



- **HAWAI'I PSYCHIATRIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**
 - Minutes of Monthly Membership Meeting
 - April 4, 2013

Mission: Helping Hawaii's Psychiatrists Provide the Highest Quality

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

Attendees on Oahu: Drs. Ahmed, Lind, Muramatsu, Suzuki, Smith, Aulwes, Prier.

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

Call to order: 6:35pm

Minutes of previous meeting: reviewed and approved.

BUDGET & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Ethics Committee Report:** Dr. Prier - no recent referrals or concerns.
- **Legislative Committee Report:**
 - Dr. Ahmed gave the report as the co-chairs of the legislative committee Drs. Akaka and Murayama-Sung were not there
 - Psychologist Prescribing Bill never heard in the legislature
 - The UH Hilo School of Pharmacy has no funding to build a new building for the proposed M.S. in Clinical Psychopharmacology program
 - Recent Telemedicine Bill in the military removed telemedicine psychologists from the bill because they do "tele-behavioral health" and not "telemedicine"
 - The psychology, psychiatry, and social work programs at Tripler will now be combined into a department of behavioral health. This may give more visibility to any prescribing practice efforts by psychology at Tripler
- **Membership Committee Report:**
 - Dr. Ahmed gave the report as the co-chairs of the legislative committee Drs. Gise and Ghiassudin were not there
 - Dr. Murayama-Sung and Dr. Ghiasuddin recently hosted a resident luncheon at the UH Dept of Psychiatry to increase resident membership: outcome unknown at this time
 - Increase neighbor island membership involvement:
 - This should be year when there should be more of a focus on this issue
 - Dr. Donna Ching, rep for the Big Island
 - Dr. Stephanie Skow, rep for Kauai (Lori to f/u)
 - Maui reps? Jason Andrus? Michelin at VA Maui? (Ahmed & Amber to f/u)
 - Apply through the APA if you're eligible for "fellowship" status
- **Communications:** Dr. Suzuki:
 - will post on HPMA website re: CPT parity abuses by insurance companies
 - will solicit more blog articles and maintain Twitter and Facebook accounts
 - Dr. Ahmed to help out with these efforts
- **Treasurer's Report:** Dr. Aulwes
 - f/u that APA Grant \$ (and not membership \$) was used to fund lobbyist
- **Area 7 Council Mtg, New Mexico:** Dr. Ahmed, assembly deputy rep.
 - Paul Summergrad, MD, newly elected president of the APA

- in New Mexico, where psychologists can prescribe, they are trying to push for more independence
 - they are suggesting that any new legislation regarding this topic should be presented to an advisory review committee rather than to legislators
- Sunshine Bill in AZ: any new bills have to be reported before they're submitted
- ACA and health exchanges coming, Hawaii included
- Kaiser Family Foundation website <http://www.kff.org/> has updates on every single state regarding the upcoming health exchanges
- Some states are trying to legalize medical marijuana
- gun control legislation hot topic
- there are concerns of member apathy in a number of states
- CME issues for some states: Nevada using it to raise revenue
- Loss of ECP members; ECP committee looking for suggestions on how to increase ECP membership
- Suggesting term limits for assembly legislative rep and elect an ECP to become the deputy rep, while grooming them to later become the legislative rep
- **ECP report:** Dr. Aulwes - nothing new to report

Old Business:

- LGBT training? Dr. Ahmed to contact Dr. Bimmie Strausser at Hina Mauka
- Upcoming DSM-V training at APA: Drs. Ahmed and Aulwes will attend the Train the Trainer sessions and will report in future HPMA mtg

New Business:

- CPT coding and abuse by insurers
- Can report concerns regarding insurers to APA website under "Ethics" → "CPT Parity Abuses" (note: you must login first in order to access this area)
- States can be individually represented as part of the lawsuit
- Dr. Smith led the discussion of CPT reimbursement
- Medicare reimburses more for 90791 (psych eval w/o med services) than 90792 (psych eval with med services).
- Tricare rates unknown
- Reimbursement rates are set nationally, then the regional insurance company takes a fee of 8-10% from the rates charged
 - These fees are negotiable with the individual insurance companies
- Look at fee schedules for E&M coding reimbursements for initial psych eval [99204 (45-60min) vs. 99205 (60-80min)]
- You can also obtain fee schedules from field rep of each individual insurance companies
- Psychotherapy codes can be added to E&M codes but this requires more detailed charting
- If using 90791/92, can't add psychotherapy code to that; visit is untimed, simpler documentation
- 99205 vs. 90791/92 reimbursement is different depending on insurance plans
- 99203/4 can include counseling and coordination of care as long as you document "more than 50% of visit comprised of counseling and coordination of care" (time-based) with no psychotherapy add-on code
- AACAP has a coding schedule available; will post on HPMA website
- Check out website HHIN for HMSA subset insurance plans for their individual fee schedules: QUEST, Federal Plan, Akamai Advantage, HMO, PPO
- For 15min med management only, can use E&M code 99213

Topic of the Month:

- Future Considerations: Dr. Ahmed to contact Dr. Bimmie Strausser at Hina Mauka

Announcements: next meeting will be on Thursday May 9, 2013 at 6pm, last mtg that will be presided by Dr. Ahmed

- Location of future meetings will be determined upon the return of incoming HPMA president, Dr. Celia Ona
- Will keep mtg location centrally located
- Clubhouse at Ahmed's residential complex is a possible future meeting location
- HMA bldg on the corner of Piikoi and Beretania St. does not appear to be an option to hold mtgs because they charge rent. This could be re-looked at

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