing the 18 submitted issues. With the two issues

referred to the telehealth and workforce forums, the remaining 16 issues will need to be managed in the 90 minutes available.

A lengthy discussion about possible ways to structure the forum followed. There was some concern that the issue-specific forums were given 120 minutes, yet the open issues forum has only 90 minutes. Janet Silversmith noted that planning for the conference needed to be completed before any of the open issues had been submitted; it was difficult to predict how many issues to expect.

The Council ultimately concluded that a 2-minute limit should be applied to presentations of each issue. All agreed that structuring the remaining time as effectively as possible to hear from attendees is essential. Council members also urged incorporation of a process (e.g., polling questions) to assess the overall importance of these issues for MMA. Given that this is a new process, Council members urged clear and advance communication to all spokespersons and component medical societies about the process to be used.

#### IV. Council Updates

Janet Silversmith informed members that the MMA Board of Trustees recently directed staff to convene a policy forum, within the next 4-6 months, on the issues of any willing provider/freedom of choice. This is being shared as an informational item with the Council to consider as it plans future forums.

Janet Silversmith noted that nominations for the two MMA Board of Trustee positions remain open. Some of the original candidates had to withdraw due to personal/scheduling conflicts. A new solicitation of interest will be routed to all members via email.

Members were reminded that the next Council meetings are scheduled for Saturday, September 20, 12:00 to 1:30 pm at Madden's in Brainerd, and Wednesday, October 10, 5-8 pm, in Minneapolis (specific location TBD).

#### V. Policy Council Chair Election

Don Jacobs, MD announced the candidacy of Ernest Lampe, MD for the position of Council Chair. Dr. Lampe briefly noted the reasons for his interest in the position.

With no other discussion, the following motion was made, seconded and adopted:

**Motion:** that Ernest Lampe, MD be elected Chair of the MMA Policy Council for a one-year term.

#### VI. Adjourn

With no business remaining, the following motion was made, seconded and adopted:

**Motion:** that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by  
Janet Silversmith