

NHMS Council Meeting Minutes

7/10/2024 (Zoom and in person)

Present via zoom: Frances Lim-Liberty, Eric Loo, Marc Bertrand, Mark Windt, Marie Ramas, Robert Laflam, Lisa Patterson, Franklin Hubbell, Lin Brown, Eric Kropp, Patrick Ho, Melissa Martinez Adorno, Oge Young, Richard Johnson, Alan Hartford

Present in person: Danielle Albushies, Gary Sobelson, John Hink, Seddon Savage, Angela Yerdon, Maria Boylan, Tessa Lafortune-Greenberg, Jim Bartels, Stephen Bishop, Travis Harker, John Hinck, Ava Hawkes, Kirsten Singleton, Jennifer Christiansen

1. President's Report

Maria Boylan, DO

- a. Motion to Approve minutes from 5/2024, seconded, passed unanimously.
- b. Staffing updates:
 - i. Search committee has extended a job offer to Cathy Stratton who has accepted the job offer
 - ii. COO Kirsten Singleton has been hired and is present to introduce herself
 - iii. Nicole Bump has been hired on a temporary basis for formation of the Pulse, magazine and social media presence.
 - iv. Plan to update the website with these new hires

2. Director of Advocacy Report

Ava Hawkes

- a. State Policy Overview
 - i. Q&A on Legislative Wrap-up (see attachment organized by the 5 areas that were chosen)
 - ii. Review of Governor bill signings and vetoes: HB 1093 (veto); SB 173 (signed), SB 462 (signed/cap increased to 500,000 for wrongful death claims), SB 399 (signed), SB 561 (signed)
 1. HB 1222 (likely to be signed given amendments made to the bill); Governor has 5 days to act once a bill hits his desk; Governor could choose not to sign the bill and it would become law. Discussion about how to bring forth further legislation to clarify the scope of practice for physician assistants.
 2. HB 322 – Committee to establish a committee to study the NH Board of Medicine; waiting to go to the Governor's desk.
 - iii. Medical student outreach on protecting DEI in medicine; Geisel Students reached out to Ava to see what the NHMS is working on to protect DEI in medicine

1. Council reminded that the NHMS had a committee for 18-24 months to encourage our NHMS society from administration to membership and leadership to acknowledge DEI. Plan to include DEI in strategic planning.
 2. Recommendation as an option for such medical students to also go to the AMA medical student section for such ideas.
- b. Statutory Commission and Committees
- i. Commission to Study Telehealth Services – most urgent. Dr. Ballard is the chairperson of this committee. Dr. Ho is the NHMS representation. An alternate is needed by July 30th and for the fall meeting. This Committee will be making recommendations for legislation. Going into the 30th we need a NHMS position on this. Unable to make a motion without a quorum. We will ask Patrick to write up a summary for the Council and for our alternate representative to have adequate knowledge of the issues. Will reach out to Audrey Kern as the alternate representation.

3. Policy Process Committee update

Danielle Albushies, MD

- a. 5+ year policies still need to be reviewed; marijuana and expired gun violence policies.
- b. Gun violence policies are disjointed and need to be consolidated into one comprehensive policy. The Council was asked for interested members who would like to work on consolidating gun violence policies. Interest from Dr. Hink and Dr. Albushies
- c. A future policy is desired on telemedicine. No volunteers to author a policy at this time.

Motion to adjourn 6:40 pm, seconded and approved.

Next meeting 8/14/24; 5:00-6:30 pm

Submitted by Danielle Albushies, MD