

LPMA
LOUISIANA PSYCHIATRIC
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
Executive Council Meeting
Approved Minutes
July 8, 2015

Participants: Marc Colon, MD, Ethics Chair, Rob Dahmes, MD, Treasurer, Mary Jo Fitz-Gerald, MD, APA Representative, Ed Foulks, Past President, Lee Michals, MD, LPMA LSU-S Representative, Dean Robinson, MD, President, Hannah Scott, MD, LPMA LSU-S Deputy Representative, Lee Stevens, MD, Past President, Mark Townsend, MD, President-Elect & Cathy Thompson, Executive Director

The meeting began at 5:30 p.m. At 5:45 p.m. a quorum was established.

Minutes from the June 10, 2015 Council meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Fall Meeting -

Mrs. Thompson reported that the CME application was approved and the final brochure copy is at the printer. She asked the Council if they were in agreement with sending the brochure to both members and non-members. The Council members were in agreement. Mrs. Thompson stated that she expected the brochure to be mailed out before the end of July.

A question was posed regarding the number of sponsors who have signed up to participate. Mrs. Thompson stated that 4 exhibitors were already on board and that a reminder would be sent to those who expressed interest. Mrs. Thompson said that we should expect 7-10 exhibitors at the event. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of Our Lady of the Lake providing a tour of the LSU Residency program on their campus. It was stated that the meeting time may be too limited to include a tour. Dr. Robinson said that we should be sure to reach out to the residents and faculty at OLOL inviting their participation. Mrs. Thompson mentioned that we still do not have resident-fellow representatives from the Baton Rouge program. Dr. Lee Michals said he would reach out to Dr. Bob Blanch to find out if there is interest from any of the residents in the program.

Mockups for LPMA-APA Co-Branding -

Mrs. Thompson reported that she is waiting for our Web Host, Ron Bruner to send samples and hopes to provide them at the August meeting.

Spring Meeting Date -

Mrs. Thompson stated that the Mississippi Psychiatric Association agreed to co-present the Spring Meeting with LPMA for 2016. She said the dates of February 26-28 in New Orleans has been approved with their group. Mrs. Thompson said that requests for proposals will be sent to the Convention and Visitors Bureau the week of July 13. She said that she and Ms. Ladner will review the RFPs received and provide feedback to the Council at the August meeting.

Potential Press Release Regarding Patients Transitioning from Magellan to Bayou Health -

Discussion was held concerning the October 1 planned transition from Magellan to Bayou Health. The question was posed asking if LPMA should send a press release expressing concern for the sickest patients being at the highest risk for getting lost in the changeover. It was stated that we should discuss this with Dr. Mary Margaret Gleason, LPMA Representative to Behavioral Health Integration Advisory group, and find out if she thinks we should pursue this and if so, ask her to summarize key points that would need to be included in the release. Dr. Robinson directed Mrs. Thompson to contact Dr. Gleason and report back to him the outcome of the discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Resident-Fellow Recruitment -

It was reported by Mrs. Thompson that communications have gone out to all of the residency programs regarding the revised APS 100% Club rules and benefits as well as the new LPMA resident-fellow benefit page highlighting benefits exclusive to residents and fellows. She said that she has received positive feedback from the program directors and LPMA RF Representatives and Deputy Representatives regarding their forwarding the information to all of the residents and fellows within their respective programs. Dr. Scott said that it would be beneficial to know what member benefits are of value to resident and fellow members. Dr. Robinson asked Dr. Scott if she would survey the residents and fellows to find out how we can better serve their needs. Dr. Scott agreed. Mrs. Thompson said she would follow up with Dr. Scott to put together a survey that can be sent using Survey Monkey.

Standard of Care Question from Primary Care Physician -

Mrs. Thompson conveyed to the Council that she had received a phone call from a primary care physician asking if there is a standard of care applicable to a patient (her patient) with PTSD who has been taking Clonidine long-term for his condition, is not an addict and is experiencing no problems. She stated that the patient is in a high paying job and has no performance issues. The physician stated that her patient was referred to a new psychiatrist who is asking him to have a neuropsych test. The patient does not see any reason to take the test as he is a-symptomatic and the test may be expensive and not covered by his insurance. The Primary Care physician asked me if I could find out the standard of care and get back in touch with her with any information we can provide. Discussion was held by the Council regarding the question posed. Dr. Robinson directed Mrs. Thompson to send him the physician's contact information for follow up.

Complaint Letter Regarding Nurse Practitioner Who Represented Herself as a Treating Psychiatrist -

Mrs. Thompson brought documentation to the Council's attention that was received in the form of a complaint from an individual who was seeing a nurse practitioner who represented herself as his treating psychiatrist. The Council reviewed the letter and supporting documentation and decided a letter should be written to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing letting them know that this misrepresentation has taken place. Mrs. Thompson said she would contact the Board to find out how to address the complaint and prepare a draft of a cover letter for Dr. Robinson's approval/signature. Council members said to be sure and ask for feedback from the State Board in the letter.

Other Business

The APA has eliminated the Deputy Representative position. Members who formerly held the Deputy Representative position will now be recognized as Representatives by the APA. The good news for the LPMA is that there will now be two representatives at the APA Assembly whose travel expenses will be covered by the APA. Because of this change, an LPMA Bylaw revision to remove the Deputy Representative position was proposed. Mrs. Thompson provided a revision approved by Dr. Dan Winstead, Bylaws Chair. The revised bylaw was reviewed by the Council and a Motion to pass was made and seconded. Dr. Robinson asked if there was need for discussion. An amendment was requested. A motion was made to approve the revised bylaw with the amendment and the following language was approved by the Council:

MOTION (PASSED)

CHAPTER IV - EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 5. The President's term of office shall be one year. The President cannot hold elected office for four years thereafter except for the offices of APA Representatives. All other elected officers shall serve one-year terms with the option of succession for another term if re-elected. Representatives shall be elected for three-year terms with the option of unlimited succession if re-elected. Elected officials shall assume office on the last day of the next annual meeting of the APA.

CHAPTER V - ELECTIONS

Section 4. In the event any office becomes vacant before expiration of a term, the Council shall elect a member to serve for the remainder of the term.

Having no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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DRAFT Minutes
August 12, 2015

Participants: Marc Colon, MD, Ethics Chair, Rob Dahmes, MD, Treasurer, Chris Davis, MD, LPMA Tulane RF Deputy Representative, Mary Jo Fitz-Gerald, MD, APA Representative, Kimberly Gordon, MD, Secretary, Verinoque Haymon, MD, LPMA Tulane RF Representative, Lee Michals, MD, LPMALSU-S RF Representative, Pat O'Neill, MD, LPMA Federal Representative & CME Chair, Dean Robinson, MD, President, Hannah Scott, MD, LPMA LSU-S RF Deputy Representative, Mark Townsend, MD, President-Elect & Cathy Thompson, Executive Director

The meeting began with a quorum at 6:34 p.m.

Minutes from the July 8, 2015 Council meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Fall Meeting -

Mrs. Thompson reported that there are currently 8 exhibitors participating and there is still time for more to sign up. She also reported that we are 2 room nights away from filling the room block requirement with the Renaissance and that she fully expects them to be filled. Mrs. Thompson stated that her main concern for the event is the lack of registered attendees. Dr. Robinson asked the Council to remind their colleagues about registering and Dr. O'Neill suggested an email go out to the membership letting them know that the hotel room block will expire this Friday with a reminder to register for the meeting. He also stated that we should include information about Senator Bill Cassidy's participation.

Spring Meeting Hotel Proposals Received -

Mrs. Thompson reported that 8 hotel proposals to host the spring meeting in New Orleans were received. She shared contracts from the top 2 (Le Pavillon and OMNI on the River) with Council members. Discussion took place regarding the choices and Dr. Robinson called for a vote from the Council. The results of the vote were as follows: 9 for Le Pavillon and 2 defers. Dr. Robinson asked Mrs. Thompson to follow up with Le Pavillon to let them know they have been chosen for the Spring Meeting.

Complaint Letter Regarding Nurse Practitioner Representing Herself as a Treating Psychiatrist Sent to LSBN -

Mrs. Thompson stated that a letter to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing and a complaint form was signed by Dr. Robinson on behalf of the LPMA and mailed on July 6, 2015. She said when/if a reply is received from the nursing board, it will be shared with the Council. Dr. Gordon suggested that educating the general population about psychiatrists as compared to other mental health care providers may help to clarify the independent role of those involved in caring for the patient. Drs. Dahmes and Robinson requested that Mrs. Thompson gather information from all available sources explaining the role of the psychiatrist and report back to the Council at their next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Resident-Fellow Member Benefit-Satisfaction Survey Results -

Dr. Hannah Scott reported that she sent correspondence to the residency program directors giving them notice of the survey and to ask them to encourage residents in their respective programs to complete and return the survey. She stated that 14 residents completed the survey and she reviewed the results with the Council. Dr. Michals said that it is easier to get interns to sign up in the first year but if they do not participate in any activities, they do not see the value in continuing their membership into their 3rd and 4th years of residency. Dr. Haymon mentioned that she had spoken to Dr. Pletsch asking if it was possible to get the program to pay for membership and/or that residents and fellows be encouraged to use their book fee allocation to pay for membership. Dr. Scott said she and Dr. Michals had discussed ideas to encourage resident and fellow engagement. She said that providing a social activity exclusive for residents and fellows in conjunction with the spring and fall meeting may increase attendance. Dr. Scott reported that the survey question asking residents and fellows if they would be willing to participate at an LPMA sponsored social activity received a high rating from responders. Dr. Robinson said that it may not be too late to add a resident and fellow social activity at the fall meeting in September and he asked that Dr. Scott provide suggested venues that could be used for the upcoming fall meeting. Dr. Dahmes suggested sending out reminders to the residents and fellows about the travel grants available to attend LPMA meetings.

Authorized Signers for William Sorum Memorial Fund -

It was reported by Mrs. Thompson that a request letter from Capital One Bank was received asking that LPMA provide an officer(s) signature for William Sorum Memorial Fund CD fund continuance and access. She stated that bank paperwork for Dr. Dahmes signature is in progress. Dr. Dahmes reported that the fund was established to provide a lecture series for psychiatrists and the general public. Dr. Robinson asked that Dr. Dahmes prepare a summary report for Council review with suggestions for the future use of the fund. He also mentioned that NAMI may be interested in partnering to provide a program that includes the general public.

Other Business -

Having no other business to discuss, Dr. Dahmes made a motion to adjourn and the meeting ended at 7:41 p.m.