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HOLIDAY INN  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MAY 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM. The following members were present: Drs. Swansiger, Pidutti, Morrissey, Wozniak, Maravalli, Csikos, Opila, Pickerill, Carney, Azer, and Furigay.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published.

Drs. T. Power, Ryan Harris, W. Schrock, S. Higbee, and K. Manjunath's applications for membership were voted on for the second time and they were approved as new members.

Dr. Azer gave the Apollo report. The nomination forms were mailed out for the Apollo Award. The event will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. Please mark your calendars.

Drs. D. Bassilly, L. Chan, A. Hussain, S. Khalid, M. Khan, N. Khan, M. Malik, H. Mehmood, N. Vinod, A. Ullah. B. Walkowski, A. Marwat, K. Hussain, and L. Quist's applications for membership were voted on and approved for the first time.

There is information on the Pennsylvania Medical Society's website for the newly formed Women's Physicians Caucus (WPC). To learn more or join go to [www.pamedsoc.org/wpc](http://www.pamedsoc.org/wpc).

The PAMED has a limited number of scholarships available for their Year Round Leadership Academy. The deadline to apply is June 30<sup>th</sup>. Self-pays are also available. The program consists of six online and three in person sessions. The courses offer CME and CPE credits. For further information, go to the PAMED website or call 800-228-7823.

A motion was made and seconded to check the feasibility to hold the Cambria County Medical Society meeting following the quarterly medical staff meeting at Conemaugh or Windber Hospitals. The meeting would also be CME accredited.

The finance report was given and approved.

Dr. Maravalli gave the legislative report.

- On May 4, 2017, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the American Health Care Act (AHCA), a bill crafted by GOP House leadership and the Trump administration, by a vote of 217-213. The American Medical Association and the Hospital Association does not approve of this bill.
- The Medicare Access and CHIP Re authorization Act (MACRA) of 2015 is a new law that will gradually change the way physicians are paid under Medicare. It aligns reimbursement more closely to quality, outcomes, and cost. To help physicians with MACRA readiness, the Care Centered Collaborative or CCC (formerly PMSCO) has been initiated. You can learn more about the services they provide by calling 866-441-2392 or visiting [www.patientccc.com/macra-mips-support](http://www.patientccc.com/macra-mips-support).
- Senate Bill 25 - legislation that allows CRNP's to practice independently and eliminates the

requirement that they collaborate with physicians - is awaiting consideration by the state Senate. Please urge your Senator to oppose this bill.

- Pennsylvania physicians who are licensed, registered, or otherwise lawfully authorized to prescribe controlled substances, other drugs or devices in Pennsylvania are required to register in the state's prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP). There have been over 5 million queries of the system to date. Further information is on the PAMED website.
- Pennsylvania will receive \$26.5 million in federal grants to combat opioid abuse. The funding was provided for by the 21st Century Cures Act, bipartisan legislation signed into law in December 2016.

No other business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM.

#### COUNTY MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. The following members were present: Drs. Swansiger, Furigay, Pidutti, Wozniak, Borkow, Azer, Ashman, Maravalli, Bush, Pickerill, Yerger, Opila, Csikos, Harris, Zeb, Morrissey, and D. Duke.

There was a brief overview of the Board of Directors meeting. No other business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

The speaker for the evening was D'Arcy Duke, MD FACS FASMBS, Director of Bariatric Surgery at Conemaugh Health System. Dr. Duke's topic was "Obesity-A Population Health Crisis".

The next Board of Directors and County meetings will be announced at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Petrovic  
Executive Director

Financial Statement as of May 11, 2017

Cash on Hand

\$ 708.95- Checking account S & T Bank

\$ 8,952.54 – Money Market S & T Bank

\$ 9,661.49

Apollo Awards Funds: 163,813.27