

## **MAPA Board Meeting Oct. 20, 2007, St. Louis**

Present: Keely Cook, Paul Winter, Ryan Pock, Luis Gomez, Jorgen Schlemeier, Julie Christian, Stacy Vienhage, Tobie Bisges

-Motion to approve minutes from last meeting by Paul, second by all.

### **Legis update**

#### **Waiver update**

1. Permanent waiver rules, draft in progress.

-Currently waiver term is good for 1 year only (permanent and emergency)

-Will be advocating extended term

-Issue on final rule is ? try for 5 yrs v. unlimited

2. Temporary emergency rule filed to protect PA-physician teams in the interim who cannot meet requirement of 66% and still meet patient needs

-10-day waiting period required, which expires 10/22, then rules establishing waiver process will go into effect

-Once both emergency and permanent waivers applied for, will be a 14-day comment period where individual applications will be online for viewing

-There is no minimum % supervision necessary to provide in waiver, but there can be no more than 10 consecutive unsupervised clinical days

-Exclusions =hospitals, nursing homes, home care, prisons, that do not count in the 66%

-Waiver applications can be found through BOHA website

#### **MO Medicaid Issue**

-Currently does not reimburse PAs for hospital services, but does reimburse in office as long as billing is under physician

-Services through medicaid are designated either necessary services or optional, with physician services designated as necessary. Legal angle/argument is that PAs should be covered under category of “physician services”, thus necessary, not “provider type”

-Under MO Department of Social Services

-Lawyer reviewing bills, then will meet with departments

-Motion by Paul to approve lawyer fees to review case and give professional opinion, second by all

#### **Controlled substances**

-Opposition from MOAPS & anesthesiologists as primary, family physicians secondary

-Jay Wasson & Delbert Scott heads of both committees, both in favor of bill for nurses

-Will likely be asking for schedule 3-5

-All but 4 states have controlled substance laws, no reported problems w/ PAs writing narcotic prescriptions

-Talking point = DEA# will allow close tracking of prescriptions written

#### **Handicap license**

-Will be consent vote (approve or deny)

-Jan 9, 2008 legislature will be back in session

New senator in St. Charles—Tom Dempsy (has always been very supportive of PA causes)

### **Membership report**—Keely

- 182 current members, including 42 students
- Will be working w/ Jessica and DALs on a membership drive
- List of all regional PAs to be given each DAL
- ?average for other states to come up w/ goal for MO

### **Treasurer's report**—Dawn via Paul

- General account \$8536.28
- CME \$36,639
- Savings ~\$6500
- Paypal \$12,787
- “money to be transferred” \$7072

### **DAL Reports**

**SW**--Stacy—monthly meetings still going well. Drug rep's lined up for the next year to sponsor meetings. 20-40 attendants at each

**NE**--Luis—mission = trying to get new people involved in the area  
Planning for 2<sup>nd</sup> annual NE regional meeting in St. Louis this winter

**SE**--Julie—only 15-20 PAs in SEMO

Plan to increase awareness & support from these people

**NW**--Tobie—has been in contact w/ KAPA

Plan of future meeting w/ KAPA and other area MO PAs to share CME, awareness, etc

### **CME Report**—Ryan

- Planning for next year—topic ideas or speaker ideas gladly welcome, email to Ryan
- So far list of 30 topics
- Attendance down this year (106 rather than 140 previous), poss from website being down
- 72 attendees required to break even cost-wise
- This year only made \$5,000-6,000 compared to \$20,000+ in years past
- Only 20 of attendants were MAPA members
- Discussed changing location, felt best to leave annual in Branson w/secondary in KC or STL
- Discussed possibility of changing hotel w/in Branson, Radisson is best value for price.
- Possibly having AAPA speaker
- Next committee meeting in November

### **New Business**

- Volunteer for MAPA booths=Heather Brinkman (legearhe@yahoo.com)
  - Hospital association meeting nov 7-9 at Tantera, volunteer needed
  - Will not be attending family physicians meeting this year
- Still do not have president elect.
- PAC fund has ~\$4000. More needed. Need to keep momentum, still more legislative issues to be covered.
  - No administrative costs, 100% donations directly into account
  - Encourage \$10/mo direct debit donations

Possible second CME in STL or KC

Next meeting Feb 23 w/ conference call capabilities in case of inclement weather  
10:00, St. Louis  
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Caroline Hardin Chang