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# Annual Meeting, Thursday, October 2, 2014, 5:15 p.m.

Hyatt Regency Hotel, Sacramento, 1209 L St, Sacramento, CA 95814, Golden State Room Call-ins through freeconferencecall.com, handouts posted at <u>https://www.freeconferencecall.com/wall/327694614</u>

# MINUTES (draft 10/17/14 by Ron Hattis) (INCLUDING BOARD OF DIRECTORS VOTES; NO SEPARATE BOARD MEETING HELD)

# Attendance (alphabetically):

- In person: Frank Alvarez, Penny Borenstein, Lou Anne Cummings, Andrew Deckert, Ron Hattis, Mark Horton, Claudia Jonah, Olivia Kasirye, Liana Lianov, Tim Livermore, Don Lyman, Jessica Nunez de Ybarra, Robert Oldham, Caroline Peck, Karen Ramstrom, Brett Smith; Guest: Julie Valshampayan
- By phone: Susan Bradshaw, Timur Durrani, Eloisa Gonzalez, Jeff Gunzenhauser, Cora Hoover, Michael Orlich; 3 additional callers did not identify themselves Personal introductions were omitted in the interest of time, to allow attendance at Bruce Pomer's retirement party to follow this meeting.

# 1. Welcome from President Don Lyman:

Don gave a quick review of the activities and accomplishments of CAPM, many of which are summarized on the Web site, along with other new information. He thanked Ron Hattis for assistance, including with setting up that new site, and invited members to review it.

# 2. Approval of Minutes of General and Board Meetings (Copies Provided):

- a) Last Annual Meeting (10/23/13, Sacramento, distributed by e-mail and available in hardcopy for those attending in person)
- b) General Meeting (4/17/14, Riverside, distributed by e-mail)

<u>Action</u>: A motion was made by Caroline Peck, seconded by Liana Lianov, to approve both as written. Motion passed unanimously. Minutes will be archived.

c) Online Board Minutes of 5/28-6/19/14 and 7/23-9/8/14, distributed by e-mail: Only Board members needed to vote on these. Don Lyman asked for a roll call vote of the Board.

<u>Action</u>: Both minutes were approved and will be archived. In favor: Durrani, Gunzenhauser, Hattis, Hoover, Lyman, Orlich Peck Not present: Thomazin

## 3. Treasurer's Report, Ron Hattis:

Ron Hattis discussed the distributed total year 2013 balance sheet and the year-to-date sheet for 2014 (through September 13). The bank balance more than doubled during 2013, due to early collection of over \$1500 in dues and donations for 2014. Since no early payments for 2015 were received by September 13, expenditures so far have exceeded income on the year-to-date sheet, but total dues and donations collected in both years for 2014 have been more than enough to cover 2014 expenditures to date. The Board approved a \$250 contribution this year to a coalition to defeat Proposition 46, an initiative that would increase award limits under MICRA. This action was in response to an appeal from CMA to all medical specialties. This was the first known time that CAPM dues have been used for such a political contribution. Ron made an appeal for paying dues and making extra donations now, and several members renewed during the meeting.

<u>Action</u>: Ron moved approval of the Treasurer's Report, Caroline Peck seconded. Motion approved. Reports will be archived and turned over to the incoming Treasurer. (The motion was actually combined with approval of Legislative Report, see item 6 below.)

Ron also requested approval from the Board for reimbursement for approximately \$50 in duplication and business card expenses related to this meeting and legislative advocacy.

<u>Action</u>: Ron requested approval, Caroline Peck seconded, motion was approved. In favor: Durrani, Gunzenhauser, Hattis, Hoover, Lyman, Orlich Peck Not present: Thomazin

## 4. Election of Officers, Recommendations of Nominating Committee, Jessica Nunez de Ybarra:

Jessica presented the following slate developed by the Nominating Committee, which consisted of herself, Jeff Gunzenhauser, and Caroline Peck, with consultation from Ron Hattis and Don Lyman. President-Elect: Cora Hoover (currently a Director) Secretary: Ron Hattis (currently Treasurer) Treasurer: Caroline Peck (currently completing 3-year term as a Director; a Past-President) Directors: Karen Ramstrom (new, 3-year term), Eloisa Gonzalez (new, 2-year term)

Other Officers Automatically Progressing to New Positions:

President: Timur Durrani (currently President-Elect) Immediate Past-President: Don Lyman (currently President)

Ron Hattis moved to include Brett Smith as an ex-officio (non-voting) resident member, a position that is not provided in the Bylaws but which has been found valuable in the past. Other resident members were sent an e-mail soliciting interest in this position, but none responded. Brett is a new CAPM resident member and a UCSF resident in Preventive and Internal Medicine currently rotating at the San Mateo County Department of Public Health. He introduced himself and summarized his background. His residency will be completed next June.

<u>Action</u>: There were no other additional nominations. Don Lyman called for a vote. The slate, with the addition of Brett as an ex-officio member through June 2015, was approved unanimously. The new Board will take office on January 1, 2015.

## 5. Legislative Report for 2014, Ron Hattis (Copy Provided):

Ron reviewed his one-page report. CAPM supported 9 bills, of which at least 3 and probably 4 were signed into law. These included AB 966, condoms in prisons; AB 1667, revision of TB testing for school employees, a HOAC bill; AB 1898, reporting of HIV coinfections with hepatitis B or C or meningococcus, another HOAC bill; SB 1311, requiring antimicrobial stewardship in hospitals. As of the date of the written report, September 29, the Governor's signature on SB 1311 was still pending, but he reportedly signed it later that day. For some bills, CAPM support was considered critical to provide medical and public health backing.

One bill, SB 835 to prohibit administration of medically important antibiotics to food animals for non-veterinary purposes, passed both houses but was vetoed. Four other bills failed to pass the legislature: AB 1500, prohibiting shipment of tobacco products to minors; AB 1437, prohibiting sale of meat from antibiotic-treated animals; AB 1576, requiring condoms for adult film industry; and SB 1000, requiring warning labels on sugary drinks. These issues may be addressed again in future bills. Don Lyman described his hand-delivering of CAPM letters to the Capitol. Ron appealed for volunteers from the Sacramento area to help with live committee testimony, which CAPM did not do this year.

<u>Action</u>: Ron requested approval of the Legislative Report, Caroline seconded. Motion passed without objection. (The same motion also included approval of the Treasurer's report, see item 4 above.)

#### 6. Leadership Forum Report, Mark Horton (Oral Summary):

Mark reported on the formation of the Preventive Medicine/Public Health Medical Leadership Forum. CAPM decided to sponsor a series of conversations among public health leaders around the state, for a number of reasons. These include establishing a mechanism to discuss CMA resolutions related to public health and to provide feedback to CMA; and exploring the opportunities to medical students and resident physicians to get involved with public health, through MPH and dual degree programs, and Preventive Medicine residencies, and how medical students become systematically aware of these. Efforts were made to assure representation from all schools of medicine and of public health and other key organizations such as CMA, HOAC, ACPM, CDPH, DHCS, and our Academy, with others invited (e.g., Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California) to be inclusive.

Four conference call meetings held from May through September, with the highest participation in the first call. The first two calls were monthly, future calls will be quarterly. A spreadsheet has been prepared comparing the training opportunities related to prevention and public health at the 11 medical schools. Schools of Public Health have been advised of new Preventive and Occupational Medicine residency requirements for advance academic topics. CMA resolutions considered have dealt with the use of the immunization registry, implementation of new HIV screening and treatment guidelines, and restoring infrastructure and response capacity to local public health that has been eroded in recent years.

Ron Hattis added that some of the resolutions discussed had originated with CAPM. As an example, he mentioned the resolution on Funding for Local Public Health (see item 8 below), which will be further discussed at the next Forum meeting. He described the Forum as an opportunity to include some academic institutions and organizations that may not have representatives in CCLHO/HOAC or CAPM. Prior to 2001, CMA sponsored a Scientific Advisory Panel on Preventive Medicine and Public Health, which brought together many of the equivalent players of the time, so to a certain degree, we have recreated a forum for communication that had existed in the past.

To provide national liaison, three ACPM members participated in the first call in May, but there has been no representation since then. Ron invited Liana Lianov to be a member of the Forum as a Regent of ACPM, and she accepted.

#### 7. Medicare Carrier Advisory Committee (CAC):

Jessica Nunez de Ybarra explained the importance of Preventive Medicine input in the Medicare Carrier Advisory Committee, and emphasized the importance and pertinence of this group. Each regional Medicare Administrative Contractor has such an advisory committee representing all of the medical specialties, for guidance on administrative policy related to reimbursement, for which there are some regional differences. CAPM is entitled to representation. Jessica, Jeff Gunzenhauser, Glen Thomazin, and Tim Durrani have represented CAPM in the past, but unfortunately, there was no representation at CAC meetings during the past year due to timing conflicts.

The carrier for California, Nevada, and the Pacific since August 2013 has been Noridian; it was previously Palmetto. Issues are usually highly technical and emphasize procedures, and the other specialties are not prevention oriented, nor was Medicare historically intended for prevention. Meetings are day-long, usually on Fridays, and alternate between northern and southern California, Nevada, and Hawaii. Attendance by phone is available.

<u>Action</u>: Jessica asked the Board to attempt to assign representatives to participate in the CAC, and Don Lyman agreed.

#### 8. Support for Local Public Health, Ron Hattis, Jessica Nunez de Ybarra:

CAPM will not have a health officer on its board in 2015 (Jeff Gunzenhauser, Acting Los Angeles Health Officer, is on the Board through December), and asked whether the membership might like to establish a committee on local public health to provide input to the Board. Jeff Gunzenhauser asked what efforts were made to solicit a health officer and whether a mechanism to assure this exists. Ron replied that some health officers were approached during the Nominating Committee process, but declined to serve as directors.

Past examples of CAPM action years ago were a few interventions when local jurisdictions were considering weakening the authority or hours of health officer positions for the next occupant, while those positions were vacant. Over the years, there has been a trend toward non-physician public health directors. He would like to see CCLHO and HOAC take a more proactive role in defending health officer authority, noting that one acting health officer at the current CCLHO/HOAC meeting has been informed that a new position of department director is planned to become the health officer's supervisor (the health officer has been the director of that department until now). Ron encouraged the acting health officer to oppose the move and offered CAPM assistance if that is done.

Ron stated that during the recession, most local public health jurisdictions experienced cutbacks that have not yet been restored, and that smaller counties in particular are in weakened condition. CAPM could be an advocate for restoring necessary services. CAPM's resolution 101-13 on funding for local public health, which passed the CMA House of Delegates and will be on the agenda of the next Medical Leadership Forum in December, among other things recommends that the California Department of Public Health, in cooperation with CCLHO and local public health agencies, assess gaps and weaknesses in local public health resources in California, particularly in small rural counties. CAPM could help suggest questions for a survey of local public health departments.

Olivia Kasirye expressed concern about the ability of local public health to respond to Ebola.

<u>Action</u>: Jessica Nunez de Ybarra proposed that Board meetings be opened to members such as health officers rather than starting a special committee. Ron noted that this would also give an opportunity for Mark Horton to report to the Board on the Leadership Forum, or for a representative to report on the CAC. Don Lyman agreed to take this under advisement.

# 9. Proposed Resolutions for CMA House of Delegates:

Don Lyman and Ron Hattis explained the CMA plan to be implemented within two years, for resolutions to be submitted on a year-found basis, and for a permanent Council on Science and Public Health to replace the current Council on Scientific and Clinical Affairs, the reference Committee on science and public health, and related technical advisory committees. CAPM has submitted to CMA a Board proposal that such a council should include at least 3 public health physicians, chosen from academia, CAPM, and other sources.

At the Riverside CAPM meeting, several topic areas were suggested for resolutions to be submitted in the name of CAPM, and the Board subsequently approved four of these. These have resulted in three actual resolutions to consider today. Only the "Resolved" clauses (which become CMA policy) are included below, but the resolutions will be submitted with their "Whereas" clauses as well.

a) Support for the CDPH Wellness Plan:

RESOLVED: That CMA endorse the goals of the California Wellness Plan as a partner; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CMA support the broad distribution of the California Wellness Plan, to encourage collective and collaborative action in making California the healthiest State in the nation by 2022.

This resolution was drafted by Jessica Nunez, but since she was deeply involved in the development of the plan, she would rather not have her name listed as author.

<u>Action</u>: Ron Hattis moved to approve and to list CAPM as the author and introducer. Carried unanimously.

b) Changing Medi-Cal Regulations to Permit Same-day Visits for different specialties, to promote integrated care:

RESOLVED: That CMA support legislation or regulations that would permit Medi-Cal reimbursement for multiple medical and behavioral specialty services on the same day, if those services would currently be compensated when performed on separate days.

Medi-Cal rejections of charges for mental and physical health visits on the same day have been discussed as a public health problem at both the Spring and current Fall CME programs of HOAC. The problem may extend also to visits to multiple medical specialists on the same day.

Tim Livermore asked whether this should be referred for national action, but Ron said that it is apparently not a federal requirement, and only state action is needed.

Action: Resolution was approved as written.

c) Restoration of State Funds for HIV Prevention:

RESOLVED: That CMA support the restoration in future state budgets of general funds for HIV prevention to levels prior to Fiscal Year 2009, adjusted for inflation, population size, and changes in HIV incidence.

Information surfaced at the last meeting of the Leadership Forum, that all state funding (formerly \$32-33m annually) has been eliminated since 2009, except for \$3m for demonstration projects in this year's budget. This resolution stimulated debate about how to include other programs that experienced cutbacks, but for which we do not have precise data. Olivia Kasirye did not want to limit it to HIV.

<u>Action</u>: A motion was passed to approve the above "Resolved," but to add a second "Resolved" clause, to be drafted by Ron Hattis and cleared with Don Lyman, calling for CMA (staff) to determine what other important public health programs have been similarly cut during the recession and not restored.

d) Possible Prohibition of Opting Out from Health Information Exchanges re Narcotic Prescribing:

The Board had approved consideration of such a resolution if anyone prepared one, however no resolution has been proposed.

Action: This topic was closed.

e) Supporting infection control in ambulatory care settings (new, not a topic area proposed at Riverside meeting or considered by the Board):

RESOLVED: That CMA support efforts to promote infection prevention in ambulatory care settings to improve patient safety.

Jeff Gunzenhauser submitted this resolution on behalf of member Dawn Terashita, who does not belong to CMA and therefore cannot be considered as the official author. It came about at the initiative of the California Association of Communicable Disease Controllers. Yvonne Chu of CMA staff confirmed that CMA has no current policy on this specific topic. Cora Hoover, a member of that association, offered to be a go-between, but also is a non-member of CMA.

<u>Action</u>: A motion to approve this resolution, with CAPM listed as both the author and introducer was unanimously approved

#### 10. Other New Business: None.

Action: A motion for adjournment was passed without objection.

Following the meeting, those interested walked to the HOAC office, 1100 11<sup>th</sup> St. #323, for the retirement party of Bruce Pomer (HOAC Executive Director and Honorary Member of CAPM).

Submitted by Ronald P. Hattis

Recorder