



- **HAWAI'I PSYCHIATRIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**
 - Minutes of Monthly Membership Meeting
 - May 9, 2013

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. Iqbal Ahmed, Yulee Yee, Sherri Tisza, Celia Ona, Amy Fuglei, Russ Muramatsu, June Lee, Moe Hla, Jeffery Akaka, Berdine Chong, Lauren Hodge, Julianne Aulwes, Himal Shrestha, Linda Nahulu, Brett Lu, Rika Suzuki.

Attendees on outer islands, via conference call on Skype: Drs. Amber Sakuda, Stephanie Skow, Leslie Gise.

Call to order: 6:47pm

Minutes of previous meeting: reviewed and approved.

BUDGET & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Ethics Committee Report:** per Dr. Prier - no recent referrals or concerns.
- **Legislative Committee Report:**
 - legislature ended; telemedicine senate bill was introduced by Rep. Mark Takai as part of National Guard to increase access of mental health care on neighboring islands; providers would have been credentialed by Tripler; passed house and senate
- **Membership Committee Report:**
 - As of 3/2013, we have 174 members
 - Increase neighbor island membership involvement:
 - Dr. Donna Ching, rep for the Big Island?
 - Dr. Stephanie Skow, agreed to be the representative for Kauai; can also do a get-together to reach out to psychiatrists and members there; they currently try to meet up on the 2nd Tues of every month for lunch
 - Maui get-together on 5/8/13: 9 psychiatrists were there
 - 2nd time event; prefers to have Oahu representation
 - discussed benefits of HPMA
 - reached out to MDs who were not members
 - send receipts to Dr. Ahmed for reimbursement
 - possible rep for Maui: Micheline Dugue who works at VA; Amber and Leslie to f/u.
- **Communications:** Dr. Suzuki:
 - Will split up membership list to remind members to renew membership; Leslie advised people to not call the lapsed member more than 3 times
 - There is a membership payment plan available via credit card and paying in installments. Remind members that if it weren't for the APA, reimbursement rates via CPT coding wouldn't have passed
 - will post on HPMA website re: CPT parity abuses by insurance companies
 - will solicit more blog articles and maintain Twitter and Facebook accounts
- **Treasurer's Report:** Dr. Aulwes

- Clarified that APA Grant \$ will be used to fund lobbyist
- Budget report
- **Area 7 Council Mtg, New Mexico:** Dr. Ahmed, deputy rep.
 - Paul Summergrad, MD, newly elected president of the APA
 - in New Mexico, where psychologists can prescribe, they are trying to push for more independence
 - New Mexico psychiatrists are suggesting that any new legislation regarding this topic should be presented to an advisory review committee rather than to legislators
 - Sunshine Bill in AZ: any new bills have to be reported before they're submitted
 - ACA and health exchanges coming, Hawaii included
 - Kaiser Family Foundation website <http://www.kff.org/> has updates on every single state regarding the upcoming health exchanges
 - Some states are trying to legalize medical marijuana
 - gun control legislation hot topic
 - there are concerns about member apathy in a number of states
 - CME is an important activity in some states: Nevada using it to raise revenue
 - Loss of ECP members; ECP committee looking for suggestions on how to increase ECP membership
 - There was some discussion of term limits for assembly legislative rep and about electing an ECP to become the deputy rep, while grooming them to later become the legislative rep
- **ECP report:** Dr. Aulwes – ECP and MIT networking at APA Monday 5/20 from 5-7pm at Jillian's at the Metreon; will email details to be sent out to HPMA listserv

Old Business:

- Upcoming DSM-V training at APA: Drs. Ahmed and Aulwes will attend the Train the Trainer sessions and will report in future HPMA mtg

New Business: None

Topic of the Month:

- Future Considerations: none currently

Announcements: change of officers and elections today

- President: Dr. Celia Ona
- President-elect: Dr. Brett Lu
- Secretary: Dr. Lori Murayama-Sung
- Treasurer: Dr. Julienne Aulwes
- Rep: Dr. Lori Murayama-Sung and Dr. Jeffrey Akaka
- ECP Rep: Dr. June Lee
- MIT Rep: Dr. Allison Garrett, PGY3, nominated for this position
- next meeting will be on Thursday June 13, 2013 at 6pm at Dr. Celia Ona's house in Kahala
- Location of future meetings will be determined at that meeting; will keep mtg location centrally located

Submitted by,
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