



Bucks CMS  
 Board of Directors Meeting  
 Wednesday, December 4, 2019  
 Doylestown Hospital  
 6:30 pm

**MINUTES**

Attending: Drs. Burke, Frankel, Gallagher, Gallagher-Braun, Heine, Kansupada, Mirsky, Wydro

Guests: Dr. Sampson

Staff: Brendan Leahy, Lauren Martini (via phone)

Item	Discussion	Action Taken
<b>Welcome, Introduction, and Call to Order</b>	Introduction of those in attendance	Dr. Jerry Burke, President, called the meeting to order at 6:41pm.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Board Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2019 Bucks/MCMS Physician Symposium Planning Meeting Minutes – October 28 and November 19, 2019	Motion made to approve the minutes. Motion carried.  Dr. Burke gave an overview of the Physician Symposium Meeting Minutes, which led into a discussion about the SSMS Addendum for services.

<p><b>President's Report</b></p> <p><b>President's Report (cont.)</b></p>	<p>Bucks CMS/MCMS Physician Symposium – The focus of this event is on the solutions of Physician Burnout, partnering with MCMS. Dr. Heine suggested Heather Farley as a potential speaker. Discussion was held regarding a budget line item for member events, to set a precedent for future President's on a yearly basis.</p> <p>Lauren Martini joined the meeting via phone to discuss the 2020 Scope of Work (SOW) in the proposed contract. Questions were raised regarding the staff person hours spent working on BCMS. A suggestion was also made to make the SOW a two-year contract. After discussion, the Board decided to hold off on a final decision until after further review.</p>	<p>Action: A motion was made to approve the Scope of Work addendum for the Burnout Symposium with a limit of \$7,500. Motion carried.</p> <p>Action: SSMS will provide the BCMS Finance Committee with a more detailed Scope of Work.</p>
<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p>	<p>Dr. Gallagher reviewed the financial statements. The board discussed that SSMS should provide increased information regarding the portfolio.</p> <p>The request from BCHIP was introduced by members of the Finance Committee. The board requested information on how much BCHIP receives in donations each year.</p> <p>The Finance Committee needs to meet to discuss the SOW.</p>	<p>The Treasurer's report was accepted as information.</p> <p>Action: A motion was made to approve a donation of \$2,500 to BCHIP. Motion carried.</p> <p>Action: SSMS will look into who serves as the BCHIP Executive Director.</p> <p>Action: SSMS will provide the Finance Committee with quarterly BCMS Portfolio updates.</p> <p>Action: SSMS will arrange a Finance Committee conference call.</p>
<p><b>Membership Report</b></p>	<p>As of October 31, 2019, BCMS has</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 539 Active Physicians</li> <li>• 731 Total Physicians</li> <li>• 803 Total Members</li> </ul>	<p>Accepted as information.</p> <p>Action: SSMS will provide a detailed list of new/terminated members to the BCMS Board.</p>
<p><b>Old Business</b></p>	<p>The Bylaws Committee has not met since the proposed amendments on the initial sections were discussed. More changes are forthcoming. The amendments may need to be provided for consideration in stages by the membership.</p>	<p>Accepted as information.</p>

	<p>Not all reimbursement forms have been processed for attendance at the PAMED HOD. HOD Delegates should be reminded to fill out their reimbursement forms.</p>	<p>Action: SSMS will send a reminder to HOD Delegates to fill out their reimbursement forms.</p>
<p><b>New Business</b></p>	<p>As defined in the Bylaws and Operating Guidelines, the Nominating Committee, comprised of the three last living past-presidents of the Society and two other Active or Associate members, will need to form and advance a slate for open offices and delegation candidates. Dr. Frankel expressed interest to be a member of the Nominating Committee.</p> <p>The importance of alternate delegate was noted, as all of the alternates served as delegates at the 2019 PAMED HOD. Since the membership meeting is in the spring, upcoming Nominating Committee action and elections will take place in the spring of 2020.</p> <p>Membership Brunch – Venues and dates were discussed for the Membership Brunch. Everyone seemed to enjoy last year’s venue.</p> <p>Legislative Breakfast – The Doylestown Country Club worked well as a venue for the 2019 Legislative Breakfast. Spring Mill Country Club was also discussed as a potential venue. The early fall date worked well in 2019.</p> <p>Dr. Wydro mentioned the opportunity to provide education to patients and physicians about the Prehospital DNR. Paramedics can only accept certified DNR’s, not living wills, etc.</p> <p>Dr. Heine mentioned that Congress and the state General Assembly are considering measures to</p>	<p>Action: The Nominating Committee should be appointed by the President in the spring of 2020.</p> <p>Action: SSMS will look into venues/dates that do not conflict with Spring 2020 holidays.</p> <p>Action: Accepted as information.</p> <p>Dr. Wydro was encouraged to write an article for the magazine and the website to promote this information.</p>

	address "Surprise Medical Billing." A successful model was enacted in New York that includes independent dispute resolution, also known as IDR or arbitration. Multiple grassroots actions are ongoing to advance a favorable resolution. One initiative is a letter being sent to Congress by small independent practices, with a sign on deadline of December 5, to urge adoption of IDR.	Dr. Heine shared the letter with the board members and encouraged them to sign if appropriate.
<b>Adjourned</b>		Dr. Burke adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

**Upcoming Bucks CMS Board Meetings**

Bucks CMS Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 15, 2020  
6:30 p.m., Plumsteadville Inn

Submitted by: Marilyn Heine, MD, Secretary and Brendan Leahy, Deputy Executive Director