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| Welcome & Introductions | Kathryn Hahn, Pharm. D. | The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Chair, Kathryn Hahn, Pharm. D. OPMC members welcomed newly appointed member, Dan O’Neal. | None |
| Open Forum | All | <p>OMPC members heard comments from two individuals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Valley representing Voterpower. Ms. Valleys’ comments were in regard to the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program (OMMP). • David Stillwell, pain patient that shared his personal pain experience and testified as to the benefits of cannabis in treating his chronic pain. | None |
| Review of Minutes | All | <p>Minutes from the March 13, 2008 OPMC meeting were reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative Greenlick asked for clarification regarding Dale Harrison’s request for financial assistance for his doctoral dissertation (survey of primary care physicians related to pain management) and the Commission’s ability to grant monies from their account to individuals or groups. • Jennifer reported being told by the GAO administrator that the Commission could do this if it supports and brings value to OPMC goals. • Christy Vail stated that prior to this occurring she would like to see the Commission establish policies and protocols regarding this issue. | <p>Jennifer reported that Dale Harrison has since withdrawn his request for financial support; he was able to obtain e-mail addresses for the survey participants and therefore will not be sending a direct mailer--decreasing costs overall for the project.</p> <p>Tim Eng moved to accept the minutes as presented, Harry Rinehart seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.</p> |

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| Pain Coordinator Report | Jennifer Wagner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPMC Module Completion Rates: Jennifer reported that approximately 3,903 healthcare professionals completed the mandatory online pain management module between 4/1/08-7/8/08. She provided the Commission with an itemized list by discipline. • Update on OPMC member openings/applications: Jennifer reported that the Commission is currently full. Applicants are being sent letters notifying them of the full status. Discussion was held regarding the poor attendance of some Commission members and the possibility of removing members if they do not attend regularly. Kathy Hahn commented that she believes that Commission members can be replaced after missing two meetings without good cause. • OPMP and OPMC Brochure. Commission members reviewed the new brochure. • Pain Patient Informational Packets: Jennifer shared with the Commission the new pain patient informational packets. These packets will be sent to pain patients and their families when they call the GAO with pain related concerns/issues. • Oregon State Hospital Conferences: Jennifer reported that the Oregon Pain Management Program recently co-sponsored two pain management conferences with Oregon State Hospital. Commission members reviewed the | <p>Jennifer will check on this and report back at the next commission meeting.</p> <p>Post meeting note - The OPMC ORS states that Commission members serve at the pleasure of the DHS Director. Dismissal or replacement of members is the Director’s determination to make after being advised on the matter. However, a member can be advised that poor attendance or problematic performance may result in suspension or dismissal from the Commission.</p> <p>Representative Greenlick commented that the packets were well done. Jennifer asked Commission members to consider and share any educational materials that they use in their practices that might be appropriate for the packet.</p> |

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| Pain Coordinator Report (continued) | Jennifer Wagner | <p>evaluation summaries from these conferences; both received high ratings (above 84.6%) on all questions. Willard Bertrand asked a series of questions in regard to the sponsorship of these events, speakers, budget, etc. Jennifer explained that these conferences did not involve the Oregon Pain Management Commission but were instead offered through her role/position as Pain Management Advocate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Services Commission: History: Kathy had e-mailed Commission members asking them to submit written testimony in support of getting Fibromyalgia covered by the OHP; approximately 2/3 of OPMC members did. These were submitted to the Health Services Commission. Jennifer testified on behalf of the Commission in person and reported the experience as very positive. She found the Health Service Commission members to be receptive and well informed. After much discussion they voted to not cover it at this time, but stated they anticipated reviewing it again in the future. • Washington State Pain Forum: Jennifer reported being asked to participate and facilitate a work session on “Legal & Regulatory Environment: How Regulation Effects Practice” at the Washington State Pain Forum held at the capitol in Olympia. Washington is considering | <p>Dr. Bertrand and Christy Vail requested additional information regarding the Pain Management Advocate role, including the job description. Jennifer will e-mail this to interested commission members.</p> |

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| Pain Coordinator Report (continued) | Jennifer Wagner | <p>implementing similar initiatives that Oregon already has in place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation to American Pain Foundation Board of Directors: Jennifer has been invited to address the APF Board of Director’s at their upcoming Board retreat. She will be highlighting Pain Management in Oregon, including the work of the OPMC (policy) and the work of the Pain Society of Oregon (education, advocacy). • Access to Care Issues in Salem: Jennifer reported receiving a number of calls in recent weeks from patients who are unable to find practitioners to treat their pain in the Salem community. The Executive Director of the Marion/Polk County Medical Society was contacted to consider assessing the various barriers. The director indicated that he believed insurance/financial, fear of “drug seeking behavior and regulatory scrutiny” were the primary barriers. | <p>Jennifer will work with the Medical Society to publish articles in the Medical Society newsletter and may address the Medical Society Board of Director’s in the fall. Commission members will be contacted for assistance and expertise with the articles and possibly a co-presentation to the Board.</p> |
| Acumentra Pain Project | Jennifer Wagner | <p>Jennifer reported that prior to previous Pain Management Coordinator, Diana Norton’s departure, she had been working with Acumentra Health/CMS/DHS on a pain assessment tool for long-term care facilities. The tool has since been developed and implemented in a few facilities; they are asking the OPMC to endorse the tool.</p> | <p>OPMC members requested that Jennifer invite the project leaders and representatives from the test-sites to attend the September OPMC meeting. They would like to ask questions about the tool, implementation, outcomes, etc. prior to endorsing.</p> |

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| OT Board request for language change on module | Jennifer Wagner | Jennifer reported that she was contacted via e-mail by Felicia Holgate, Executive Director of the Occupational Therapist Licensing Board. They would like to change the OT language on the online module. Jennifer presented the Commission with the current language and the recommended language. | Teresa Keane moved to make the recommend changes to the online module. Peter Kosek seconded. Motion passed by voice vote. Harry Rinehart moved to have the OPMC pursue funding from pharmaceutical companies for the pain patient survey. Shelley Gunther seconded. Motion passed by voice vote. Post meeting note - Prior to any pursuit, Jennifer will have DHS leadership and DHS IPR review the survey proposal, including methods of solicitation and administration for approval and clearance to move forward. |
| Pain Patient Survey | Jennifer Wagner | <p>Jennifer provided OPMC members with a bid from PSU totaling \$36,102.12 for telephone survey. Jennifer also included a list of potential pharmaceutical sponsors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative Greenlick asked if the OPMC could accept funding from pharmaceutical companies. Kathy affirmed that the statute allows the OPMC to accept funding and that projects such as the online module were initially funded by grants from pharmaceutical companies. Representative Greenlick expressed concern that any survey funded by Pharma would be perceived as tainted by the public. A long discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of accepting this type of funding. Dr. Bertrand and Dr. Eraker both offered to contribute \$100 each toward the funding of this project so that it wouldn’t be solely funded by pharma. Dr. Rinehart recommended the commission consider hiring a grant writer. • Representative Greenlick also had questions about disclosure of funding sources, specifically | |

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| | | <p>will this be done? If so, at the beginning of the survey; end of the survey?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative Greenlick inquired about the State’s Institutional Review Board and if this survey was going to be reviewed prior to it being implemented. | <p>Jennifer will research DHS Use and Disclosure policies and contact Debi Elliott, Ph.D. at PSU regarding PSU’s disclosure policies. Jennifer will inquire about the State’s IRB and the process involved in getting a survey reviewed/approved.</p> |
| Prescription Monitoring Program Symposium | Kathryn Hahn, Pharm. D., Chair | <p>Discussion was held regarding the OMPC co-sponsoring a Prescription Monitoring Symposium to include relevant partners (OMA, ACLU, Health Licensing Boards, etc.). The Board of Pharmacy has a grant that could pay for an educational symposium.</p> <p>Representative Greenlick stated that he believes the symposium needs to address three primary areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Privacy/Confidentiality Issues 2. Availability of data for physicians 3. Cost <p>Shelley Gunther stated that she would also like to know how it has impacted End-of-Life pain management.</p> | <p>Jennifer will work with the Board of Pharmacy and Representative Greenlick’s staff to develop this program.</p> <p>Post meeting note: The planned symposium will ensure that a balance of information is presented and all supporting, opposing or neutral positions will be addressed and honored.</p> |
| | Kathryn Hahn, Pharm. D., Chair | | The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. by Chair, Kathryn Hahn, Pharm.D. |
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