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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

June 17, 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  
GLENN MARTIN, M.D., Past President  
VIVIAN PENDER, M.D., Area II Trustee  
BARRY PERLMAN, M.D., Chair, Committee on Legislation  
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 May 2014. Mr. Stein reported that we have received \$165,000 for the Veterans Mental Health-Primary Care Training Initiative and will be holding a conference call with OMH to review the financial reporting requirements.
2. PAC Financial Report. Mr. Stein reported that PAC contributions have increased from last year. A personal solicitation was sent from Dr. Martin to members who have contributed in prior years but have not yet contributed in 2014. There has been a good response to this solicitation. Mr. Stein stated that the second PAC solicitation will be sent out in July.
3. NYSPA Audit. Mr. Stein reported that NYSPA traditionally schedules an audit when there has been a change in treasurer and we will be moving ahead with an audit for 2013. Mr. Stein stated that we have the option of having a certified audit performed or we can schedule a review, which is a step below a certified audit and is a little less expensive. Mr. Stein stated that, since NYSPA will be required to schedule an audit for 2014 in response to OMH grant requirements, we could consider scheduling a financial review for 2013. A Motion to schedule a financial review for the 2013 year was Approved.
4. Albany Report. Mr. Gallo reported that the psychology prescribing bill is still a Senate bill and that there is no Assembly companion bill.

Mr. Gallo reported that there are a number of bills related to public safety, one of which would allow for involuntary commitment of a prisoner upon their release from prison if such treatment appears to be warranted after evaluation. The conversion therapy bill passed in the Assembly but there has been no action in the Senate. A medical marijuana bill is still actively being negotiated and may be passed before the end of session. A bill that encourages mental health education in schools was passed in the Senate and has been referred to Ways and Means.

The Committee discussed presenting the Distinguished Award to Deborah Glick for honoring the appropriateness of education and ensuring quality care for the public. A Motion to present the NYSPA Distinguished Service Award to Assemblymember Deborah Glick was Approved.

Mr. Gallo reported that a new Medicaid Redesign Team has been formed entitled Social Determinants of Health Workgroup. This is a 40 member workgroup that will include six ex-officio members including Commissioner Sullivan.

5. OMH Grant. Mr. Stein reported that we need a Steering Committee for the Veterans Mental Health-Primary Care Training Initiative. Dr. Cross has agreed to serve on the Committee. NYSPA will contact Frank Dowling, M.D. and Laura Fochtman, M.D. to ask whether they might consider serving on the committee.

Mr. Stein asked that the members of the Committee reach out to hospitals to try to arrange for a speaker from NYSPA to present at grand rounds for primary care providers. The Committee discussed other possible venues for the trainings.

6. NYSPA Executive Committee Meeting Dates. Dates for upcoming Executive Committee meetings, as well as the NYSPA/Area Council will be sent to the Committee by email.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.