

CCMCA Quarterly Meeting
July 19, 2021
9:00AM – 10:30 AM
Zoom

Attendees:

Robert Miller, Daryl Cummins, Marty Erskine, Elizabeth McDavid, Chet Dalski, Dorothy Malcolm, Brian Walls, Nick Smith, Karl Rock

Chet is running the meeting in the absence of Dorothy. Chet has a concern that there is not a quorum. There needs to be three executive directors with Chet being one and Nick Smith being the second and the third is not present. This will be an informational meeting without a quorum. Chet is the secretary/treasurer and Nick Smith is the Executive Board at Large. This problem was resolved when Dorothy Malcolm was able to join the meeting.

Call to order. Additions/deletions from the agenda. None.
Any general public to make a statement? None.

Executive Board Meeting about three weeks ago when Dr. Swiderski was brought on in an interim basis. On June 30, the contract with Stryker School of Medicine was [lost]. That was part of the agreement and termination date. Since that time, Dr. Swiderski, brought forth by Dorothy, from Bronson Battle Creek and is available to serve. At this time, she is Interim Medical Director and is paid per diem.

Dorothy joined the meeting. A quorum is now met.

Missing Medical Director report.

Approval of the minutes, from April 19, as presented.

Marty Erskine made a motion to approve the April 19 minutes. Daryl Cummins seconded the motion. Committee approves.

Chet shared that the Executive Meeting included the ending of the Stryker School of Medicine contract and the previous medical director Dr. Rausch as of June 30. In the interim, Dorothy was able to get a hold of Dr. Ginger Swiderski and she is available to be the acting medical director. One of the actions for today's meeting is to bring her on a full-time member of this committee. [Need to get the meeting minutes from Jamie as no one knows where she put them.]

Rob shared the financial report. [Report attached to meeting.] No questions.

Marty Erskine made a motion to approve the financial report. Chet seconds the motion. Committee approves.

Old Business

The Executive Director position to be filled. Dorothy shared that Dr. Swiderski has completed this work before and has worked at both hospitals in Calhoun County, per a discussion with Theresa Dawson. Chet spoke with Steve Frisbie who had positive reviews of her as well. Nick Smith has worked with her in the

past and believes that she will be an asset. Dr. Swiderski is on vacation this week and unable to attend today's meeting.

Chet made a motion to appoint Dr. Swiderski as the Medical Director for the CCMCA. Nick Smith seconded the motion. Committee approves.

Discussion: Dr. Swiderski works for Bronson Battle Creek and Southwest Emergency Services. Along with working at the fifth district. Marty Erskine asked if Dr. Swiderski spends most of her time at Bronson Battle Creek or Kalamazoo. Dorothy stated mostly in Kalamazoo, but she does complete shifts in Battle Creek. Daryl Cummins asked if there was a concern that Dr. Swiderski does not work much at Oaklawn. She does not have privileges at Oaklawn. Dorothy shared that Dr. Swiderski worked as part of a group at Oaklawn through Borgess. Now she works for the Bronson group and has knowledge of both systems (Bronson and Borgess).

Fogging Spray – Karl Rock

Karl worked with the group on the west side of the State in Muskegon. They contracted with a third-party vendor (an industrial cleaning group) using the Clarks 360 sprayers. The biggest cost associated with the clean-up was the solution, which was subject to market price. Chet stated that he thought this was going to be shared with the two hospitals and used in their ambulance bays. Karl stated that he recalls that to be the discussion. Chet asked if the information has been forwarded to the two hospitals. Karl stated he may have but has not gotten feedback. Dorothy asked that Karl send her the information so that she can close the loop with Bronson. Daryl asked for the information to be sent to the Board as well. This will be brought back at the next meeting. Hopefully, between now and then both ERs can adopt it.

Letters of Agreement/Appointment

Please refer to the document that shows the representation for the CCMCA. We are lacking letters of appointments as we are to have letters of appointment for each Board member per the bylaws. We are asking that each member get a Letter of Appointment from your CEO or President (head of organization) and have that sent to Chet or Robert. They will be stored in the CCMCA directory. Daryl asked if this is an annual item. Chet stated that in the past it was every three years. At one point, it was discussed to drop that practice, but it may have been tabled. We are following every three years and can table. Daryl stated that the County Chiefs complete elections every three years so that would be the best situation for them. Chet asked for a letter on the organization letter head and submit it to the committee for inclusion in the directory. The letter should state that you are the President of that organization.

Karl Rock stated that there is a change for ACA as he is being transferred to Ann Arbor and Brian Walls will be his replacement on the committee and will ensure that that change is on the new letter of agreement. Dorothy state that Kathy Cowles is no longer the ED Director. Chet stated that once the letters of agreement are received, the KCC webpage dedicated to the CCMCA will be updated. The letters of agreement will be addressed to the Chair (Dorothy) and sent to Robert.

Narcan

There was a State meeting [stated people in that meeting]. They presented that one of the frustrations is that law enforcement can get Narcan free or at a reduced rate as EMS and fire services cannot. The reason being the State of Michigan laws, EMS and fire must use emergency pharmacies. Calhoun County has two emergency pharmacies, one at Oaklawn and one in Battle Creek. One of the things that [they] were going to do is contact the pharmacies to see if they will provide Narcan at little to no cost. The emergency

pharmacies have expressed that they are not going to do it at their costs. There is no further information at this time.

Daryl stated that Matt was supposed to attend this meeting and share information about this issue. Daryl is not comfortable speaking third person about the subject. This can be tabled until the next meeting. Chet state that we are still under the law and until a change is made to the law, this is where we are currently at. Daryl stated that in some counties, like in Tekonsha, and [some acronym] comes down here we can switch out, then it gets charged to the pharmacy at the hospital. Chet stated that if they are willing to do that it would be legal, but then [acronym] will have to be reimbursed from the hospital. Daryl asked if this is something, they should work out with the ambulance services in their areas. Chet stated that this should be tabled until the next meeting before a decision is made. [More discussion about what is hopeful to happen.] Discuss the possibility of a letter of understand with fire and the pharmacies for the medical control so that it is on file for inspections. Tabled.

New Business – Board Leadership

We need to get a couple of positions filled. The System Medical Director that is from Bronson Battle Creek and the Assistant Medical Director to be from Oaklawn. The other piece it to have a Board member at Oaklawn that is part of our group. Theresa Dawson is listed and if she is that person, then we need to have her as an officer, possibly vice-chair, since we need to have a quorum at these meetings. Dorothy will reach out to Theresa to see if she is still active on this Board and if she is willing to be the vice-chair. Chet stated that the State of Michigan requires an Advisory Board and a Medical Control Board. The Advisory Board is made up of the providers and the Medical Control Board is of the hospitals. Our county is not large enough to house both Boards and have all of the additional meetings, so we have consisted of a combined Board. In the process of doing that, the control of the Board must be within the hospitals. We need to ensure that we are legal as an advisory and control board to meet the requirements of the CCMCA. Table the discussion about Theresa Dawson until the next meeting.

Community Paramedic Licensing

There are groups within the State that are working on making Community Paramedic a license level. They are working on the terminology and definitions to be able to put it into legislation. It is being utilized in a number of areas for the reimbursement from Medicare and other insurance, that making it a license level would allow for higher reimbursement level. Individuals have to be a licensed paramedic to qualify for the Community Paramedic, with some extra training. It may go for public comment in the fall.

Anything Else for the Good of the Board

Marty would like to reach out to the newly elected Medical Control Director to create a standard Medical First Responder Field Note form for the county. Sometimes the form wasn't used because the ambulance would pull up at the same time, but we need to have a consistent form to be used. It can help with the [acronym] report and can be transferred to the ambulance and into the ER. We would have to look at the cost of printing and distribution. We can ask Dr. Swiderski, Nick, and Steve then bring it back to the next meeting for discussion. Daryl is asking if this would be a required form by Medical Control to have this information to pass on to the ambulance. Chet stated it is required for the EMS State reporting (Elite) and that it is required to collect that data. Chet will go back to the State and ask the question.