

**BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
MONTANA HEALTH CORPS TASK FORCE
(CONFERENCE CALL)
4TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
HELENA, MONTANA
DATE: June 5, 2009
MINUTES**

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Item #1: Call to Order

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Fink called the meeting to order and the following members were present. Dr. Arthur Fink, Dr. Mary Anne Guggenheim, Dr. Michael LaPan, Ms. Carole Erickson, Dr. Dean Center, Kay Bills-Kazimi. Dr. Fink read the public comment statement and no one was present for additional comments.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Rep. Mary Caferro

Item #2: Review and approval of Agenda:

Review and approval of the June 5, 2009 agenda

Dr. Michael LaPan moved to accept the agenda and Dr. Mary Anne Guggenheim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item # 3: Review and approval of May 22, 2009 minutes.

Ms. Carole Erickson stated that she would like her name added to the minutes under members absent.

Dr. Michael Lapan made the motion to accept minutes with the amendment and Dr. Mary Anne Guggenheim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #4: Open Forum: Public Comment

Dr. Arthur Fink gave the opportunity for anyone to comment. No comments were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT:

In accordance with 2-3-103(1), MCA, the Board will hold a public comment period. Please note that Open Forum is the public's opportunity to address the Board on any topic that is not on the agenda for this meeting. While the board cannot take action on the issues presented, the Board will listen to comments and may ask the

issue be placed on a subsequent agenda for possible action by the Board. The Chairperson of the board will determine the amount of time allotted for public comment.

ITEM # 5: Application Draft

There was no discussion on the application draft. After the guidelines have been produced, the drafted application will be discussed.

ITEM # 6: Guidelines

Dr. Fink gave his concerns in regards to the guidelines. Anne O'Leary stated that the rules would need to be in place before looking at the guidelines. The committee recommended that Board staff draft the guidelines and present them at the next meeting. Dr. Guggenheim explained to the committee on her perspective of how the records should be stored. Guidelines that would be set up so that charting would be encouraged to accompany the patient and Dr. Fink suggested that the patient be responsible to hold his or her own records. This would be so that the patients have a copy of every visit, that shows what medication they are on, and what took place at each visit. Dr. Center stated that you could not make these doctors held to a different set of standards. Anne O'Leary explained how the guidelines are set up. Jean Branscum spoke about PACE, it was suggested to keep it simple. Rep. Mary Caffero spoke about the work on the rules, is happy with the rules, and thanked everyone for their work.

ITEM # 7: Review of Needed Rule Work

Dr. SIRR had corrections to the guideline's which referred to a retired doctor and this was looked at. Dr. Fink did appreciate this addition. Dr. LaPan pointed out Telemedicine #7. Anne O'Leary stated that it is a typographical error and should read participation registration. Anne O'Leary recommended that the member's present look at the definition of Physician located under section 37.3.102 (7) Anne O'Leary asked the board to define health corps physician or a podiatrist that would reach a broader group of patients and be more inclusive of physicians. Anne O'Leary stated that she would discuss this with Al Smith and see if he agrees with the new definition that would encompass podiatrist and Rep. Mary Caffero supports this idea.

Dr. LaPan moved to amend the proposed #5 to include Dr. SIRR's language and Dr. Center seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Fink made the motion to include definition of physician under 37.3.102 (7) new health core physician. Dr. Guggenheim seconded the motion.

Dr. Center made the motion to adopt the amended rules as modified. Dr. Guggenheim seconded to accept the rules. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM # 8: Determine Next Steps

- **Actions needed**

The Board did not discuss this agenda item

Adjournment:

Dr. Fink adjourned the meeting at 4:49.