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**Advisory Committee on Pain and Symptom Management  
Meeting Minutes  
November 20, 2008**

**Members in attendance:**

Ruth Ann Brintnall, Ph.D.  
Steve Creamer for M. Brim  
Ralph Geraci, PA-C  
Alan Lewandowski, Ph.D.  
Karen Ogle, M.D.  
Lawrence Prokop, D.O.  
Claire Saadeh, Pharm.D, BCOP  
Maria Silveira, M.D.  
Michael Stellini, M.D.

**Representing/Appointed By:**

Michigan Board of Nursing  
Michigan Department of Community Health  
Task Force on Physician's Assistants  
Michigan Board of Psychology  
Michigan State University/Governor  
Michigan State University/Governor  
Michigan Board of Pharmacy  
Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Assoc. /Governor  
Wayne State University School of Medicine

**Members absent:**

Brian Beck, D.O.  
Michael Chafty, M.D.  
Daniel Clauw, M.D.  
Dennis Dobritt, D.O.  
Jean Friend  
Jack Gobetti, D.D.S.  
Frenchie McCall, L.M.S.W.  
John Pappas, M.D.

Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery  
Michigan Board of Medicine  
University of Michigan/Governor  
Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery  
Public Member  
Michigan Board of Dentistry  
Chronic Pain Sufferer/Governor  
Michigan Board of Medicine

**Visitors in attendance:**

Ken Bobo  
Tracy Johnson  
Jeanne Lewandowski, M.D.  
Jeff Towns

Cass/Van Buren County Health Department  
Guest of Ken Bobo  
Western Michigan University  
Michigan Hospice & Palliative Care Association

**Department staff in attendance:**

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

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. This meeting had a late start due to quorum not being reached until Mr. Geraci arrived at 10:30 a.m.

### **Welcome / Introductions / Update**

Steve Creamer, who represents the Bureau of Health Professions, indicated that the focus of the meeting was to be on the ACPSM Recommendations and on the public pain survey.

Steve Creamer gave an update on some of the activities of the Bureau's pain initiative.

In September, the Advisory Committee provided input on the physician survey questions related to pain management and end-of-life care. That survey is currently in the field through March 31, 2009.

The second meeting for the MDCH Palliative Care Steering Committee was held in September 2008. This is an internal work group composed of staff representing various State health programs (Public Health, Long Term Care, Office of Aging, etc) that has been formed to improve coordination within MDCH around pain and symptom management issues.

In October 2008 Steve Creamer gave a presentation on the role of the ACPSM to the Board of Pharmacy. In January and February 2009 Steve Creamer will be attending the Board of Psychology, Board of Medicine, and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in January and February of 2009 to also discuss the history and role of the ACPSM. Article 15 of the Public Health Code, § 333.16204(a)(4)(a) states that "at least once annually [ACPSM shall] consult with all of the following boards to develop an integrated approach to understanding and applying pain and symptom management . . ." Steve Creamer and Susan Affholter will begin annually meeting with key health professional boards in order to comply with this section of the Public Health Code and facilitate improved pain management in Michigan.

The Federation of State Medical Boards has released *Responsible Opioid Prescribing: A Physician's Guide*. This booklet, written by Dr. Scott M. Fishman, MD, is designed to assist physicians in improving their ability to manage a patient's pain (acute and / or chronic). The Bureau's Pain Program will be customizing this booklet and mailing it to every licensed physician and resident practicing in Michigan in spring 2009.

Currently the Bureau is working with the Federation of State Medical Boards and the CDC to collect email and fax contact information on Michigan's licensed physicians. The reason for this is to allow CDC / FSMB to make rapid contact with physicians in the event of an emergency. The contact information, however, may be used periodically for pain management health promotion purposes.

A media campaign will be launched in late 2009 and will use data from the physician survey as well as public survey to develop the messages. A press release is also planned for the fall of 2009.

### **Review of Draft Public Pain Management Survey:**

The public pain management telephone survey will be launched in winter / early spring 2009. It is anticipated that about 4,000 residents will be called (though the completion rate will be 1000). This survey will be used to establish baseline data regarding the knowledge, attitudes and practices of the public around pain management.

The survey needs to be forwarded to MDCH Communications Office by early December. Therefore, there is only a very short period of time during which the ACPSM can provide input on the draft survey.

Dr. Karen Ogle suggested that a subcommittee be established to work on the public pain management survey, and several members identified themselves as interested in being a part of this subcommittee. A meeting will be scheduled for this subcommittee in December to work on these questions. Susan Affholter will send the ACPSM the 2006 Texas public pain survey as a resource for comparison purposes.

Steve Creamer reported that the Michigan Oral Health Coalition and other dental health stakeholders will be meeting in January 2009 to develop new questions for the FY 2009 dental health workforce survey (to be distributed in June 2009). They are interested in adding a few pain management questions on the portion for dentists, as the ACPSM developed for the physician workforce survey (currently in the field through March of 2009).

### **2008 Status Report of ACPSM Recommendations to MDCH:**

Susan Affholter facilitated a review and discussion of the recommendations that have **NOT** had any action taken. Suggestions were made and will be incorporated into the recommendations document. Members were also asked to consider new recommendations. Members indicated that recommendations could be added related to addicted patients and patients who are depressed and addicted.

Steve Creamer indicated that the final draft of the FY 2008 ACPSM annual report would be emailed to the committee for final edits some time in February.

### **Next Steps/FY 2008 Meeting Dates/Adjourn:**

The next meeting will be February 19, 2009 from 9:30am to 12pm. It will be held in the Ottawa Building, Upper Level (UL), Conference Room 4.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela Awrey Date