

Seminole County Medical Society
May 16th, 2017
Meeting minutes

The meeting was opened at 7:15 PM by SCMS Immediate Past President, Dr. Victor Roberts.

The minutes of the February 21st quarterly meeting were approved.

Volunteers Rebecca Nichols was thanked for her help to the society.

FMA Annual Meeting & SCMS Delegates Dr. Roberts reminded the membership of the upcoming FMA Annual meeting, scheduled for August 4th – 6th this year. Dr. Roberts called for volunteers to serve as delegates from the SCMS this year.

SCMS/OCMS Legal Symposium Dr. Roberts announced the SCMS will be co-hosting a Legal Symposium on Saturday, July 15, 2017 at the Doubletree by Hilton Orlando Downtown. The program will run from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm and include speakers and attorneys who will cover timely legal topics such as medical office language services, records duplication, contract negotiation, board of medicine updates, legislative session updates, and medical marijuana. Dr. Roberts encouraged members to attend.

New Members and Guests Dr. Roberts welcomed and acknowledged new members: Jeffrey Downing, DO, Kelly LaFave, MD, and Obinna Nwobi, MD. He also welcomed guests: William Leach, MD, Puxiao Cen, MD, and Denise Clark, MD.

Vendors Acknowledged: Dr. Roberts recognized and thanked the meeting sponsors: CenterState Bank, Pharmacy Specialists, Vitas Healthcare, The Health Law Firm, and Seacoast Bank. Dr. Coverman won the drawing for \$100 off his 2018 dues.

2017 SCMS Foundation Scholarships Dr. Roberts explained the purpose of the Foundation scholarships to the membership before introducing a past scholarship winner for the 2015 Newman Scholarship: Loren Breen. Loren spoke for a few minutes about her journey to pursue a medical career and her appreciation for the SCMS Foundation scholarship. Dr. Roberts then awarded the 2017 Dr. Willie Newman scholarship to Chelsea Djedi of Seminole High School and announced the 2017 Dr. Luis Perez scholarship winner as Samantha Maybury of Seminole High School.

Legislative Update: Fraser Cobbe updated the membership on the results of the legislative session, noting that most of our priority issues did not move. One bill that we monitored that passed was HB 557, Controlled Substance Prescribing. Other bills we supported that failed were: Maintenance of Certification, Direct Primary Care, Ambulatory Surgery Centers, Retroactive Denials, Fail First/Prior Authorization, Patient Protection from Formulary Changes, and HMO Accountability. Bills we opposed that failed: PIP Repeal and Scope of Practice Expansions. Another bill we were monitoring that failed included Medical Marijuana.

Guest speaker: SCMS President-Elect, Fernando Alvarado, MD, introduced his Nurse Practitioner, Alicia Miller, RN, to the membership to give a brief update on the importance of access to healthcare for all patients.

Keynote speaker: Joseph Shega, M.D. with VITAS Healthcare spoke to the membership on the role of Hospice in Reducing Hospital Readmissions. Dr. Shega pointed out the statistics related to deaths in the United States overall vs. with Hospice, pointing out the benefits of palliative and

hospice care including improved satisfaction, pain management, decreased hospital admissions, decreased healthcare cost, longer life expectancies, family support and bereavement services. Dr. Shega gave a comprehensive case-based example of a cancer patient both with and without hospice care to show the difference in treatment and care. Dr. Shega pointed out that hospice is not home health care.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for September 19th, 2017, location: TBD.

Total attendees: 53

The motion was then made to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Carrie Pope
SCMS Executive Director