



HAWAI'I PSYCHIATRIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Monthly Membership Meeting
August 9, 2012

Mission: Helping Hawaii's Psychiatrists Provide the Highest Quality Care

Location: Home of HPMA President Iqbal "Ike" Ahmed, MD in Honolulu

Attendees on Oahu: Drs Ahmed, Prier, Aulwes, Suzuki, Chong, Rebecca Dolgin (guest), Murayama-Sung, Akaka (via phone)

Attendees on Maui, via conference call on Skype: Dr Sakuda

Call to order: 6:35pm

Minutes of previous meeting: reviewed and approved.

Ethics Committee Report: Dr Prier. Ethics committee is a service to our members to provide remediation at the lowest level before it reaches the level of the licensing board or litigation. No new matters have come before the committee.

Legislative Committee Report: Dr Akaka.

No new legislation regarding psychologist prescribing. Representative Yamane, who has been instrumental to stopping the psychologist prescribing bill, is in a contested position. It is unclear if Speaker Say will be able to keep his speakership. This could impact if Representative Yamane's ability to hold on to his Health Chair seat.

In Ohio there was legislation passed that if the 200 medication formulary was used, there were no prior authorizations needed. This saved Ohio DHS money and it was hoped that this would happen here in Hawaii; however, uniform formulary legislation did no progress in the legislature.

Membership Committee Report: Dr Gise. Not present. Nothing to report. Membership total is 165.

Communications: Dr Roberts. Not present today. Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Dr Sakuda. Nothing to report. Would like to discuss use of budget at the executive committee retreat.

Area 7 Trustee Report: Dr. Akaka.

Dr Scully (APA) will be retiring 2014. The APA board has established a search committee.

There will be a vote in the assembly on DSM V. Members may send their comments on any section of the DSM V draft. The target date for release is next year's APA meeting.

Future CPT codes – there is a possibility of increase in reimbursements for psychiatrists with upcoming E&M coding. There is online coding training for APA members.

Old Business:

- Brain Waves newsletter: 1st article – Dr Garcia, a dermatologist will submit an article for the first blog posting on the subject of “Drug rashes”.
 - Any other suggestions for new articles?
 - Dr. Ahmed discussed his follow up with the HPMA office (SBIMS) to set up the blog, Facebook and twitter accounts.
 - SBIMS said that a member would need to take the lead to set up the Facebook account.
 - Dr Ahmed is considering using twitter to highlight high yield topics.
 - Dr Ahmed in contact with SBIMS. They are willing to set up the Brain Waves Blog at the HPMA website. Dr Ahmed will edit the blog and also add to the blog as the president.
- Leadership event for early career psychiatrists (ECPs) and mid-career members: Sept 7, 8 at Washington DC. Selections from each area have been made. The attendees were chosen from other states.
- Public Affairs - requests by media for comments. Looking for psychiatrists interested in speaking with media. Agreed that members who are interested list which topics that they are interested in discussing.
 - Dr Kemble interested in speaking on universal health care.
 - Dr Gise is willing to speak on any topic.
- Hawaii Health Authority. Dr Kemble is a member. Charged to look into universal health care for the state. Looking into Unified Medicaid, with no competing health insurances providing Medicaid service

New Business

- Plans for an Executive Committee retreat: September 8 Saturday from 12-5pm at Dr Ona's home. Members can send ideas. The executive committee will review the past 2 years and brainstorm about the future direction, challenges, and how to make this a not only a viable, but a thriving organization.
- Area 7 council meeting: Aug. 11-12. Dr Gise is Rep, Dr Ahmed is Deputy Rep. Challenges for this district have been membership issues. They will discuss

psychologist prescribing and physician extenders. Dr Ahmed to inquire about whether to have someone come to educate membership about legislative issues.

- NAMI walk for MH in October. People can volunteer to walk

Topic of the Month: none today.

- Topic for next month: Sept Topic: Health care reform in Hawaii by Dr Kemble

Announcements:

- The UH Department will have a special conference to honor Emeritus Professor Wen-Shing Tseng's legacy on Wednesday, Aug 22, from 2:00-4:00pm at the Queen's Conference Center in Room 200.
- Dr Dolgin: Recently moved to HI from Minnesota. Looking for part time job. She is attending acupuncture school.

Next meeting: September 13, 2012 at 6pm.

Submitted by,
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