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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 8, 2014

Meeting by Conference Call

PRESENT:

GLENN MARTIN, M.D., President
SEETH VIVEK, M.D., Vice-President
RICHARD ALTESMAN, M.D., Secretary
DEBORAH CROSS, M.D., Past President
JAMES NININGER, M.D., Area II Trustee
BARRY PERLMAN, M.D., Chair, Committee on Legislation
VIVIAN PENDER, M.D., Area II Trustee-Elect
RUSSELL DENEVA, M.D., Treasurer-Elect
RICHARD GALLO, Legislative Consultant
JAMIE PAPAPETROS, Legislative Staff
SETH P. STEIN, ESQ., Executive Director
RACHEL FERNBACH, ESQ., Associate Director
DONNA GAJDA, NYSPA Coordinator

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

1. Financial Report. The Committee reviewed a financial report for January through March 2014.
2. Dues Update. The Committee reviewed a comparison of dues receipts for October through March for the 2012-2014 dues years. Dues revenue appears to have stabilized.
3. PAC Financial. The Committee reviewed a financial report for the period January through March, 2014. Contributions have increased from the same period in both 2012 and 2013.

The Committee discussed sending additional mailings to focused groups of members.

A solicitation request will be emailed to Resident-Fellow Members. The email will include a separate payment tier for RFMs and will emphasize the importance of making a contribution to the PAC, regardless of the amount contributed. NYSPA will send a targeted appeal to members who have contributed in prior years but have not yet contributed in 2014. NYSPA will send a letter by email to members who have contributed this year, thanking them for their contribution. The letter will include a copy of the current legislative report highlighting current advocacy issues and accomplishments.

4. Albany Report. Mr. Gallo reported on the final NYS Executive Budget for 2014-15. Sagamore Children's Psychiatric Center, slated to close under OMH's Regional Center of

Excellence Plan, will remain open while assessing the plan for a change in capacity. Western NY Children's Psychiatric Center will remain open for another year. Mr. Gallo reported that there will be changes to the requirements for collaboration agreements for Nurse Practitioners. The proposal to establish a program to prevent applicants from renewing professional or business licenses was not included in the final budget.

Mr. Gallo reported that there has not yet been a bill introduced related to psychology prescribing.

Mr. Gallo reported that the conversion therapy bill has moved from the Higher Education Committee to the Assembly Codes Committee.

A bill that would amend the Public Health Law regarding prescribing, dispensing and distribution of Naloxone has moved from the Assembly Health Committee to the Assembly Codes Committee.

Mr. Gallo reported on a bill that would prohibit physicians from prescribing an antipsychotic, antidepressant hallucinogen or mood stabilizer without prior notification of all possible adverse effects and signed informed consent of the patient. Mr. Gallo will monitor the bill for movement.

Senator Savino filed a notice for committee consideration for a medical marijuana bill that would license and regulate organizations that would produce and dispense medical marijuana to certified patients.

5. Optum Audit Update. Mr. Stein reported that Optum has put a 60 day hold on all audits while guidelines are reviewed and defined.

6. Combination Code Documentation. The Committee reviewed a copy of the CMS MLN Matters that addresses the revised policy on documentation on combination codes. Mr. Stein will present a webinar to update members on new documentation requirements.

7. NYSPA Lawsuit Against United Health. The Executive Committee went into Executive Session to discuss the status of the NYSPA litigation.

8. NYS DUR Medical Restrictions. The Committee discussed new requirements with respect to benzodiazepines. A letter will be drafted to be sent to DOH, with a cc to OMH, highlighting NYSPA's objections to the revised requirements.

9. OMH Seclusion and Restraint Policy. Mr. Stein reported that he was called by Julie Rodak from OMH Counsel's office regarding our comments on the Seclusion and Restrain proposed regulations. Ms. Rodak acknowledged that there were legal issues about incorporating references to guidelines in the regulations and she also stated that she would forward us the guidelines for our review.

10. Minutes to be Posted on NYSPA Website. The Executive Committee directed that draft NYSPA Council minutes and draft NYSPA Executive Committee minutes will be posted on the NYSPA website, available to members only, starting with the March 2014 Council meeting and

the April Executive Committee meeting. The schedule of Executive Committee meetings will be posted as well. Previously, Council meeting minutes and Executive Committee minutes were distributed in the packets at Council meetings. Now draft minutes will be available on the NYSPA website.

11. APA Assembly. Dr. Vivek suggested that members of the Executive Committee, including both outgoing and incoming officers, meet during lunch on Saturday May 3rd for informal discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.