

RMC Health Care Committee  
March 1, 2016  
Via Conference Call  
Meeting Minutes

Participants:

Roxanne Hale  
Michael Franklin  
Karen Kverno  
Dr. David Pruitt  
Justine Springer  
Lara Wilson

RMC Staff:

Charlotte Davis, Executive Director  
Meredith Donaho, Administrative and  
Communications Assistant

**Welcome and Introduction** The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:05 pm. In view of the Chair's excused absence Ms. Davis welcomed the group, facilitated introductions and convened the meeting.

**January 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes**. Upon motion properly made and seconded, it was voted to accept the minutes as distributed.

**Review of Proposed 2016 Legislation** The following bills were reviewed and discussed in detail:

- HB713/SB494 – State Department of Education – Community-Partnered School Behavioral Health Services Programs. No position was recommended at this time.
- HB1103 – Health Care Practitioners – Use of Teletherapy. No position was recommended at this time.
- HB1491/SB411 – Income Tax – Credit for Physician Preceptors in Health Care Shortage Areas. The Committee recommended letter of support with comments as discussed.
- SB217 – State Board of Physicians – Loan Assistance Repayment Physicians and Physician Assistants. No position was recommended at this time but continue to monitor its progress.
- HB886/SB242 – Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Telemedicine. No position was recommended at this time.
- SB393/HB490 – Maryland Nurse Practice Act – Peer Review and Advisory Committees. Karen Kverno mentioned she was meeting with the Executive Director of the Board of Nurses to discuss the bill. MHRA has no position. No position recommended at this time based on a need for more information.
- HB998/SB1020 – State Board of Physicians – Authority to Adopt Regulations - Physician Licensing Reciprocity. There was concern that the licensing could impact rural border areas where physicians work in 1 or 2 states and may help ease the process.No position recommended at this time but continue to monitor its progress.
- Other Bills: No other bills were mentioned or called to be included on the list.

**Draft Letter regarding Mental Health Screenings**. There was extended discussion on the proposed correspondence to physicians. Some suggestions included attaching an evidence-based screening form/white paper on adolescent depression, as well as a clearer explanation of its purpose and potential

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sources of mailing lists for primary care physicians. Based on the input received, the letter will be revised and reviewed at the next meeting.

**April Meeting's Guest Speakers** The Committee was asked for input on potential questions to prepare for the April meeting and to create more robust conversation in that forum. Among the topics mentioned was a focus on school-based health center policies among different jurisdictions and its impact on a standard delivery of care.

**Other Business** There was discussion regarding the DHMH Spring Cycle Loan Assistance Repayment Program. Opened on March 1<sup>st</sup>, the program already has 5 applicants. It was suggested that information on the program be communicated to eligible young physicians and physician assistants.

**Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 pm.

**Next meeting: April 5, 2016, 1pm**