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Minutes

September 7, 2018

Attendees: Barry Herman, MD, Chair (presiding); Charles Ciolino, MD (NJ DB); Annette Hanson, MD (MD DB); Mark Komrad, MD (ACROSS) and Deborah Shoemaker, Co-Chair (Executive Director, PA DB). Not attending: Mary Anne Albaugh (PA DB); Constance Dunlap, MD (WPS); Rahul Malhotra, MD (Area 3 ECP representative) and Ranga Ram, MD (DE DB).

Meeting Details

Dr. Herman commenced the meeting around 4:30 PM. Members reviewed the Area 3 Policy on Program Evaluation and Funding guidance documents.

Most of our time was spent reviewing two proposals brought in front of the committee: Maryland Psychiatric Society (MPS) Proposal to conduct CME program focusing on their state's prescription drug monitoring program and the Washington Psychiatric Society (WPS) proposal to hold half-day program for ECPs.

Dr. Dunlap provided comments/disposition on these proposals prior to the call.

The committee deliberated and provided invaluable feedback on these proposals. Mrs. Shoemaker will provide committee feedback prior to Area 3 meeting on September 29th.

MPS Proposal: The committee deliberated on this proposal for most of the time. One member questioned the reach of this proposal to MPS members since they felt the state's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) was easy to navigate. There was also a question as to the budget of the proposal with the cost of CME. Members supported the proposal in theory but asked Mrs. Shoemaker to contact MPS to request additional information/answer questions prior to the Area 3 meeting. A **motion to approve** the proposal after concerns were satisfied was **passed** (4 YAY; 1 abstention).

The following information/input was requested:

- 1) could this program be expanded to other DBs/replicated by other DBs?
- 2) is this a CME program? If so, is the cost of the proposal accurate or should it be increased?
- 3) how many people do you anticipate attending this event?
- 4) would only MPS members be able to attend or can other DB members attend (since PDMP information is shared across state lines)?
- 5) is this program a one-time deal or what is the sustainability for the CME program?
- 6) what information will be shared that will be valuable to psychiatrists in using the PDMP?

WPS Proposal: The committee reviewed the proposal noting that overall this was a wonderful idea. It was suggested that WPS provide their information to other DBs via digital format for replication. A **motion to approve** the proposal was **passed** (4 YAY; 1 abstention).

Final Recommendation: A **motion to approve** a recommendation that all future funding proposal content be available via digital format as a resource for all Area 3 DBs was **passed** by unanimous vote. Committee members suggested a separate section on the Area 3 website be dedicated to COPE with resources and documentation housed there. Chair Herman and Mrs. Shoemaker will check with our webmaster to determine if this is a viable option.

MPS funding report: Attendees reviewed an email from MPS providing details about their earlier funding proposal targeting ECPs. Mrs. Shoemaker was asked to solicit MPS to provide brief report at the next Area 3 meeting about their funding, noting successes and failures.

With no other business, the committee adjourned around 5:15 PM.