Minutes of the Special Committee on Peer Review/Care and Well-Being
May 31, 2012

Present:
Doctor James Oles, chair
Doctor Joan Lewis, member
Doctor Alan Mead, member
Doctor Scott Meldrum, member
Doctor Thomas Poirier, member
Ms. Kathleen Pollock, UDM student consultant
Mr. Ash Rohra, UM student consultant
Doctor Frank Selega, member

Absent:
Doctor Randy Brown, member
Doctor Michelle VanDyke, member
Doctor Lawrence Walker, consultant
Doctor Marty Makowski, liaison trustee

Staff Present:
Grace DeShaw-Wilner, CAE, vice president of professional affairs
Lisa Boettger, senior professional review specialist

Approval of the March 1, 2012, Meeting Minutes:
The committee approved the December meeting minutes via mail ballot.

Health Practitioner Recovery Committee:
Doctor Joan Lewis informed the committee that she will be retiring from the Health Practitioner
Recover Committee and Doctors Poirier and Selega have expressed interest in serving. Staff
asked Doctor Lewis to inform it when she has submitted her resignation, so that the MDA may
submit a replacement.

Discussion of Pending Cases:
The committee discussed 17 pending cases.

SAMHSA: Discussion on Participating in 2013:
Staff asked the committee if it had any interest in participating in this national initiative to bring
awareness to National Prevention Week as sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration (SAMHSA) in conjunction with the ADA Staff is not aware that any
group in the medical community (such as MSMS) is doing anything with it. Dr. Lewis took the
packet from staff and will let the committee/staff know if she recommends any action by the
committee or MDA.

ADA Dentist Well-Being Council (DWAC) Update:
Doctor Oles informed the committee that he is going to speak with Doctor Brett Kessler at the Utah Conference and report back to the committee at its next meeting.

Report on H.R. 5711: A Federal Bill to Amend the Public Health Service Act:

Doctor Oles informed the committee that if HR 5711 is enacted, it would provide grants for treatment of heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, ecstasy and PCP abuse, and recognize dental care as a covered wrap-around service for comprehensive treatment of those with substance use disorders. It would also support education and training for dentists to learn more about substance use disorders and their relationship to oral health and dental care. The ADA suggests that dental schools provide 24 hours of CE towards chemical dependency.

A copy of the Bill as of May 2012 can be found here:

http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr5711ih/pdf/BILLS-112hr5711ih.pdf

Update on Concern with the Process Prescriber are Required to Use to Obtain Their Prescribing History from MAPS:

Staff informed the committee that it met with the MDA’s internal and external lobbyists (Bill and Peter) and Peter plans on meeting with a staff representative at the state to discuss this topic. The committee requested that Bill and Peter be invited to attend the September 6th committee meeting to provide an update to the committee and discuss the committee’s concerns with MAPS.

MDA Journal Articles:

Doctor Oles informed the committee that Doctor Kane is working on the article on transitioning to retirement, and it could be some time before it is completed. Doctor Mead intends to author an article on MAPS and will work with MDA staff.

The committee is considering a future article on HPRP, the state’s process, and how it is not working as intended to work. Many docs are not required to submit for an evaluation and/or treatment and are slipping through the safety net. Unfortunately this results in docs with a prior history, coming back before the committee or state at a later date. Has the doc been required to submit for treatment it may have resulted in a different outcome.

Reports on Meetings, Seminars and Conferences:

Doctor Oles informed the committee that he was unable to make his UDM presentation as the instructor was not at the school when he went to make the presentation.

Doctor Lewis will be doing a presentation at UDM and staff will email information to Ms. Pollack and Mr. Rohra for their information. Staff should have the materials to Doctor Lewis by June 15, as her presentation is June 29.
Doctor Mead reported that he made a social media presentation at the MDA annual meeting.
The committee understands that its articles and personals stories are being posted on Facebook.
The concern is that there doesn’t seem to be much traffic on Facebook nor are there a lot of
comments made on posts.

Update Concerning a Member Dentist:
Staff received a phone call from an MDA member who was concerned about the standard of care
s/he was seeing with regard to another member dentist who has had substance abuse issues in the
past. A committee member followed up with the member that called the MDA; after speaking
with him/her, the committee member does not believe it’s related to the doctor’s previous care
and well being issues. No further action is being taken.