



HAWAI'I PSYCHIATRIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Monthly Membership Meeting
September 13, 2012

Mission: Helping Hawaii's Psychiatrists Provide the Highest Quality Care

Location: Home of HPMA President Iqbal "Ike" Ahmed, MD in Honolulu

Attendees on Oahu: Drs Ahmed, Kemble, Suzuki, Muramatsu, Murayama-Sung, Ona, Maust, Kwak, Ghiasuddin.

Attendees on Maui, via conference call on Skype: Dr Sakuda, Gise

Call to order: 6:45pm

Minutes of previous meeting: reviewed and approved.

Ethics Committee Report: Dr Prier not present. Nothing to report.

Legislative Committee Report: Dr Akaka not present. Nothing to report

Membership Committee Report: Dr Gise. Nothing to report

Communications: Dr Roberts has stepped down as communication chair because of his many other obligations. HPMA appreciates all the work that Dr Roberts has put into the organization. Dr Suzuki is the new communications director. Discussed again the possibility of Facebook and Twitter

Treasurer's Report: Dr Sakuda. Would like to get estimate from Bobby Toyofuku this year for lobbying expenses. Because of the CALF grant from APA we do have money for legislative lobbying. Primary source of income other than the grant is membership dues.

Area 7 Trustee Report: Dr. Akaka not here to present

Old Business:

- Brain Waves blog/newsletter: 1st article will be by Dr. Miki Garcia on psychotropic drug rashes
 - Any other suggestions for new articles?
 - Dr Ahmed will also write a short Presidential Column on an ongoing basis
- NAMI walk for MH in October. People can volunteer to walk and contact NAMI directly

New Business:

- Executive committee retreat report from 9/8/12: see report. Key elements of the report were presented. Items for further discussion would be on the primary focus of HPMA, getting more involvement of members, spring retreat to plan for next year, and on possible meeting location changes
- Follow up information: Per Dr Suzuki, Focus journal is not currently free for early career psychiatrists (ECPs). It is “in the works”.

Topic of the Month:

Health care reform in Hawaii was discussed by Dr Steve Kemble, advocating for universal healthcare and the single payer system. Dr. Kemble was appointed by Governor Abercrombie to the Hawaii Health Authority, charged with overall health planning for the state and with designing and running a universal health care system covering everyone in Hawaii. He is also the incoming President of Hawaii Medical Association. He gave out handouts, copies of which could be made available if requested

Next month: Update on new CPT codes from APA.

November: Psychopharmacology update.

Will also consider topic on LGBT and find out who can give talk.

Announcements:

Dr Sander J. Breiner, HPMA member, passed away on Aug.28, 2012. He was an APA life fellow and worked in Michigan.

Next meeting: October 11, 2012 at 6pm.

Submitted by,
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