

Minutes  
Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program  
Monitoring Program Committee  
May 16, 2014

- Call to Order: A meeting of the HPMP Monitoring Program Committee was called to order at 9:15 am at the Department of Health Professions office, Perimeter Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Center
- Presiding: Patricia Bernal, Committee Chair
- Members Present: Patricia Bernal  
Christopher Lander  
Bruce Overton  
David Boehm
- Others Present: Joel Silverman, M.D.  
Sherman Master, M.D., Medical Director, VAHPMP  
Janet Knisely, Ph.D., VAHPMP  
Peggy Wood, Program Manager, DHP
- Review of Additional Material: The Committee members reviewed additional material related to participants to be discussed during the meeting.
- Introductions: The newly appointed Medical Director of HPMP, Sherman Master, M.D. was introduced to the Committee.
- Disposition of Minutes: The March 21, 2014 minutes were approved with corrections. Motion from Bernal, seconded by Overton.
- New Business: The Committee certified: stays of disciplinary action for 4714, 4769, 4775, and 4786. Vacated Stays previously granted for 3949, 4471, 4603, and 4729. Accepted the resignations submitted by 4791, 4684, 4737, 4801, and 4813. The certifications were approved by a motion from Dr. Overton and seconded by Dr. Lander and carried unanimously.

## Report from VCU:

Dr. Knisely reported on a recent meeting she had with the Farley Center to discuss affordable treatment. Farley indicated they will be offering IOP for Veterans at a reduced cost. Vet will be able to attend 5 days per week from 6-9:00 for a fee of \$10.00 per session. Retired military persons will be charged a fee of \$20.00 for these sessions. VCU is making efforts to find more affordable ways to provide the care needed by participants in the program. Cost continues to be an issue for participants.

The Committee expressed concern that most of the dismissals on the agenda had participated for less than nine months.

Ideas to generate funds need to be discussed and the Committee talked about a planning meeting for this purpose in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings.

Dr. Knisely explained that some programs pay the worksite monitors.

## Closed Session:

The Committee voted to enter into closed session at 9:45. The Committee returned to Open Session at 10:05.

## Open Meeting :

Action on Matters from Closed Meeting

Dr. Lander 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. The motion was seconded by Dr. Overton and carried unanimously.

Dr. Lander moved to dismiss the following cases: 4427, 4729, 4732, 4770, 4771, 4777, 4780, 4787 and 4805. Participant 4678 was dismissed as no longer eligible to participate. The motion was seconded by Dr. Overton and carried unanimously.

Dr. Lander moved to successfully complete cases: 3727, 3729, 3739, 3761, 3782, 3785, 3786, 3798, 3800, 3806, 3808, 3810, 3811, 3815, 3829, 4206, and 4431. Motion was seconded by Dr. Overton and passed unanimously.

Patricia Bernal moved to add language to the dismissal of 3832 indicating the individual would not benefit from continued monitoring and is also not considered safe to return to practice. The motion was seconded by Dr. Overton

Other Business: Discussion of the scholarship fund will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2014.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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Peggy Wood  
Recorder

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