



**Board of Directors Meeting
May 7, 2019**

Present: Dr. Mark A. Lopatin, presiding; Drs. Stanley Askin, MD; Charles Cutler, MD; Walter Klein, MD; Jennifer Lorine, DO; Robert McNamara, MD; Jay E. Rothkopf, MD; Steven Shapiro, DO; James W. Thomas, MD;

Guests: Mehul Shah, MD

Staff: Michele Boylstein, Executive Director

Actions:

- 5/7/19 -1 Meeting called to order by Dr. Lopatin at 6:03 pm
- 5/7/19 -2 The board approved the consent calendar which included Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2019, and the Statement of Financial Activity ending as of March 31, 2019
- 5/7/19 – 3 Motion to re-think the approach to receiving nominations for the Lander Award and sunset for this year was approved.
- 5/7/19 - 4 Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Areas of Discussion:

- The Board Chair is running for VP of PAMED and will step down from the MCMS board chair position in September. Dr. Rothkopf has come forward with interest in the board chair position but if he is elected, this will leave the treasurer position open. There will be an election at the board meeting in September.
- Dr. Cutler has agreed to work on a letter to PAMED from the support of MCMS on Dr. Lopatin's candidacy.
- Proposed bylaws amendments for PAMED bylaws, deadline is June 3. The link to download the information packet online was provided.
- The House of Delegates Resolution deadline is July 31st this year. The date was moved up to allow for review of resolutions by the committees prior to HOD. There are still provisions for late resolution. A link was provided to board members with a "how to" Fact sheet and the online form to complete resolutions.

- The 2nd District is working on an ORB review for the fall. Date TBD. The Care Centered Collaborative has agreed to sponsor the review. MCMS Executive Director and Dave McKeegan, Delaware County Medical Society are looking for a location and date in June. Details will be forthcoming.
- MCMS has 17 delegate slots this year with 3 of them being for residents/students. We need to fill our slots. The PAMED website has been updated with lots of information to help delegates/alternates.
- Event announcements: Physician Resiliency Summit – June 5th in Lancaster. Event is about various topics important to physicians, burnout, suicide, and litigation stress. Physicians Legal Conference – Sept 13-14 event will be in conjunction with the bar association.
- Woman Physician Section Election – Sherry Blumenthal, board member of MCMS, won the election and will be the interim WPS trustee to the PAMED board beginning with the May 2019 board meeting and will serve until the October 2019 meeting of the HOD. There will be an election held in the fall at the House of Delegates for a 4-year term.
- Updates from the PAMED Board meeting:
 - Advocacy Update:
 - HB 1194 – The Prior Authorization Reform bill is expected to be referred to the House Insurance Committee this session. On April 30th, PAMED and the American Cancer Society held a joint press conference at the Capital to introduce HB 1194 sponsored by Rep. Steve Mentzer (R-Lancaster). At the request of several specialties, there has been step-therapy language added to the bill which was not included in the last session’s version. It will include electronic prior auth and will have a clause in it – coverage equals payment. MCMS to encourage members to call their legislator.
 - Modifier 25 –PAMED engaged Polsinelli for the initial due diligence of identifying a medical review firm to conduct the chart audit sampling, and review by antitrust counsel. Working with Polsinelli, PAMED identified Crowe (formerly Catholic Healthcare Audit Network (CHAN) to conduct the chart audit sampling. Upon review of the findings, it was determined that Crowe’s efforts did not produce conclusive results, and it was Polsinelli’s recommendation to discontinue further analysis at this time. Discussion took place among the group about possibly putting a flyer together to let patients know. Questions raised on how other medical associations are dealing with it in other states.
 - Venue Change – It hasn’t gone away. It’s gone into hibernation. MCMS is planning on including articles in the magazine in a series to educate physicians and patients on how it will affect everyone. It will also be included in the Pulse Points.
 - CRNP – SB 25 – This bill is in licensure. Things can always change but it is not expected for this bill to move at this time.
 - Act 112 – Patient Notification Act - Cardiologists are very concerned about this bill. The Legislative Task Force will be discussing this and coming up with language that doesn’t repeal the bill but appeases the cardiologists.
 - DOH regulations – One of the focuses is on scope of practice. Hospitals have a different perspective.

- Informed consent – Senator Gordner putting forth a proposal that would allow those other than a physician give conformed consent.
 - Members encouraged to donate to PAMPAC to help in the advocacy efforts. There is a concern by the PAMED lobbyist that legislators are experiencing “scope of practice” fatigue in the Senate because the House has shot down SOP bills 4 times so far.
 - PAMED Building Update - Costs were estimated at 7 million; however costs of steel tariffs went up which increased the estimated costs for construction by 25%. Options were presented to the PAMED board by the Finance Committee after being vetted. The board voted to move forward with the building construction. It was accepted and passed. Discussion took place among the MCMS board and a suggestion was put forth to present a resolution at HOD to discuss the building for those members that voiced opposition to the PAMED board’s decision.
 - PAMED Magazine – The decision was reached to have one issue printed per year and 1 digital issue per year in an effort to reduce costs associated with the print/design of the publication.
 - Corporate Practice of Medicine – HOD resolution – fiscal analysis of \$20k was listed. In researching the actual cost, PAMED staff had received quotes of \$40k - \$100k for outside research as the staff does not have capacity to research this. PAMED is looking into it further at this time.
- Legislative Dinner date being considered is Tuesday, June 18th in Harrisburg. MCMS staff will check availability of locations near the Capital for this event.
- MCMS Annual Dinner – Dr. Jim Withers will be speaking on street medicine and will be available for questions afterwards. We may have two sponsors so far. The Event is being promoted throughout the month.
 - Lander Award – We only received one nomination this year. Discussion took place among group to sunset the award this year. For next year we can target the health systems or chief of staffs and have board members reach out personally to them. Motion to re-think the approach to receiving nominations and sunset for this year was approved.
- Physician Wellness Symposium – Some progress made on it. There was a preliminary phone call with other counties in the 2nd district. PAMED would like to partner with us – doing a town hall in conjunction with our event. We may need to have it in early November. Venue location, costs will all need to be determined if we do this symposium jointly with other counties. The Executive Director will report back to MCMS on Bucks CMS thoughts. There is also a film called “Do Not Harm” that was shared with the MCMS leadership from Marion Mass. The film is about physician suicide and could be a potential joint county event if MCMS is interested. The film is being presented in Doylestown in a county theatre in the next month.
- Physician Burnout Speaking Engagements: Dr. Klein will be giving grand rounds on May 23rd and be a keynote speaker on May 30th. MCMS staff will share this information with the membership for them to attend.
- Treasurer’s Report – Not much to report. Markets doing well. We will try to get Joe Allen to speak with the board in September.