

NCMS Legislative Cabinet

September 17, 2016

Grandover Resort, Greensboro, NC

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Attendees: Lyndon Jordan, MD, Dev Sangvai, MD, Phil Brown, MD, John Reynolds, MD, Docia Hickey, MD, Charlie Montiero, MD, Tim Reeder, MD, Michelle Jones, MD

Guest: Dr. Champion (psychiatrist)

Staff: Chip Baggett, Steve Keene, Melanie Phelps, Conor Brockett, Robert Seligson, Dena Suko, Alan Skipper, Dave Horne

- I Dr. Reynolds called the meeting to order and welcomed members, staff and guests.
- II Dr. Reynolds asked for a review of the minutes from the July 13, 2016 meeting. No changes were offered, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- III Dr. Reynolds referred to Legislative Summary handout, which will be made available more broadly.
- IV. Mr. Horne provided an overview of national, statewide, legislative and judicial elections.
- V. Mr. Baggett provided a preview of what to expect in the 2017 Session including: Medicaid reform; scope of practice; CSRS/Opioid epidemic; and pattern jury instructions correction.
- VI. Dr. Reynolds called for any other business. Mr. Seligson raised the issue that this is one of the most important committees within NCMS. He noted the importance of all members attending meetings due to the strategic decisions and recommendations made by the committee. He invited input about ways to encourage participation by all appointees to the Legislative Cabinet.

Dr. Monteiro noted on scope of practice, that there has been a tremendous shortage of primary care physicians. There will be a tremendous market force that might drive scope changes. Dr. Cunningham noted that Brody is trying to address this but it is a small school that has not been able to find the money to do so. Mr. Horne replied to Dr. Monteiro's point that NCMS policy should not interfere with this, all that is required is a contractual agreement with a physician and this should not impact recruiting NPs and PAs. Dr. Sangvai noted that scope issues apply to everyone (across all specialties) and that we need everyone helping with these issues in the NCGA.

Mr. Keene noted that Warren Newton, MD, at the NC ACO Collaborative meeting is the importance of on-the-job training for others in practice. He also noted that the NPs and PAs are able to do anything a physician signs off on under supervision.

Dr. Monteiro and Dr. Reynolds pointed out local experiences and concerns about opioid prescribing practices. Dr. Sangvai also noted we need to communicate with our members that the opioid abuse

epidemic affects everybody. This is affecting their NIC Unit as well. This is everyone's issue. Dr. Champion also noted that many opioids don't help with pain and there are other ways to address it.

VII. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:49.