

MINUTES

MMA POLICY COUNCIL

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2014

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL

411 MINNESOTA STREET

ST. PAUL, MN

Members Present

Donald Jacobs, MD, Chair

David Agerter, MD

Peter Amadio, MD

Leah Anderson

Michael Baich, MD

Elisabeth Bilden, MD

Stuart Cameron, MD

Stephen Cragle, MD

James Dehen, MD

Peter Dehnel, MD

Ramnik Dhaliwal, MD

Laurie Drill-Mellum, MD

Alexander Feng

Elizabeth Fracica

Robert Grill, MD

Daniel Heinemann, MD

Jessica Heiring, MD

Meltiady Issa, MD

Christopher Johnson, MD

Kenneth Kephart, MD

Ernest Lampe, MD

Kathryn Lombardo, MD

Kimberly McKeon, MD

Noel Peterson, MD

Douglas Pryce, MD

Christopher Rief, MD

Neil Shah, MD

Jonathan Shelver, MD

Christopher Thiessen, MD

Kimberly Tjaden, MD

Sally Trippel, MD

Jon Van Loon, MD

Craig Walvatne, MD

Robert Widmer, MD

Thomas Witt, MD

Members Absent

Maya Babu, MD

Terence Cahill, MD

Mark Eggen, MD

Evan James

Steven Meister, MD

Staff Present

Robert Meiches, MD

Sandy Nentwig

Janet Silversmith

I. Welcome & Introductions

Don Jacobs, MD, MMA President-Elect and temporary Policy Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. He provided a brief overview of the Policy Council, noting that it is a new endeavor, an experiment, and in need of the input of all Council members. He asked all attendees to introduce themselves and to share a personal detail that would be fun for others to know about them.

II. Policy Council Origins, Purpose & Functions

Janet Silversmith, MMA Director of Health Policy, provided background information (PowerPoint) on the MMA, the MMA strategic plan, the history and purpose of the Policy Council, and an overview of the key functions of the Council. She also previewed three key roles for which Policy Council members will be asked to volunteer – Council Chair, Council appointees (2) to MMA Board of Trustees, and Council appointees (2) to the MMA Governance Evaluation Work Group.

III. Development of Processes for Policy Council Roles

Janet Silversmith provided an overview of the tentative meeting schedule over the next two years (through the 2016 MMA Annual Meeting). Don Jacobs, MD, Chair, led Council members through a discussion about how to proceed with filling the three Council leadership roles. After discussion, there was consensus to proceed with finalizing job descriptions for the three roles, routing the job descriptions to members, and soliciting candidates. Through the use of a set of standardized questions, candidates' responses will then be routed to all Council members, who will vote electronically for the two appointees to the Governance Evaluation Work Group (this group has the earliest start date). A similar process will be used for the other positions (i.e., Chair and appointees to MMA Board of Trustees), but voting for these positions will be conducted in person at the Council's September 20, 2014 meeting.

The one other item of clarification made was that, in order to maximize leadership opportunities, the Policy Council Chair should not also serve as one of the appointed Trustees.

IV. Policy Forum Issue List

Janet Silversmith reviewed the list of 48 topics (in approximately 16 categories or themes) that were either submitted or otherwise identified for Policy Council consideration. Questions of clarification were raised and addressed. Following review and discussion, each Council member was asked to use his/her five dots and vote for five issues for which the Council should work to structure initial policy forums as part of the 2014 MMA Annual Meeting.

Following the voting process, the five top-rated topics were as follows:

- Scope of practice (with 21 votes)
- Workforce shortage (with 19 votes)
- Performance measurement, specifically the collection and reporting burden (with 16 votes)
- Technology, specifically telehealth (with 16 votes)
- Maintenance of physician competency (with 10 votes)

MMA staff will work to structure two policy forums focused on at least two of these topics as part of the Council-convened policy forums at the MMA Annual Meeting. Council members will be kept apprised electronically about the development of these forums and may be asked for additional input and guidance.

V. Adjourn

There being no additional business, Don Jacobs, MD, Chair, thanked all attendees for their time, contributions, and support of the Council and the MMA. The following motion was made, seconded and adopted:

Motion: that the meeting be adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by
Janet Silversmith