

Board Meeting Minutes  
December 12, 2021  
**Conducted via Zoom**

**Present:** All members of the 2021 Board were present in addition to our 2022 new board members: Dr. Blain and Dr. Winters. Our student rep, Ms. Nina Talavera, and Executive Coordinator, Laura Wilson were also present.

- **President's Comments: Dr. Rachel Sparn** - Dr. Sparn started the meeting by welcoming the new Board members, thanking the departing Board members, and having everyone introduce themselves.
- *Member Survey* – Dr. Dahmann drafted a survey. Laura will look at Survey Monkey to see if we can utilize this. It was unclear as there are more than 10 questions. Dr. Stevens offered to help in finding us a different free option to reach out to our members. *Post Meeting Edit.* assigned to student rep as thought perfect project to delegate.
- *Practice Development Opportunity* – We will email the membership about this new benefit to members as it was finalized and approved.
- *Virtual vs. In Person* – We will revisit this topic at the February Board meeting.
- *Ad Pricing* – ads will now be free on the website and in the newsletter for CAPP members. Voted on by Motion made by Dr. Bryant, Dr. Urmetz seconded and the Motion carried with no objections. The pricing for non CAPP members will be \$40 for each of these as set by a Motion made by Dr. Dahmann and seconded by Dr. Gutzwiller. Again, no objections.

**Treasurer:** Dr. Gutzwiller shared the Treasurer's Report with the Board via email prior to the meeting. She reported that dues are coming in and our balance is up approximately \$6,000.

**OPA:** Dr. Bailey Bryant reported the following:

- The telehealth bill that was introduced in the Spring that allows continuation of telehealth post-pandemic is back to the House. OPA expects them to concur with the Senate and their hopes are it will be on the Governor's desk and that HB122 will be signed into law next week. Involuntary Hospitalization has removed "immediate harm" to allow persons to pink slip someone not at immediate risk. OPA gathered information citing it has not been widely abused. OPA is continuing to gather expert testimony and talk about this as they do expect concerns about this Bill.

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**Programs:** Dr. Pittenger reported we are all set for the December 13 program w/ Dr. David Reid: "Introduction to Clinical Hypnosis". We had a tech review with the speaker and all went well. We do not expect any issues as he is comfortable with the format. We have low numbers registered and will open it up to students free of charge as a goodwill effort. Students will need to email us to let us know they would like to attend.

The February 7 program w/ Dr. Jones will remain a 2 hour offering (Ethics).

**Website:** Dr. Amber Stevens  
Nothing new to report.

**Marketing/Membership/PR:** Dr. Sparn walked new chair member, Dr. Blain, through the application process. The application of Dr. Castillo had been received. Her license is in good order and she was voted into membership by Dr. Sparn who motioned we accept Dr. Castillo. Dr. Gutzwiller seconded the motion and it carried with no objections.

**Insurance Managed Care:** Dr. Susan Urmetz shared the following:

- Fraud Alert! Recently an OPA member received a request from a third-party source requesting patient records. The psychologist noted some of the names listed on the letter were not his patients. When he contacted the insurance company, he learned they had not requested any of the records and started a fraud investigation. *Do NOT release records to a third party unless you have a letter directly from the insurer indicating they've engaged a third-party contractor for this purpose.*
- Both Ohio and Kentucky are now PsyPACT states. Note that when PsyPACT goes into effect, you cannot bill for work that was done by someone you supervise.
- There are new patient codes for Medicare becoming effective 1/1/22. Jim Broyles suggested waiting until April to utilize them to avoid any glitches that may be associated with them. The old codes will continue to work. This is the 10 code replacing the 11 code.

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- No Surprise Act – requires office listings be kept up to date and the ability to update whether or not you are accepting new patients becomes effective 1/1/22.
- Medicare – APA will provide tools to communicate directly to CMS. They indicate the # of psychologists responding is very low in OH and they need #s to influence change.

**Other Business:**

- 2022 Board – Drs. Dahmann, Winchester and Role-Warren will be leaving the Board. We welcomed Dr. Blain (Membership/Marketing) and Dr. Winters (Secretary). Thank you to the departing Board members for their service.
- Newsletter deadline set for December 17.
- The next Board Meeting is January 13, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Wilson, Executive Coordinator