



- **HAWAI'I PSYCHIATRIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

- Minutes of Monthly Membership Meeting

- March 27, 2014

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

Location: Max's of Manila Restaurant, Honolulu

Attendees on Oahu: Drs. Celia Ona, Julianne Aulwes, Rika Suzuki, Iqbal Ahmed, Brett Lu, June Lee.

Attendees on outer islands, via conference call: Dr. Amber Sakuda

Call to order: 6:30pm

Minutes of previous meeting: reviewed and approved.

Announcements:

- Reminder that the APA's annual conference will be held 5/3-5/7 in NYC; no HPMA mtg in May
- Dr. Ahmed will be partnering with the Maui County Medical Society (MCMS) to do a DSM-V training on Wednesday 4/16 6pm at the Class Act Restaurant on University of Hawaii, Maui Campus, Pa'ani Bldg, upstairs. MCMS & HPMA members: no charge; non-members: \$75.00 (includes dinner). Pre-registration mandatory by 4/10 to Monica at 808-264-2749 or mauicountymedicalsociety@yahoo.com
- NAMI 5K walk scheduled for Sunday 9/28/14 8am at Honolulu Hale Civic Grounds

BUDGET & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Dr. Aulwes – overall budget: we're still in the black ☺
 - CALF Grant and District Branch Innovative Grant money is now deposited in our account
- **Ethics Committee Report:** Dr. Prier – not present; nothing to report
- **Legislative Committee Report:** Drs. Akaka & Murayama-Sung – not present; Dr. Bimmie Strausser attended Advocacy Day in Washington, DC, in March, will report at the next mtg
- **Membership Committee Report:** Dr. Gise – not present; we currently have 184 members as of 12/31/13; her latest report was sent out via email and reviewed
- **Communications:** Dr. Suzuki – District Branch Innovative Grant electronic copy was sent out via email; will try to liaison with neighbor island HPMA representatives to start scheduling trainings: Dr. Micheline Dugue on Maui, Dr. Donna Ching on Big Island, Dr. Stephanie Skow on Kauai
- **ECP report:** Dr. Lee – nothing to report
- **Assembly and Board Reports:** Dr. Akaka – not present; per email he sent out, ACA report and the SGR bill was reviewed
 - Restrictions on funding for psychiatric meds haven't yet been implemented by CMS/Medicare yet
 - The VA is trying to recruit more psychiatrists by offering a loan repayment program, up to \$25K/year

Old Business: none

New Business:

- Future meeting location: Dr. Lu will check on QCS availability
- A pre-medical college student, Phil Kaufman, is interested in a psychiatry shadowing/volunteering opportunity. Any psychiatrists that can take on this student, please contact Dr. Ona at celiaona@yahoo.com for more info
- American Red Cross is holding a free 3 hour training for Disaster Mental Health Fundamentals on Sat 4/5 from 9am-12pm. Contact Kevin Schmidt at 739-8111 if interested.
- There is a new grant opportunity, called the District Branch Expedited Grant, available for \$2-3K/district branch, 6/2 deadline, Drs. June Lee & Berdine Chong nominated to complete the application; will focus on ECP retention initiative
 - Brainstorm: provide a \$100 gift certificate for books from APPI
 - Provide \$100 gift card for iTunes/apps
 - Hold a dinner pep talk at a local restaurant with education lecture by Dr. Ahmed/Lu, topics may include pharmacogenomics or ethnopharmacology
 - Restaurant ideas include Hiroshi, Vino, Hau Tree Lanai, BLT Steakhouse
- Brainstorm regarding improving mtg communications to neighboring islands: ideas include purchasing a Verizon Hotspot to provide Wi-Fi access at meeting location in order to have members Skype in, using www.freeconferencecall.com but need a phone jack/connection at mtg location, using SBIMS for conference calling (per min charge) – Dr. Ona will inquire further, using www.gotomeeting.org
- Next month's meeting will be held on Thursday 4/17 at 6pm, Max's of Manila Restaurant

Topic of the Month:

- Future Considerations: educational talk associated with the ECP retention initiative listed above

Submitted by,
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