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**Advisory Committee on Pain and Symptom Management
Meeting Minutes**

November 15, 2007

Members in attendance:

Melanie Brim
Ruth Ann Brintnall, Ph.D
Jack Gobetti, D.D.S.
Karen Ogle, M.D.
John Pappas, M.D.
Lawrence Prokop, D.O.
Claire Saadeh, Pharm.D, BCOP
Maria Silveira, M.D.

Representing/Appointed By:

Michigan Department of Community Health
Grand Valley State University
Michigan Board of Dentistry
Michigan State University/Governor
Michigan Board of Medicine
Michigan State University/Governor
Michigan Board of Pharmacy
Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Assoc. /Governor

Members absent:

Daniel Clauw, M.D.
Dennis Dobritt, D.O.
Edward Haughn, D.O.
Alan Lewandowski, Ph.D.
Frenchie McCall, L.M.S.W.
Robert Zalenski, M.D.

University of Michigan/Governor
Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery
Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery
Michigan Board of Psychology
Chronic Pain Sufferer/Governor
Wayne State University/Governor

Visitors in attendance:

John Barnas, Michigan Center for Rural Health
Henry Beckmeyer, D.O., MSU/College of Osteopathic Medicine
Donna Beebe, Michigan's Medicare Quality Improvement Organization
Jeanne Lewandowski, M.D., St. John Hospital and Medical Center
Ed Rivet, Michigan Right to Life
Michael Stellini, Wayne State University

Department staff in attendance:

Susan Affholter
Angela Awrey
Steve Creamer
Doreen Lyman
Robert Ulieru
Michael Wissel, R.Ph.

Meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions:

Melanie Brim, Director, Bureau of Health Professions, introduced herself and requested that the ACPSM members and department staff introduce themselves.

A motion to approve the August 16th minutes was made by John Gobbetti, D.D.S., M.S., and seconded by Karen Ogle, M.D. Minutes were approved by consensus.

Melanie gave an update on the appointment letters. Governor's Office is done with appointments and those who were reappointed should be receiving letter soon.

Melanie discussed the idea of doing a pilot training for physicians at a rural hospital in southwest Michigan with the hospital's CEO. The CEO is committed to implementing the training with mandatory participation. Discussion about the training has focused on barriers to proper pain assessment & management. The pilot training would probably involve a couple of sessions. We are looking for speakers to talk about pain management, so suggestions are welcome. MPHI could be utilized for the videotaping and broadcasting of the training.

Melanie also indicated her desire to form a speakers Bureau, composed of speakers recognized for their knowledge of pain and symptom management.

The Palliative Care Initiative is an additional resource for MDCH. The Bureau of Health Professions is suggested for the location of this unit. BHP is moving forward on filling the full-time employee to assist with Pain Management and Palliative Care work. The focus is education for consumers and professionals on the importance of living pain free. Creating a paradigm shift in consumers' awareness of their rights to be pain free and health care professional's awareness of their responsibilities to adequately assess and manage pain is the overarching goal.

Pain Management in Michigan Medical School Curricula Presentations and Discussions:

Henry Beckmeyer, D.O., MSU/ College of Osteopathic Medicine, Professor of Osteopathic and Surgical Specialties. Dr. Beckmeyer presented a brief overview of what Michigan State University offers in pain management throughout curriculum. Dr. Beckmeyer discussed how more can be done regarding alternative therapies. A model

could be developed that details what students should know regarding many issues that deal with chronic pain. An online virtual pain medication course would be ideal. This could be used for all students in this field. A course on chronic pain was suggested also.

Maria Silveria, M.D. suggested summarizing our curriculum findings and using that to make recommendations regarding mandated improvements. Ed Rivet commented that previously the ACPSM recommended that the boards would establish how many CE credits would be required. Many members suggested more than one hour CME be required for the Pain Management. Karen Ogle commented that CME's don't change behaviors much. It was suggested that the ACPSM recommend a mandatory course on pain in all medical schools.

Maria Silveria, M.D. further suggested taking a look at the Beth Israel site for CME regarding pain management.

Three Cases of Under Treatment of Pain Management –Presentation: Maria Silveria, M.D. gave a presentation titled *The Enforcement of Pain Relief*. She spoke of 3 cases that took place in other states where there was under treatment. There were not ny board records regarding under treatment. The reprimands for under treatment typically were for CME and Counseling. The Federal State Medical Boards recommend a case-by-case analysis of under treatment issues. No states directly address under treatment. Maria posed the question: *What should we do regarding under treatment?* Melanie presented how the Michigan boards handle similar cases (currently cases like this fall under negligence and the licensee could lose their license). The composition of the board is a factor that can alter how important the pain management issue is.

Dr. Prokop has a big concern because the main reason in other states that a doctor's license is revoked is often due to over prescribing, but others disagreed. Melanie mentioned that all laws are different from state to state, and that much of this over prescribing is related to drug diversion for non-medicinal purposes. Dr. Prokop suggested education for doctors on issues related to under and over treatment regarding legal consequences. Ed Rivet commented that all of these policy issues need to be broken down and analyzed regarding incentives and discentives.

Karen Ogle, M.D., urged the ACPSM to adopt the FSMB Model Policy on pain management and to make the public more aware of pain management rights.

Interim November ACPSM Report: Steve Creamer presented a brief overview of the ACPSM feedback received thus far. A further discussion of recommendations and strategies to implement recommendations will be postponed for February's meeting. John Barnes, Director of Michigan Center for Rural Health, spoke briefly about the Michigan Center for Rural Health and how they work to provide education through Michigan State University. They have been following the pain management education through MSU. Their focus was more training on Pain Management within long term care units. However, John's brief survey to all critical access hospitals indicated that these hospitals believe the issue is important and they are generally very receptive to professional training in this area.

A motion was made by John Gobetti D.D.S. and seconded by Karen Ogle, M.D. to distribute to all health professionals the IASP Curriculum Guidelines relevant to their practice. The motion was approved by consensus. Steve will draft this letter and share with the committee before sending out in January 2008.

Maria Silvera, M.D. would like to see a medical summary sheet of the 6 criteria taken out of the guidelines from each school that has presented to the ACPSM. Melanie indicated that staff will work on it and bring it to next meeting.

A motion was made by Karen Ogle, M.D., seconded by Lawrence Prokop, D.O., that we recommend the adoption of the FSMB Model Policy on Pain and Symptom Management, with a special emphasis on under treatment. The motion was approved by consensus.

Next Steps/Adjournment:

Melanie indicated that the next 2 meetings should be used to draft the FY 2008 report. The Bureau will draft a 2-page summary for the Director of Community Health on the progress of the committee to date in December.

The bureau will provide a statistical report of allegations for the committee's review. The data will be sent out before next meeting.

The next 2 meeting dates for 2008 are February 21st and May 22nd, 9:30 Am to 12:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Prepared by: _____
Angela Awrey Date

Approved by: _____
Melanie Brim Date