MEETING MINUTES
DCMS Board of Directors
April 4, 2017
Tra’Chella Johnson Foy, MD, President

Call to Order

The President, Tra’Chella Johnson Foy, MD, called a meeting of the Duval County Medical Society Board of Directors to order on April 4, 2017 at 6:15 pm, at UF Health Downtown; 633 West 8th Street; Jacksonville, FL 32209; LRC; Deal Boardroom.

Attendance

Board Members Present: Tra’Chella Johnson Foy, MD, President; Sunil Joshi, MD, IPP; Ruple Galani, MD, President-Elect, Editor; NE Florida Medicine; Steven Kailes, MD; William Palmer, MD, YPR; Yvette McQueen, MD; Timothy Groover, MD; Elizabeth DeVos, MD; Iris Eisenberg, MD.

Board Members Absent: Patrick DeMarco, MD, Vice-President; Stephen Mandia, MD; Kenneth Rothfield, MD; Meridith Farrow, MD; Gianrico Farrugia, MD; Parveen Khanna, MD; Mark Dobbertien, DO; Mark Fleisher, MD; James St. George, MD; Cynthia Anderson, MD.

Ex-officio Members Present: Ashley Norse, MD.

Others Present: Bashar Al-Turk, DO; Janell Johnson, Senior Vice President, Hartsook; CDR Catherine Hagan.

DCMS Staff Present: Bryan Campbell, CEO; Marissa Saftner, Executive Assistant; Kristy Wolski, Communications Coordinator; Kristine Gundian, Membership Liaison; Tammy Chaney, Director of Foundation Operations.

Consent Agenda

Dr. Johnson Foy asked the Board for a motion to approve the items under the Consent Agenda. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.

MOTION 01-03-17

MOTION PASSED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA, CONTAINING THE MINUTES (03/07/17), SECRETARY’S REPORT (03/07/17), MEMBERSHIP YTD REPORT (03/07/17), AND TREASURER’S REPORT (02/28/17) AS SUBMITTED.

YTD Membership Report indicated a YTD Membership total of 1,824 members.
Dr. Sunil Joshi, DCMS Foundation President, announced the upcoming Mission Once Million/ Journey to One press conference set for Monday, April 10, 2017 at 12:15pm in Unity Plaza. The press conference aims to increase excitement about Mission One Million with the announcement of the Duval County weight loss initiative reaching nearly 6 figures. Dr. Joshi urged the Board for 100% participation in the Future of Healthcare Conference. Those not able to attend the conference can purchase a ticket for donation. The Physician Wellness Program, per request at a prior Board meeting, added Dr. Mia Wilson as a new counselor to better represent the diverse demographics of DCMS physicians. Duval County fell in county health rankings and is now 55th of 67th in the state of Florida.

Mr. Bryan Campbell updated the Board on the current issue of aging accounts receivable from the VA Choice Program. Doctors are commonly waiting up to 18 months for reimbursement, hold times can range 7-8 hours, and due to a current policy, a maximum of 3 claims can be handled per call. The plan to work with local offices and the FMA to develop a solution was discussed.

Bryan Campbell was approached for expanding the Physician Wellness Program to pre-disruptive physicians that do not necessarily realize they are in need of guidance. Dr. Johnson Foy said that if the DCMS chooses to be involved, further discussion on how to make physicians aware of the program will need to take place.

Dr. Ashley Norse then gave a legislative update. The Direct Primary Care bill has passed the Senate and is going to the floor. Fail-first Protocols is going to three separate committees in the next 2 weeks, while Radioactive still has many committees to move through. Dr. Norse believes the Health Care Access Bill, allowing APRNs to practice without physician supervision, will die. Bryan Campbell believes that Scope of Practice will die on the Senate floor and that the Optometry Bill will not go to committee in the Senate.

Dr. Tra'Chella Johnson Foy spoke on the American Health Care Act and on her hope that there will be a meeting of minds to bring about a better healthcare solution for all people.

The Northeast Florida Medical Society raised $100,000 of scholarship money to go to those planning on pursuing a career into medicine. They will be having their annual Scholarship and Medical Missions Gala on Saturday, May 6, 2017.

CDR Catherine Hagan updated the Board on the annual DCMS Navy Dinner. The date is unknown but a speaker has been asked. CAPT Collins, keynote speaker at last year’s DCMS Navy Dinner, is still working on his endeavors that he spoke on the previous year. CDR Hagan informed the Board of an upcoming Summit with speakers from the Submarine and Nuclear Committees and on the current efforts of the NDAA and Navy medicine.

Dr. Bashar Al-Turk informed the Board on the successful Beers with Peers that took place on March 16, 2017 and the Resident’s Committee’s efforts of promoting both Life After Residency and the Future of Healthcare Conference Poster Presentation.

Dr. Tra’Chella Johnson Foy presented these upcoming meetings and events to the Board.

- Executive Committee Meeting; May 2nd, 2017; DCMS; 1301 Riverplace Blvd., Suite 1638, Jacksonville, FL 32207
- DCMSF Future of Healthcare Conference; May 22-23; UNF; University Center; 12000 Alumni Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32224.
The DCMS Board of Directors Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.