

Minutes
Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program
Monitoring Program Committee
January 27, 2017

- Call to Order:** A meeting of the HPMP Monitoring Program Committee was called to order at 9:10 am at the Department of Health Professions office, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center
- Presiding:** Bruce Overton, DDS, Committee Chair
- Members Present:** Trish Bernal, MS, R.N.
Bruce Overton, DDS
David Boehm, LCSW
John Beckner, Pharmacist
Randy Ferrance, D.C., M.D
Sean Sembrowich MSN, PMHNP-BC
- Others Present:** Lillian Tidler, M.D., Medical Director, VAHPMP
Janet Knisely, Ph.D., Administrative Director VAHPMP
Peggy Wood, Program Manager, DHP
- Review of Additional Material:** The Committee members had reviewed copies additional material distributed via email.
- Disposition of Minutes:** The November, 2016 minutes were approved with one correction. Motion made by Overton, seconded by Bernal, passed unanimously.
- Report from DHP:** Wood gave a brief summary of items from the current General Assembly session, stating that at the next meeting a full report would be provided. A link to the Opioid film via the PMP webpage was given to the Committee. She urged all to review this film as the opioid crisis has been declared a public health crisis in VA.
- New Business:** The Committee moved to certify:
Vacate stay: 5023
Vacated stays and dismissal: 4812
Dismissals due to ineligibility: 5028, and 5169
Resignations: 5107, 5108, and 5290
Urgent dismissals: 4942, 5247, 5283, and 5233
- Motion by Bernal, seconded by Boehm.

Report from VCUHS:

Dr. Knisely reported on the progress of converting to electronic records with RecoveryTrek. She indicated they are currently running two databases (the old and the new).

Dr. Tidler and Dr. Knisely reported on a recent presentation to Human Resource staff and EAP staff affiliated with Bon Secours Hospitals. Approximately 20 individuals attended the presentation. This was done at the request of Bon Secours. This led to a discussion of other groups to be contacted for presentations. Trish Bernal, Committee member offered to provide some nursing contacts, as did David Boehm. It was also suggested that a hospital human resource individual might be a good candidate for the citizen position on the Committee. Wood offered to follow up with Dr. Brown, DHP Director.

Dr. Overton reported on an upcoming presentation he will provide to VCU Dentistry students.

Closed Session:

The Committee voted to enter into closed session at 10:00a.m. The motion was made by Boehm and seconded and seconded by Beckner.

Open Session:

The committee meeting resumed in open session at 10:45 a.m. Dr. Overton moved that the Committee certify that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion for closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered during the closed meeting just concluded. Sembrowich seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Boehm moved to dismiss the following participants: 4630, 5095, 5234, 5270, 5280, and 5274, Successful completions approved: 4291, 4375, 4377, 4383, 4389, 4391, 4396, 4405, 4419, 4772, 5114, and 4384. The motion was seconded by Bernal and passed unanimously.

Other:

Wood explained recent discussions regarding the language in the HPMP notification letters regarding the Committee's actions. The Asst. Atty. General, Charis Mitchell, assigned to HPMP had specific issues with the Committee letters accepting resignations. She noted that one cannot resign from a contract. Additionally she provided sample language to replace that currently used. Of particular concern to the Board of Nursing was the acceptance of

resignations from those individuals who had been granted a license, or had a suspension stayed based on participation in HPMP. Ms. Mitchell suggested that the letters should inform those individual that they were being dismissed due to their decision to cease participation and reported to their respective licensing board. The Committee agree to the change in language by motion from Beckner, seconded by Overton.

Jay Douglas, Executive Director of the Board of Nursing was able to visit the meeting and offered to respond to any questions regarding the letters. She spoke briefly about the Board of Nursing and her support of the HPMP. The Committee expressed their thanks for her visit.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2017.

Peggy Wood
Recorder