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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

September 18, 2014

Meeting by Conference Call

PRESENT:

SEETH VIVEK, M.D., President
JEFFREY BORENSTEIN, M.D., Vice-President
RAMASWAMY VISWANATHAN, M.D., Secretary
RUSSELL DENEAL, M.D., Treasurer
DEBORAH CROSS, M.D., Chair, Committee on Public Affairs
RICHARD GALLO, Legislative Consultant
JAMIE PAPAPETROS, Legislative Staff
SETH P. STEIN, ESQ., Executive Director
RACHEL FERNBACH, ESQ., Associate Director
DONNA GAJDA, NYSPA Coordinator

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

1. Financial Report. The Committee reviewed a financial report for January through August 2014. Mr. Stein reported that the financial includes \$165,000 that has been received for the Veterans Mental Health-Primary Care Training Initiative. Dues collections have stabilized somewhat but we may want to consider a dues increase for the 2016 dues year.
2. PAC Financial Report. The Committee reviewed the PAC financial for January through August, 2014. We will be sending a second solicitation email. Depending on the response to the email, we will consider following up with a postal mailing.
3. June 17 and April 8, 2014 Draft Executive Committee Minutes. The Committee reviewed the draft minutes from the June 17 and April 8, 2014 minutes. The minutes were approved and will be changed from draft to final status on the website.
4. Albany Report. Mr. Gallo reported on a number of items from the full legislative report that was distributed to the Committee. Mr. Gallo reported a summary of the primary election results. Mr. Gallo reported that the Governor signed two bills into law. The first bill permits OMH and OASAS to accept surveys from national hospital accrediting organizations for outpatient mental health and substance abuse services for dually-licensed hospitals and the second bill will make information about maternal depression more readily available to maternal health care providers and will amend the insurance law to ensure access to screening and referrals for maternal depression by eliminating primary care referrals for such treatment. Mr. Gallo updated the Committee on the Nurse Practitioner Collaborative Relationship proposed rule.

5. Grassroots Lobbying. An Advocacy Training will be held for ECPs and RFMs this following Thursday, September 18, 2014. Pamela Thorburn, State Advocacy Representative, Department of Government Relations at the APA will be the speaker. Mr. Stein reported that the training will focus on psychology prescribing. A webcast will also be prepared for posting on the NYSPA website for members who were unavailable to attend this training.

6. Veterans Mental Health – Primary Care Training Initiative. Mr. Stein reported that on the Veterans Mental Health – Primary Care Training Initiative Grant that NYSPA has received from OMH. Matthew Friedman, M.D., a leading expert in PTSD has agreed to work with us on the grant and has prepared a slide presentation that will be used for trainings. Dr. Friedman will also be the speaker for the kick-off training that has been scheduled for Friday, November 14, 2014 at Albany Medical Center. Mr. Gallo will send an invitation to legislators inviting them to attend. Mr. Stein will speak to Dr. Friedman about the possibility of his preparing a training webinar that could be posted on the webinar that primary care providers could be invited to view. In addition, Dr. Friedman will be asked if he would be willing to host a “train the trainer” webinar for members who may be interested in serving as grant speakers.

7. SHIN-NY Proposed Regulations. Mr. Stein reported on the SHIN-NY proposed regulations and stated that Dr. Martin and Ms. Fernbach will prepare comments to be sent in response to the proposal.

8. Workers Comp Fee Schedule. Mr. Stein reported on the proposed Workers Comp Fee Schedule and stated that comments are being prepared that will support Workers Comp using RBRVS values and CPT coding.

9. Member Recruitment, Engagement and Retention. Dr. Vivek appointed Drs. Cross and Nininger to co-chair a committee that will focus on member recruitment, engagement and retention.

10. MilestonesNYC. Dr. Vivek reported that Scott Shapiro, M.D., founder of MilestonesNYC contacted him to ask for help in publicizing this organization. MilestonesNYC asks mental health providers to donate one hour a week to treat patients who are unable to afford mental health care. Dr. Vivek will ask Dr. Shapiro to prepare an article that can be posted on the NYSPA website.

11. Pharmacy Refill Program. Dr. Vivek reported that Dr. Flax has asked NYSPA to weigh in on whether something can be done about pharmacies automatically requesting refills for patients. Mr. Stein said that he would speak to Dr. Flax to get more information about the issue.

12. Upcoming Webinars. Mr. Stein reported that two webinars will be held this month, a CPT Coding Update webinar on September 23rd and a Mandatory E-Prescribing webinar on September 30, 2014.

13. E-Prescribing and Vendor Fair. Mr. Stein reported that Ms. Fernbach will present the Mandatory E-Prescribing program on Saturday, October 25th prior to the NYSPA/Area Council meeting. A vendor fair highlighting electronic prescribing programs will also be arranged for that day.

14. NYSPA/Area Council Meeting Draft Agenda. The Committee reviewed the draft agenda for the NYSPA/Area Council meeting to be held on October 25, 2014

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.