



Bucks CMS
 Board of Directors Meeting
 Wednesday, May 8, 2019
 6:00pm

MINUTES

Attendance: Jerome Burke, MD, FACG; DO; Robert Mirsky, MD; Richard Leshner, MD; John Gallagher, MD; Bindukumar Kansupada, MD; Joseph O’Neill, DO; Chris Frankel, MD

Called in: Marilyn J. Heine, MD; Karl Helmold, MD; Judith Gallagher-Braun, MD; David Levin, DO; Sean Butler, DO; Gerald Wydro, MD

Guests: Crystal Morret, PAMED staff; Marion Mass, MD; Mark Lopatin, MD

Staff: Michele Boylstein

Item	Discussion	Action Taken
Welcome and Call to Order		Jerry Burke called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.
Treasurer’s Report	The Treasurer gave the treasurer’s report. We are \$30K above where we were last year to date in the overall budget due in part to having members joining.	The report was accepted as information.
Old Business		
Committee rosters.	The Board discussed the organization of the following committees and asked board members for their interest and	All members were encouraged to participate on a committee.

	suggestions of members who may be interested in serving in this capacity.	
Bylaws Committee	The Bucks CMS Bylaws have not been updated in a while. The Bylaws Committee needs members to review and update the bylaws. The Operating Guidelines approved by the Bucks CMS Board complement the bylaws.	Dr. Frankel, Dr. Kansupada, and Dr. Pagan volunteered to serve on the Bylaws Committee, chaired by the Bucks CMS Secretary, Dr. Heine. A Bylaws Committee meeting will be coordinated by the Executive Director for the committee to begin initial discussions. A timeline for completion of revised bylaws was estimated as being by the end of 2019.
Finance Committee	The Finance Committee is to propose a budget and determine charitable allocations.	Dr. O'Neill and Dr. Kansupada, volunteered to serve on the Finance Committee, chaired by the Bucks CMS Treasurer, Dr. John Gallagher.
Editorial Committee	The Editorial Committee for the Bucks CMS – Montgomery CMS will help author articles and recruit authors to submit articles.	Dr. Butler, Dr. Mass, and Dr. Burke are currently on this committee.
Membership Committee	The Membership Committee is to recruit new members and reach out to retain current members.	Suggestion from the group was made that we should have one person from each hospital represented on the committee. Several board members offered to reach out to their hospital medical staffs for representation on the membership committee as well as individual physicians for a complete membership perspective.
Program on physician burnout	Bucks CMS is exploring the idea of a symposium with other counties on Physician Wellness. The expenses would be shared with the other counties. We are in the early stages of discussing the program. One member in attendance also mentioned there is a film about physician suicide and we could screen the film and do a panel discussion. The Board discussed the potential to share the program cost with hospitals. A hospital could serve as a venue for the events.	Further discussion is planned to review program cost and feasibility. Prior to proceeding with the film, Board members are encouraged to contact their respective hospital medical staffs to determine interest in providing financial support.

Legislative breakfast	Legislative Breakfast – discussion took place and the consensus was for a morning meeting on a Friday in September.	Bucks CMS staff will work with local representatives and a venue for a date in September for a legislative breakfast.
New Business		
Resolutions deadline	If anyone is interested in resolutions for the PAMED House of Delegates, they must submit them by July 31 st . Resolutions should be discussed, agreed-to, and endorsed by the Bucks CMS.	Bucks CMS can work with members to make resolutions more informative.
Request for endorsement of an Innovation Grant Proposal	Bucks CMS received a request for endorsement of an Innovation Grant Proposal from Dr Sidorov. Discussion took place among the Board about the high cost and the uncertain legal status of the proposed model.	Board voted to not endorse the proposal.
PAMED membership presentation	Crystal Morret, Director Membership Services at PAMED provided a membership presentation. She shared how the dues structure changed since the House of Delegates approved amendments to the bylaws that modified membership due categories. She provided data on those who received a 5% discount currently as large groups and the low hanging fruit of small groups 30 or fewer physicians who don't have a discount. The county has options of raising their dues and offering the discount to small groups or not.	The report was accepted as information. Bucks CMS will need to submit to PAMED its decision on dues by 6/15/19.
Meeting time	Discussion on time of meetings beginning later in the evening due to arriving from work.	Board voted and approved beginning future board meetings at 6:30pm.
Legislative update	Legislative update was provided by Dr. Heine on the status of Act 112, HB 1194 to address prior authorization reform, SB 25 that would provide CRNP's with independent practice, the Supreme Court Committee's proposed venue rule change, and the administration's potential	Bucks CMS staff will continue to provide legislative information to members, encouraging them to make comments to their legislators. Board members were encouraged to send patient stories to PAMED that demonstrate the need for prior authorization reform.

	ambulatory surgery center tax. These issues were discussed.	
Guest presentation	PAMED 2 nd District Trustee, Dr. Lopatin is running for Vice President of PAMED in September. He spoke on what his goals are if he were to become VP. He is asking for Bucks CMS support.	
Adjournment		The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM by Dr. Burke.

Upcoming Bucks CMS Board Meetings

Bucks CMS Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 10, 2019
6:30 p.m., Location: TBD

Bucks CMS Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 11, 2019
6:30 p.m., Doylestown Hospital

Bucks CMS Board Meeting: Wednesday, December 4, 2019
6:30 p.m., Doylestown Hospital

Submitted by: Marilyn Heine, MD, Secretary and Michele Boylstein, Executive Director