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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE September 20, 2016 Meeting by Conference Call

PRESENT:

SEETH VIVEK, M.D., President
JEFFREY BORENSTEIN, M.D., Vice President
RAMASWAMY VISWANATHAN, M.D., Secretary
EDWARD HERMAN, M.D., Treasurer
VIVIAN PENDER, M.D., Area II Trustee
RICHARD GALLO, Legislative Consultant
JAMIE PAPAPETROS, Legislative Staff
SETH P. STEIN, ESQ., Executive Director
RACHEL FERNBACH, ESQ., Deputy Director
DONNA GAJDA, Coordinator

Dr. Vivek called the meeting to order. The following issues were discussed:

1. Financial Statement. The Committee reviewed a financial statement for the period January through August, 2016. Mr. Stein reported that the financial report reflects an increase in dues collections owing to the dues increase.
2. 2015 Certified Financial Statement. The Committee reviewed the 2015 audit report.
3. PAC Financial Statement. The Committee reviewed the PAC Financial Statement. Mr. Stein reported that contributions this year have been low than previous years. A letter will be sent from Dr. Vivek to members who have contributed in prior years but have not contributed in 2016. Mr. Stein also suggested the possibility of visiting district branches to encourage PAC participation.
4. July 12, 2016 Draft Executive Committee Minutes. The minutes from the July 12, 2016 Executive Committee meeting were reviewed and accepted.
5. Veterans Mental Health-Primary Care Training Initiative. Mr. Stein reported that a VMH-PCTI program will be presented at Grand Rounds on September 21, 2016 at SUNY Downstate. Upcoming programs include a presentation to be held on November 29, 2016 at the New York Psychiatric Institute and Society in Manhattan and Grand Rounds to be presented at Maimonides Medical Center on November 30, 2016.

Mr. Gallo reported that Dr. Borenstein interviewed Drs. Friedman and Goodman for a *Healthy Minds* episode that is scheduled to be aired in November, although the exact date has not yet been determined. Mr. Gallo stated that once the program has aired, the full interviews will be available on line for viewing.

6. Albany Report. The Committee reviewed the written report that was prepared by Mr. Gallo and Mr. Papapetros.

Mr. Gallo reported on a number of issues including the electronic prescribing clearinghouse bill, exemptions for electronic prescribing, and a bill that would require health education in schools to include mental health education.

Mr. Gallo reported that the Department of Financial Services put out guidance in July on parity in both Federal and State. Mr. Gallo reported that they were seeking input from insurers, consumers and providers on compliance issues.

Mr. Gallo reported that Dr. Perlman would like to pro-actively focus on a number of issues during the next legislative session including mental health parity enforcement and implementation, prohibiting conversion therapy in minors and raising the age of criminal responsibility. Mr. Gallo reported that Dr. Perlman would also like NYSPA to consider a joint lobby day with NASW and NYS Psychological Association that would focus on common issues such as prohibiting conversion therapy and raising the age of criminal responsibility.

Mr. Gallo reported that his office is preparing a tri-fold handout of NYSPA's issues for distribution to both members and legislators.

7. Voting Procedures for Election of Assembly Officers. Mr. Stein reminded the Committee that a vote to change Assembly voting procedures to eliminate a vote by strength when electing Assembly officers will be held at the November Assembly Meeting. Mr. Stein asked the Committee members to reach out to the larger states to discuss this issue prior to the meeting. Mr. Stein also reported that the Northern New York and Mid-Hudson district branches recently appointed new representatives to the Assembly which should ensure that all of the New York district branches will have representation at the November Assembly meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.