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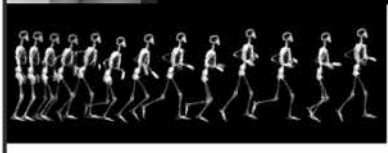

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president's letter

M. Sohail Jilani, MD

We can make a difference, but we have to be vigilant about what is going on around us. The SCMS is trying to arrange programs that help increase awareness and education for our members and the community.

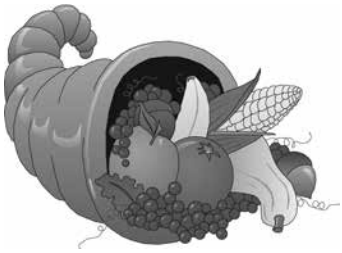
We presented an educational program on human trafficking in Saginaw County at our September meeting and it was very successful. The topic for our January 2015 meeting will be "Human Trafficking Part 2" and will be presented by the Michigan State Police. Hopefully the meeting will also be well attended and a benefit to our community

As you know, this is an election year. It is our duty to choose candidates who can represent our state and country, protect our values and interests, have a vision for the future to streamline our economy and improve our education and health systems. For some of us, it is an easy decision, but for some of us it is hard. The physician community also has their own concerns and questions related to healthcare issues including reimbursement cuts, fixing SGR, no-fault insurance changes, Senate Bill 2, etc. In order to address these issues, the SCMS invited the candidates to attend our October meeting and meet with our members. They were invited to present their platform and their vision to serve our state and country if they get elected. The Candidates Forum was moderated by Josh Richmond, Director, Membership and Political Fundraising from the Michigan State Medical Society. Each candidate was given equal opportunity at the podium. SCMS members were then given the opportunity to ask questions. Our members were also able to talk to the candidates before and after the meeting. We would like to thank our Key Providers, HealthSource Saginaw and our members for making it a very successful event.

The SCMS is very active with the MSMS. Our Delegates and Alternate Delegates attend meetings regularly. Our members are also serving on various committees. If you have any issues you would like to have considered at the 150th MSMS House of Delegates in 2015, you are encouraged to write a resolution to be considered at the meeting. The deadline to submit a resolution to Joan Cramer for consideration at the 2015 meeting is Monday, February 23, 2015. If you need help writing the resolution, please contact Joan at the SCMS office and she will provide you with the format.

We are also looking for a SCMS member to nominate for the 2015 MSMS Community Service Award. Community service includes volunteer medical work, overseas missionary service, environmental and conservation programs and public health programs. Please contact Joan if you know of someone that should be considered for nomination.

The SCMS will be having some interesting programs in near future. We'll keep our members posted. □



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from the editor

Louis L. Constan, MD

Nerds and Heros

This could have been a golden year for the science of virology. Americans cannot walk 20 feet without seeing an image of one of the most fascinating forms of life on earth. In fact, there has been debate over whether we should even classify viruses as living beings, since, in their pure form, they are inert, having no metabolic processes and only "coming alive" when in the cell of a living being. Unfortunately, when the typical American sees an image of one of these creatures, the dominate emotion is not fascination, but fear, and a golden opportunity to learn something is lost. In the case of Ebola, the questions we hear are: "How do I know if I have it? How do I protect myself and my family? Should we send in the Marines? "

Consequently, our stock market stumbles, our travel industry trembles, our hospitals scramble. The media, of course, steps up, covers the story, and, as usual, gets it all muddled up. They cannot see the big picture or put things in perspective because they do not understand what an epidemic is - how it works, or how it gets resolved. Doctors, of course, understand epidemics, but doctors, except for a few academics, have been largely left out of the dialog, and, as a result, our patients have been needlessly frightened.

Here's how the story <u>should</u> go:

- An epidemic is looming; but we've been through epidemics before; our first line of defense is our public health community, doctors and nurses who will work tirelessly, selflessly, and even fearlessly to figure out the nuts and bolts of this thing. They do the science. What is the infectious agent? How is it spread? What is the treatment? Can we make a vaccine? The process they use is steeped in serious scientific inquiry, the best of what modern medicine has to offer. Doctors enjoy this scientific enquiry, but we are not just nerds, we are also heroes in the sense that our work makes the world safer for the public. The big story is about the work of doctors, not about whether one nurse broke sterile protocol, or whether someone should or should not have gotten on a cruise ship.
- A little history would also be appropriate, to remind the public how past epidemics have been controlled (eradication is another thing altogether, a common misunderstanding of scientifically-illiterate reporters). Smallpox, Yellow Fever, Cholera, Polio. All at one time caused widespread panic, now, not so much. Indeed, many people would have trouble even recognizing the names of these once terrifying problems. In those epidemics, money was appropriated for research, equipment and supplies, then the doctors and nurses got to work, relegating the epidemic to a historical footnote.
- The media would also do a great service by putting this epidemic in perspective. Ebola consists of a very small segment of the infectious disease burden of humanity, or even of the infectious disease burden in Africa, where malaria, Dengue fever, parasitic infections, sleeping sickness and, of course, AIDS, still reign supreme. In our country, pneumonia is the infection to watch out for, the infection most likely to kill you. Stop

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worrying about Ebola and get your pneumonia vaccine, your flu shot - and while you are at it, get your kids vaccinated fully! Then trust your doctors and hospitals, who have done you good service in the past, to get a handle on this epidemic.

- Next, the media needs to remind people that in times of crisis, they must remain calm. Take a deep breath. This is not the time for drastic, unproven actions, such as sending in the military or banning travel from affected countries.
- The goal should be that everyone understands these issues. Perhaps everyone should be required to study biology in high school. Medical reporters should be required to take extra science classes. Colleges required to offer science courses for seniors. Then, when the next crisis occurs, when the next epidemic occurs, as it surely will, we will understand it, and our attention as a country can focus on something else other than the silliness we have seen with this Ebola epidemic.
- And perhaps, just perhaps, people should recognize that when they think of "public safety" heroes (policemen, firemen, military servicemen) they should think of doctors as well, who are every bit as important in guarding the lives of Americans.

We can only hope. ☐

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letters to the editor

The following comments were received via email last month in connection with the launch of our new website www.saginawcountyms.com and the October Bulletin:

I enjoyed browsing through your website Joan. Nice personal touch by posting photo album pics of each of your events. Congratulations!

Cheri Vaupel, MSMS

Hi, Joan, another beautiful issue of The Bulletin, chock full of great photos and important information. The link to the website worked perfectly. The columns from Dr. Jilani and Dr. Constan were excellent, and the letter from Tom Cavendish brought a tear to my eye. Well done!

David K. Fox, MSMS

Very, very impressive!

Lou Constan, MD

SPECIAL MEDICAL MISSIONS ISSUE ARTICLES NEEDED

The SCMS will again feature the Medical Missions of our members in the December 2014 Bulletin. If you or someone you know of has participated in a medical mission (at home or abroad) within the last year or so, please contact Joan Cramer at the SCMS office at 989-790-3590 or joan@saginawcountyms.com. We are looking for articles of approximately 400-600 words in length along with photos to publish for each Medical Mission article. **The deadline for submissions is Monday, November 24, 2014, to joan@saginawcountyms.com.**

The December Bulletin will feature physicians who participate in any of the following:

Volunteer Medical Work
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Environmental and Conservation Programs
Public Health Programs

Depending on the number of articles received, we may need to publish some of the articles in future issues of the Bulletin.

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alliance news

Submitted by Jamie Chamberlin, Executive Assistant

11th Annual Jingle Mingle

The 11th Annual Jingle Mingle is almost here! Mark your calendar for Monday, December 8, 2014, so you don't miss out on this great event! Please see page 9 to make a reservation or sponsor a table. Invitations will be mailed in the next week or so – be watching! We have some exciting new vendors this year and have brought back some of the favorites. Fairylite Candles & Soaps, Locomama Designs, Purple Frog, and Wool-agins (among others) are all returning along with a new pottery vendor, Usborne books and Super Cute! The Saginaw Country Club can accommodate 100 people for lunch which includes information on Child & Family Services Sexual Assault Center, the beneficiary of this year's event proceeds. Since the Jingle Mingle is open to the public and will fill up fast, be sure to get your reservations in early! Shopping is available for anyone, regardless of whether they have lunch. Invite your friends for a lunch date and let's mingle! If you have questions, please feel free to contact Jamie at the SCMS office at (989) 790-3590 or Lisa Prakash at (989) 372-1313. The deadline for reservations is Monday, December 1.

SAVE Day

SAVE Day (Stop America's Violence Everywhere) was held on Wednesday, October 15, 2014, and marked the 20th Anniversary of the project. On October 8, 2014, the Alliance Board met with Carrie Schultz and Annie Cocker from Child & Family Services and gave them over 200 copies of children's booklets entitled "Hands Are Not For Hitting" and "You Don't Have to be Bullied." They were grateful and appreciative of this generous donation and will use them at many of the health fairs they attend.

L-R Amanda Tucker, Janie Gugino, Annie Cocker, Carrie Schultz and Lisa Prakash

Member Dues

Invoices for 2015 membership dues have been mailed. Please complete and return with your check as soon as possible. Membership dues are the *only* source of funding for the annual nursing scholarships. Please continue to support the work of the Alliance by paying your dues. We cannot do what we do without your help! ☐

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or Jamie at the SCMS office 790-3590

OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Saginaw County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014, at HealthSource Saginaw. M. Sohail Jilani, MD, President of the SCMS, called the meeting to order at 7:29 p.m. and welcomed over 100 physicians and spouses. Dr. Jilani welcomed **Josh Richmond**, Director, Membership and Political Fundraising from the Michigan State Medical Society, and candidates and their representatives for the November election. Dr. Jilani thanked the following Key Providers in attendance for their ongoing support of SCMS programs: **Chemical Bank** – Heather Gugel, Paul Larsen, Kevin Scorsone and Laura Yockey; **Healthway Compounding Pharmacy** – Mike Collins and Larry Greene; and **Sport & Spine Physical Therapy** – Dave Goldenbogen and Eugene Seals. He also thanked HealthSource for planning and hosting the meeting, with special thanks to **Joan Haddix and Lisa Lapham**, Interim President and CEO.

Dr. Jilani conducted the following business of the SCMS:

- The Minutes of the September 2014 Membership Meeting were attached to the Agenda and published in the October Bulletin. **MOTION:** Accept the September 2014 Meeting Minutes as printed. **MOTION APPROVED**.
- Members were encouraged to contact their legislators about Senate Bill 2 through the Advocacy Action Center at www.msms.org.
- The Tuesday, January 20, 2015, Membership Meeting topic will be "Human Trafficking Part 2." Information on the program and human trafficking legislation that was signed into law by Governor Snyder on October 16, 2014, was attached to the Agenda.
- Members were asked to consider submitting resolutions to the annual MSMS House of Delegates. The deadline for resolutions to be submitted to Joan Cramer is Monday, February 23, 2015.
- Dr. Jilani introduced Betty Webb who spoke about the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser scheduled for Sunday, November 16, 2014, at the Hunger Solution Center in Saginaw to benefit Ernie Balcueva, son of Dr. Eddie and Mary Jane Balcueva. Ernie is at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, awaiting his second heart transplant.
- Dr. Jilani asked for nominees to be considered for the annual MSMS Community Service Award.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- MD-PAC endorsed candidates for this year's Supreme Court race are Justices Brian Zahra and David Viviano, and Judge James Redford.
- Volunteers are needed to serve at the Soup Kitchen on Wednesday, November 12, 2014, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Those attending were asked to sign up to volunteer at the registration desk.
- Dr. Jilani announced our new website, www.saginawcountyms.com, was up and running.

CANDIDATES FORUM

The following candidates were invited to attend:

- Jeff Holmes (D) and John Moolenaar (R), 4th Congressional District Candidates
- Stacy Erwin Oakes (D) and Ken Horn (R), 32nd State Senate Candidates
- Vincent J. Mosca (D) and Tim Kelly (R-incumbent), 94th State Representative Candidates
- Vanessa Guerra (D) and Jordan Haskins (R), 95th State Representative Candidates

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Dr. Jilani introduced Jeff Holmes, John Moolenaar, Stacy Erwin Oakes, Ken Horn and Tim Kelly. Vincent J. Mosca, Vanessa Guerra and Jordan Haskins did not attend.

Dr. Jilani then welcomed Josh Richmond to the podium to moderate the Candidates Forum. Each candidate was asked to consider the following issues: Senate Bill 2-Nurse Scope of Practice; Auto No-Fault; SGR; Tax on Physician Practices; Graduate Medical Education; Tort Reform; and Public Health issues (including vaccinations). Dr. Roger Kahn, 32nd State Senator, asked to say a few words in support of the re-election of Governor Rick Snyder (R). Upon completion of his remarks and in fairness to both candidates, Josh said a few words in support of Mark Schauer (D). The candidates then addressed the audience in the following order: Jeff Holmes, John Moolenaar, Stacy Erwin Oakes, Ken Horn and Tim Kelly. The floor was then opened to questions which were addressed by all of the candidates.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan M. Cramer
Executive Director

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Amy and John Moolenaar with Dr. Lou Constan

Dr. Jeff Holmes and reps

Ken Horn

Stacy Erwin Oakes with Dr. Babu Paidipaty

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Mike Collins and Larry Greene of Healthway Pharmacy with Dr. Kamran Shokoohi and Tim Kelly

Kevin Scorsone and Heather Gugel of Chemical Bank with Dr. Steve Vance

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Josh Richmond of MSMS

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING PART 2 – MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

As a complement to the September Meeting on ***"Human Trafficking in Saginaw County – What You Need to Know,"*** the SCMS will host ***"Human Trafficking Part 2"*** at the January Membership Meeting which is joint with the Dental Society.

Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2015

Program: "Human Trafficking Part 2"

Speaker: Trooper Steven A. Kramer, Flint MSP Post

Location: Horizons Conference Center

Time: 6:30 p.m. social (cash bar), 7 p.m. dinner and program

Dinner Cost: SCMS Members/Spouses and Dental Society Members/Spouses – no charge ***Guests $35 per person (payable in advance) Reservations are required!***

Invitations will be mailed in early January

The hour-long program will include:

- Terminology used in the industry
- Facts about the industry
- Real cases and stories
- Photos and videos
- The differences and similarities between human trafficking and sex trafficking
- Things to look for and common forms
- How it is advertised and how the victims get trapped
- Information on how it is prosecuted

The program is designed to give general information on the industry, to show how real it is, and to bring awareness to the problem. Currently it is the second fastest growing criminal enterprise.

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Mid-Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force Needs Your Help!

In an effort to end human trafficking in Michigan, the Underground Railroad, Inc. of Saginaw has teamed up with the state-wide Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force to better serve their surrounding communities. The main goals within the Task Force are to educate, network with others, enhance community awareness and rescue and restore survivors of trafficking.

The Mid-Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force (MMHTTF) is a smaller, regional branch of the state-wide Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force, which was founded in 2007 by Jane White at the Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice.

The MMHTTF is made up of social service agencies, law enforcement, religious-based groups, and community activists dedicated to preventing human trafficking in Mid-Michigan and the surrounding communities. The MMHTTF serves Arenac, Bay, Genesee, Gladwin, Gratiot, Huron, Isabella, Midland, Saginaw, Sanilac, Shiawassee and Tuscola Counties.

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month in Saginaw. If you would like to be a part of the MMHTTF or help with funding, please contact Kirsten Bierlein of the Underground Railroad at kbierlein@undergroundrailroadinc.org or (989) 399-0007 for more information.

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Rescue and Restore Trafficking Survivors

HUMAN TRAFFICKING LEGISLATION SIGNED INTO LAW

On Thursday, October 16, Gov. Rick Snyder signed legislation protecting Michigan citizens from human trafficking and supporting victims by putting some of the strongest policies in the nation into place to combat this crime. Much of the legislation stems from a 2013 report by the Michigan Commission on Human Trafficking.

Snyder signed Senate Bill 584 and House Bill 5158 during the Women Strengthening Michigan forum in Oakland County. The legislation makes human trafficking punishable by imprisonment for life and permanently creates the state Human Trafficking Commission within the Attorney General's Office. They are now Public Acts 324 and 325. Prior to the forum, the governor signed the remaining 19 bills within the package which strengthen punishments and provide support for victims. They are now PAs 326-344.

Bills strengthening punishments for human trafficking offenders include:

- Making it a felony to solicit a person under 18 years old for prostitution (SB 205);
- Making soliciting a Tier I sexual offense, and recruiting a minor for a commercial sex trade or forced labor a Tier II offense, both requiring registration as a sex offender (SB 602);
- Making penalties for human trafficking consistent (HB 5234);
- Classifying restraining a minor for the purpose of producing child pornography as kidnapping (HB 4021);
- Increasing the fine from $2,500 to $5,000 for operating a place of prostitution and removing gender from the description of prostitution in the Michigan Penal Code to ensure all offenders receive the same punishment for operating a place for prostitution (HB 5231);
- Ensuring the Judicature Act includes human trafficking provisions (HB 5236);
- Holding individuals who do not report human trafficking practices accountable by allowing seizure of personal property or possessions (HB 5233).

Bills providing support for victims include:

- Vacating prostitution-related offenses from a victim's record (SB 585);
- Allowing a victim's convictions as a result of forced trafficking to be set aside (HB 5025);
- Presuming that individuals under 18 years old with prostitution offenses were coerced into the activity (HB 5012);
- Ensuring that trafficking victims within the foster care system receive appropriate counseling (SB 587);

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- Ensuring potential homes for a victim in foster care will provide the necessary mental health, counseling or other services necessary resulting from being trafficked (SB 593);
- Creating the Human Trafficking Victims Compensation Act, making victims eligible for compensation from those who trafficked them (SB 590 and HB 5237);
- Ensuring access to medical assistance benefits for psychological and medical treatments through Medicaid or other insurance coverage as a result of being trafficked (SB 592);
- Expanding juvenile court jurisdictions to protect children who are victims of human trafficking (HB 5026);
- Requiring the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs to work in conjunction with health professional boards to adopt rules to raise awareness training standards for health professionals to identify victims of human trafficking (SB 597);
- Ensuring the Michigan Department of Human Services reports suspected or investigated cases of child abuse or neglect involving human trafficking to local law enforcement (HB 5239). ☐

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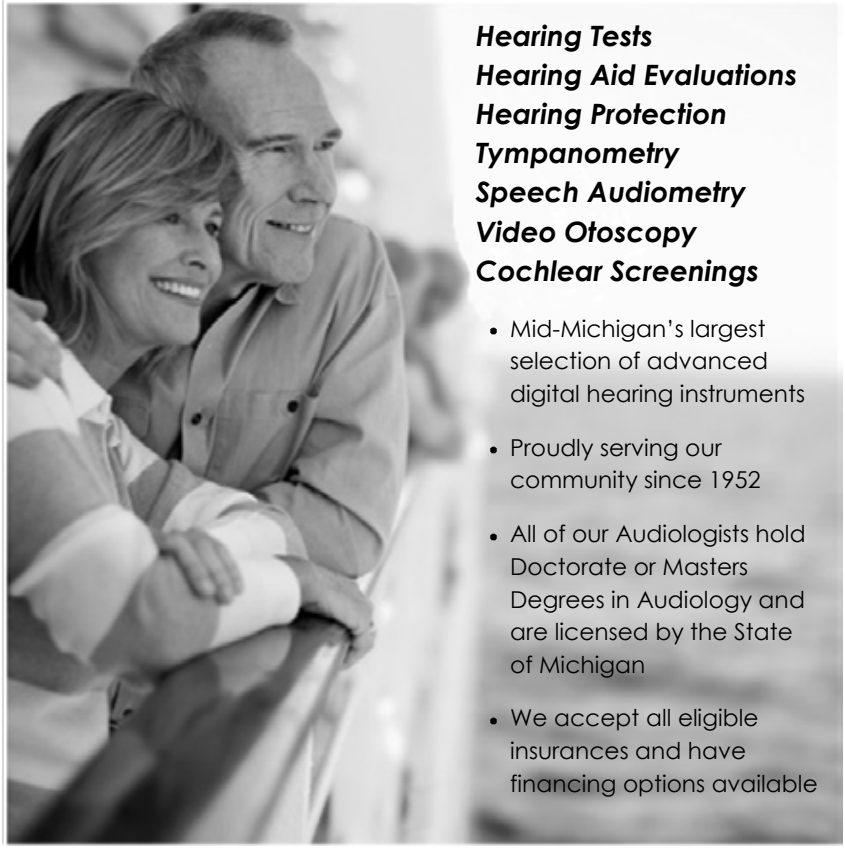

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Please note the upcoming events for 2014-2015 on your calendar so you will be able to attend. Postcard meeting notices with return RSVP are mailed and emailed each month we have a membership meeting, and are due a week before the meeting. Board members, Delegates and Alternate Delegates also receive an email and fax with board meeting information each month.

There is no Board or Membership Meeting in December.

Monday, December 8, 2014 – 11th Annual Alliance Jingle Mingle at the Saginaw Country Club benefitting the Sexual Assault Center at Child & Family Service.

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 – SCMS Board Meets at Horizons Conference Center at 5:30 p.m. Membership Meeting at Horizons Conference Center which is joint with the Dental Society and spouses. Social at 6:30 p.m. (cash bar), followed by meeting and program at 7 p.m. Program: Human Trafficking Part 2.

There is no Membership Meeting in February.

Tuesday, February 17, 2015 – SCMS Board Meets at MCVI in the Board Room at 5:30 p.m.

There is no Membership Meeting in March.

Tuesday, March 17, 2015 – SCMS Board Meets at MCVI in the Board Room at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 21, 2015 – 11th Annual SCMS Health Fair "The Doctor Is In!" at Horizons Conference Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31, 2015 – SCMS serves at the East Side Soup Kitchen in honor of Doctor's Day. ***Volunteers needed to prepare and serve lunch!***

Tuesday, April 21, 2015 – SCMS Board Meets at Horizons Conference Center at 5:30 p.m. Membership Meeting at Horizons Conference Center. Social at 6:30 p.m. (cash bar), followed by meeting and program at 7 p.m. Program: Health Information Exchange (HIE).

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 – SCMS Board Meets at Horizons Conference Center at 5:30 p.m. Membership Meeting at Horizons Conference Center. Social at 6:30 p.m. (cash bar), followed by meeting and program at 7 p.m. Annual Meeting. ☐

ATTENTION RETIRED MEMBERS!

Retired physicians meet for lunch every Wednesday at 12 noon at IHOP, 2255 Tittabawassee Road in Saginaw. Those attending are responsible for their own lunch, and the informal gathering lasts about an hour. Join your retired colleagues whenever you like!

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Cramer at the SCMS office at 790-3590 or by email at joan@saginawcountyms.com. ☐

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The week-long marital vacation workshops offered are:

Monday, January 5 to Friday, January 9, 2015
Monday, January 12 to Friday, January 16, 2015
Monday, January 19 to Friday, January 23, 2015
Monday, January 26 to Friday, January 30, 2015

This vacation/workshop is designed for the couple who knows their marriage can be strengthened, and are motivated to learn the knowledge and skills needed to make the changes they want for themselves. Sessions are held three hours each morning which is equivalent to three to four months of marital therapy, with afternoons and evenings free for you to explore the beautiful surroundings of Palm Beach Shores, Palm Beach and West Palm Beach. Space is limited – one couple per week!

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Covenant on List of 100 Hospitals and Health Systems with Great Oncology Programs by Becker's Hospital Review

Covenant HealthCare is listed among the Becker's Hospital Review 2014 edition of "100 Hospitals and Health Systems with Great Oncology Programs."

The hospitals featured on the list have all received recognition from several reputable ranking agencies, including U.S. News & World Report, Truven Health Analytics, the National Cancer Institute, the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer, CareChex and the BlueCross BlueShield Association, according to a press release from the Becker's Hospital Review.

Covenant HealthCare offers three specialized centers as part of its cancer care services: The Cancer Care and Infusion Therapy Center, the Breast Health Center and Radiation Oncology. Covenant also offers the Survivorship Training Program, providing patients with comprehensive and coordinated cancer rehabilitation by a team of STAR Program clinicians.

Covenant is designated by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer. Additionally, the Breast Health Program is designated as an American College of Radiology Breast Imaging Center of Excellence and is accredited by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers. The Covenant Cancer Care Center was also recognized by the 2014 Women's Choice Award® as one of "America's Best Hospitals for Cancer Care" and one of "America's Best Breast Centers."

Volunteers Host Tree of Love

This holiday season, remember a special person in your life with a gift to the Covenant Volunteers' Tree of Love. For a gift of $25, a personalized name plate will be added to a candle in the skywalk. A $10 gift will purchase a personalized star to decorate the trees in the front lobbies of the main campuses. Donation envelopes are available at all Covenant front desks. The Tree of Love Ceremony will take place Tuesday, December 10 at 7 p.m. in the Cooper Campus main lobby. All funds raised from this year's event will support the Family Comfort Fund at the Covenant HealthCare Foundation. Designed to support families when a hospitalized loved one is in the last stages of life, gifts to this fund make it possible for Covenant to provide refreshments and snacks to family members so they can remain focused on their loved one during a difficult time. For more information, please call (989) 583-7000. □

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Attendees of the conferences are kept informed and updated on current issues impacting medical practices today such as Risk Management, Human Resources, Marketing, Meaningful Use, EMR, and HIPAA just to name a few.

Vendors representing many services and products attend the conferences allowing the managers the opportunity to discuss solutions to issues they are working on in their individual practices. Professional relationships are developed through networking allowing ongoing communications; these communications serve to strengthen both the administrator and the practice alike. As an attendee, one manager reported saving her organization $26,000 in one year due to networking opportunities presented to her at one MiMGMA conference. The ROI cannot be overlooked.

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Ongoing construction and remodeling, the search for the next dean and new duties for some faculty members were the primary topics of two recent all-staff forums conducted by Central Michigan College of Medicine Interim Dean, Linda Perkowski.

The forums were conducted in Saginaw on October 8 and in Mount Pleasant on October 17. Perkowski said construction of the educational facility on the campus of Covenant HealthCare remains on track to be completed by May 2015. Renovation of the lobby and waiting areas for the CMU Health clinics at 1000 Houghton are underway, and the CMU Board of Trustees recently approved a construction/renovation plan at St. Mary's of Michigan.

Other areas discussed at the forums:

***The next dean*:** CMU Provost Michael Gealt spoke about the ongoing search for a new dean at the forum in Mount Pleasant. Gealt said the search firm has identified several potential candidates and soon will present a narrowed list to the search committee. Committee members will interview candidates at an airport, and narrow the field further. The remaining candidates will come to CMU and Saginaw for interviews. "Just to let you know, the first words in the description are about our mission and vision," Gealt said. "That's not changing. We are not changing what this College of Medicine does."

Staff changes: Perkowski outlined updated job titles/duties for seven people.

- **Dr. Ed McKee**, now the interim senior associate dean/faculty administration and research.
- **Dr. Ron Bradley**, continuing in his role as interim medical discipline chair.
- **Dr. Sam Shaheen**, continuing as the vice chair for surgical disciplines and leading a clinical task force.
- **Dr. Steve Vance**, now the associate dean for the distributed campus.
- **Sue Parsons**, continuing as the assistant dean for finance, but now reporting to the dean.
- **Dr. Bob Fleischmann**, now chair of foundational sciences.
- **Dr. Bernard Noveloso**, now the interim program director for family medicine.

Residency programs: CMU Medical Education Partners Executive Director, Terry Lerash, spoke at the forum in Saginaw and said recruiting for physician-faculty positions continues. "We have a lot of candidates pending that we are working through, and I'm confident that by the end of this fiscal year, June 30, we should be pretty much fully staffed in the organization by a faculty perspective," he said. □

SCMS PHYSICIAN HEALTH & WELL-BEING COMMITTEE

Confidential assistance to physician members with personal issues affecting their private and professional lives

The SCMS Physician Health & Well-Being Committee is a CONFIDENTIAL resource for SCMS members who have issues affecting their private and/or professional lives. The Committee acts totally independently, and NO INFORMATION is shared with the SCMS Board, members or staff. If you are in need of confidential assistance, or know of another member who is having a difficult time, please contact Dr. Kaushik Raval, Chair of the Committee, at 989-799-7742. □

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Thanksgiving is one of those rare holidays that is generally pretty low key, not very commercial (e.g., you aren't expected to spend lots of money buying Thanksgiving gifts after all), and a day to give thanks and be grateful. Of course, for some it's a day to watch football, eat too much, and spend time with friends and family too (which you might be grateful for or not). Thanksgiving is celebrated not only in the United States, but in Canada (on October 1st) and elsewhere. For many, it is an important reminder to be grateful every day.

Research has well demonstrated that those who have an ongoing tendency to be grateful experience better physical and psychological health and wellbeing. They tend to be more optimistic, sociable and engaged in life. They are less susceptible to depression, anxiety, anger, and others' negative emotions that can lead to health damaging behaviors and functioning. Being grateful is good for your health

So, as we approach Thanksgiving this month, what are you grateful for? Can you continue to focus on gratefulness even when the holiday is over? Can you make gratefulness a part of your daily experience? Doing the right thing for yourself and others means finding ways to be grateful for all that you have and hold. How about you? What are you grateful for? Begin each day with this insight and watch how your life is changed. □

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St. Mary's Announces New Sleep Center Medical Director

St. Mary's of Michigan is pleased to announce Mohd Shaffi Kanjwal, MD as the new Medical Director of the Sleep Center. Dr. Kanjwal has been on staff with the Pulmonary & Critical Care Associates since 2012.

Dr. Kanjwal completed his Pulmonary Critical Care Fellowship through the Division of Pulmonary Critical Care and Sleep Medicine from the University of Toledo. He also completed his Sleep Medicine Fellowship from the University of Toledo. Prior to that, Dr. Kanjwal completed his residency through St. Vincent's Mercy Medical Centre in Toledo, Ohio. Most recently, he was awarded FCCP (Fellow of American College of Chest Physicians) fellowship.

The St. Mary's of Michigan Sleep Center, located at our Towne Centre location, offers a comprehensive sleep disorders program with board certified sleep medicine physicians and highly experienced technicians – all registered by the Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technicians.

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- Problems with daytime sleepiness or insomnia (from conditions such as sleep apnea or restless legs syndrome)

Dr. Kanjwal is a member of multiple professional groups including the American College of Physicians, American Medical Association, American Academy of Sleep Medicine and the American Thoracic Society.

In addition to his Sleep Center duties, he is very active with the St. Mary's of Michigan lung cancer program. Dr. Kanjwal performs SuperDimensional Navigational Bronch and EBUS. To date, he has done more than 100 cases. This is the latest technology to diagnose lung cancer, help in staging the cancer and also helpful to put fiducial markers for CyberKnife. St. Mary's of Michigan is the only hospital in the region with all of these capabilities.

If you have a patient who could benefit from the St. Mary's of Michigan Sleep Center, call (989) 497-3138.

Join us for the 20th Annual St. Mary's of Michigan Cornette Ball

This year's event honors Dr. Bhramaramba (Bhrama) Sarvepalli as the recipient of the prestigious Spirit of St. Vincent Award. There is still time to join us on Saturday, November 22 at 6 p.m. at Horizons Conference Center.

For information about attending the event, please call (989) 907-8300, or visit www.stmarysofmichigan.org/foundation.

Seton Cancer Awarded ACRO Accreditation

St. Mary's of Michigan Seton Cancer Institute has been awarded the full, three-year re-accreditation by the Board of Chancellors of the American College of Radiation Oncology (ACRO) through May 31, 2016.

The prestigious accreditation is the result of an intensive on-site survey and peer review process. ACRO accreditation is designed to evaluate and accredit those centers that strive to meet the quality stan-

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dards and requirements needed to deliver safe and effective radiotherapy. ACRO accredited radiation oncology practices/centers are committed to ensuring that patients in need of radiation therapy receive the very finest treatment possible.

"We are one of only eleven ACRO accredited radiation therapy practices in the state of Michigan and the only ACRO accredited center in our region. This accreditation is a distinguished and valued component of our cancer care program that demonstrates our ongoing commitment to providing high quality and high tech radiation oncology care," said Kathi Smith-Nowlin, Cancer Care Services Director.

Mark Your Calendar for the Annual Holiday Party!

The Physician Holiday Party will take place Wednesday, December 3 at Horizons Conference Center. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m. with a buffet dinner to follow at 7 p.m. □

applications

Applications for membership which may be recommended for acceptance at the November 18, 2014, Board Meeting:

J. Patricia Dhar, MD *(CMU Health – Internal Medicine Dept.)*
Primary: Internal Medicine, Board Certified 1986.
Secondary: Rheumatology, Board Certified 1990.
Medical School: Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, Michigan, 1982.
Internship/Residency: Wayne State University Affiliated Hospitals, Internal Medicine, 1982-86.
Fellowship: Wayne State University, Rheumatology, 1986-89.
Prior Practice: Wayne State University School of Medicine (1) Clinical Instructor of Medicine, Division of Rheumatology, 1985-91; (2) Full Time Faculty (Assistant Professor), Division of Rheumatology 1992-04; (3) Associate Residency Program Director of Internal Medicine 2003-04; (4) Full Time Affiliate, Dept. of Internal Medicine 2004-06; (5) Full Time Faculty, Division of Translational Research and Clinical Epidemiology (TRACE), 2007-14; (6) Full Time Faculty, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Rheumatology 2008-14; (7) Joint Appointment as Assistant Professor, Dept. of Obstetrics & Gynecology 2007-14; (8) Adjunct Faculty in the graduate Basic Medical Sciences (BMS) graduate program 2010; (9) Dean's Appointment to the Cardiovascular Research Institute, 2010-14; and (10) Associate Chief, Division of Rheumatology, 2011-12. Henry Ford Health Systems, Senior Staff Physician, Division of Rheumatology 2004-06.
Sponsors: Doctors Ronald H. Bradley and Raghu Sarvepalli.

Toby C.J. Long, MD *(Health Delivery, Inc./Roosevelt S. Ruffin Community Health Center)*
Primary: Family Medicine, Board Certified 2011.
Medical School: Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, 2008.
Internship/Residency: St. Mary's Family Medicine, Grand Junction, Colorado, 6/08-6/11.
Sponsors: Doctors Brenda M. Coughlin and Douglas J. Saylor. □

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❖ AMA Calls for Re-Design of EHRs to Improve Usability

Building on its landmark study with RAND Corp. confirming that discontent with electronic health records is taking a significant toll on physicians, the AMA recently called for solutions to EHR systems that have neglected usability as a necessary feature.

Responding to the urgent physician need for better designed EHR systems, the AMA released a new framework outlining eight priorities for improving EHR usability to benefit caregivers and patients.

"Physician experiences documented by the AMA and RAND demonstrate that most electronic health record systems fail to support efficient and effective clinical work," AMA President-elect Steven J. Stack, MD, said in a news release. "This has resulted in physicians feeling increasingly demoralized by technology that interferes with their ability to provide first-rate medical care to their patients."

While AMA/RAND findings show physicians generally expressed no desire to return to paper record keeping, physicians are justly concerned that cumbersome EHR technology requires too much time-consuming data entry, leaving less time for patients. "Workflow, usability, productivity and vendor quality issues continue to drive dissatisfaction."

❖ Ebola Resources and Information

For several months, the Centers for Disease Control had been warning that Ebola is "just a plane ride away" and that proved to be true in Dallas in late September.

The CDC warns that in the early stages of infection, Ebola resembles many other viral illnesses, causing headache, fever, weakness, muscle pain, diarrhea, and nausea, which is why the CDC is stressing the

need to ask about travel histories for any patient presenting with such symptoms.

MSMS has been including the links to the Centers for Disease Control and the Michigan Department of Community Health in the weekly e-Medigram. The CDC recently updated its website information about Ebola at http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/index.html.

The Michigan Department of Community Health also recently updated its Ebola website at http://www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases/0,4579,7-186-69879---,00.html.

The American Medical Association also has extensive information about Ebola on its website. By coincidence, the AMA will be holding its Interim meeting in Dallas on Nov. 7-11 where Ebola will be extensively discussed. The AMA home page is at http://www.ama-assn.org/ama and the AMA Ebola Resource Center is at http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/public-health/ebola-resource-center.page.

Governor Rick Snyder issued a news release on October 9 highlighting the efforts of the Michigan Department of Community Health in preparing for any potential cases of Ebola in Michigan.

MSMS will continue to disseminate updated information to members, educate members, and update this web site as needed.

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❖ MSMS Efforts on the Primary Care Uplifts for Medicaid

Due to the efforts of MSMS, the challenges of administering the primary care uplift in Medicaid were elevated within the Michigan Department of Community Health. There have been many questions regarding the accuracy of payments made through the managed care plans, and the timing of such payments. As a result, MSMS submitted a Freedom of Information Act request that provided the amount of funds MDCH distributed to the health plans and the amount of funds the health plans had distributed to physicians.

The MSMS Board of Directors recently discussed this issue in detail. MSMS discovered that the increases in payments to primary care physicians were held up by a number of issues including system issues that delayed payments, as well as, missing data from Medicaid health plans. Medicaid officials have met with health plan representatives and are committed to working with the plans to prioritize resolution of communication, data, and logistical problems, according to a report to the Board.

"This wouldn't have happened without the efforts of MSMS," said MSMS President James D. Grant, MD. "Freeing up this money for those members to whom it is owed is a tangible benefit of MSMS membership. It also benefits non-members who are not paying MSMS dues. We need all Michigan physicians to join MSMS so we can do even more advocacy like this in the future."

Other highlights from the MSMS October Board meeting include:

- Continuing MSMS efforts to educate physicians and patients about end-of-life care issues and the need for a durable power of attorney for health care. Patient Advocate forms are available through MSMS.
- Initiating a pilot membership program that will allow individual members of physician organizations that have engaged in a service agreement with MSMS to get a five percent discount on MSMS dues.
- Supporting Senate Bill 1033 that would assure that a set of Direct Primary Care services offered by a physician are not improperly characterized as insurance. While the pros and cons of offering prepaid DPC services were discussed at length, the Board agreed that the scope of SB 1033 is only to clarify that this innovation is not insurance and, therefore, removed from various burdensome regulatory hurdles.
- New national immunization data and rankings were announced at the end of last week and showed that Michigan ranks 4th worst nationally with 5.4

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percent--up .1 percent from last year - of parents choosing not to vaccinate their children against preventable, potentially deadly diseases.

MSMS is working with a broad coalition including the MSMS Alliance, Michigan Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics-Michigan Chapter, Michigan Osteopathic Association, school nurses, health plans, and other health care organizations to decrease the opt-out rate in Michigan. Various efforts are underway including news conferences to help educate the public about the consequences of parents not getting their children immunized.

The coalition issued a joint statement to the media, which said, in part:

"We are extremely disappointed to learn that despite ongoing and increased education and outreach efforts, too many Michigan parents continue to make potentially dangerous choices for their children and our communities.

"Childhood immunizations protect our kids from dangerous infectious diseases such as measles, mumps and whooping cough, but more and more Michigan kids are at risk as non-medical exemption rates rise and immunization rates fall." □

NOMINATE A COLLEAGUE FOR THE 2015 MSMS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The SCMS is seeking nominations for the 2015 MSMS Community Service Award. The focus of the Award is to recognize physicians who have contributed above and beyond their medical practices.

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1997 – Bala Srinivasan, MD and Ramesh B. Cherukuri, MD
1995 – James R. Hines, MD
1993 – William R. Engelman, MD

Please contact the SCMS with the name of the physician you would like to nominate. You can email your nomination to joan@saginawcountyms.com or fax to 989-790-3640 by December 1, 2014. □

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NEUROSURGERY

Joseph Adel, M.D., joins E. Malcolm Field, M.D., and Naman Salibi, M.D., at St. Mary's of Michigan Neurosurgery Associates. Dr. Adel is a dually trained neurosurgeon in endovascular interventional procedures as well as open vascular surgeries.

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Shrinivas Kambali, M.D., joins B. Babu Paidipaty, M.D., and M. Shaffi Kanjwal, M.D., at St. Mary's of Michigan Pulmonary & Critical Care Associates, caring for those with conditions affecting the lungs including cancer, asthma, COPD, emphysema, pulmonary fibrosis, complicated pneumonias, sleep apnea, and sarcoidosis.

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PATHOLOGY

Ibrahim Malak, M.D., pathologist, joins St. Mary's of Michigan. He will serve as the in-house pathologist.

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HOW TO WRITE
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The Process

Business is introduced to the MSMS House of Delegates (HOD) through the presentation of resolutions by voting delegates on behalf of their county delegation, specialty society, ethnic medical society, MSMS membership section or as individual delegates. In addition, the MSMS Board of Directors may present reports with recommendations for HOD action.

In order to be considered as regular business of the HOD, resolutions must be submitted to MSMS 60 days prior to the meeting of the HOD.

Once resolutions are received by MSMS, they undergo MSMS and AMA policy review, legal review and appropriate editing. Resolutions are then assigned numbers and referred to one of the seven HOD reference committees. A complete set of resolutions is included in the Delegate Handbook that is emailed to delegates prior to the meeting of the HOD, as well as, on the MSMS website at www.msms.org.

Special briefings for delegates and alternate delegates are held in April of each year to review submitted resolutions, as well as, major activities and issues of MSMS. All delegates are invited to the briefings held in their respective districts.

Deadline to submit resolutions: Monday, February 23, 2015

Late Resolutions

Late resolutions received by MSMS after the deadline are reviewed by the Committee on Rules and Order of Business that meets prior to the opening session of the HOD. The Committee will provide introducers of late resolutions an opportunity to explain the reasons for submitting late resolutions. The Committee will make recommendations to the HOD regarding acceptance. The HOD will vote on the recommendations of the Committee on Rules and Order of Business.

Structure of a Resolution

Resolutions start with a series of "whereas" clauses that explain the rationale of the resolution, contribute to the understanding of the subject matter, and lead into the "resolved" section of the resolution.

A 2006 resolution requires that the "whereas" clauses must include references to any data or statistics that might be used in formulating an opinion on the resolution's "resolved" sections.

The "resolved" section of a resolution defines the intent of the resolution. It is required that each "resolved" be able to stand independent of the "whereas" clauses(s) as only the "resolved" portion is retained in the Digest of Proceedings, the official record of the HOD.

When preparing resolutions, close attention should be given to the following:

1. The title of the resolution should be brief and should appropriately reflect the action for which it calls.
2. Information contained in the resolution should be checked for accuracy.
3. The "resolved" must stand alone and not refer back to the "whereas" clause(s) since the HOD adopts only the "resolved" portion and the "whereas" clauses(s) do not appear in the Proceedings.
4. An estimated fiscal note should be added by the author when appropriate, and should set forth the estimated cost, if any, of the policy, program or action proposed by the resolution.
5. Resolutions asking for AMA action or policy may be submitted through the MSMS HOD to garner additional support of the Michigan Delegation to the AMA.
6. It is recommended that delegates contact their county societies, specialty societies and sections regarding their resolutions, as each may have a specific process prior to the resolution being submitted to MSMS.

If you have questions, please contact Carrie Wheeler cwheeler@msms.org, or 517-336-5723. You may also contact Joan Cramer, SCMS Executive Director at 790-3590 or jmcramer@sbcglobal.net, your specialty society executive, or section chairs at any time.

Sample Resolution

Resolution #_____

Title: Provider Disclosure
Introduced By: John Q. Smith, MD, for the Saginaw County delegation
Original Author: Jane M. Doe, MD
Referred To: _____
House Action: _____

Whereas, many physician groups now employ mid-level providers, and

Whereas, many of these providers are utilized for prescheduled and emergency visits, and

Whereas, in many instances patients make appointments assuming they will see a physician, and

Whereas, many patients are surprised that the appointment had actually been scheduled with a mid-level provider, and

Whereas, patients should be informed at the time an appointment is scheduled whether the appointment is with a physician or a mid-level provider; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS encourage its members to inform a patient at the time his or her appointment is made whether the appointment is with a physician or a mid-level provider.

AUTHOR'S ESTIMATED FISCAL NOTE, if applicable: $_____

PLEASE SUBMIT RESOLUTIONS TO JOAN CRAMER AT THE SCMS OFFICE.

MiHIA
Michigan Health Information Alliance

National Quality Forum Selects MiHIA as One of 10 Field Testing Sites for Population Health Improvement

A 2013 report from the American Public Health Association acknowledges that significant health challenges are often complex and linked. To truly impact chronic illness, health inequities, and health care costs, healthy communities are addressing a variety of environmental and social determinants. These include items like transportation, access to healthy food, economic vitality and education.

In response to the data, the National Quality Forum, located in Washington DC, has created the NQF Action Guide 1.0 – a handbook designed to support communities in their journey towards better health. The Michigan Health Information Alliance, Inc. (MiHIA) has been selected as one of 10 groups nationwide to implement and test the Action Guide.

"We are thrilled to have been selected as a field testing site for NQF," says Mary Kushion, MiHIA's Population Health Team Leader. "MiHIA is so well-positioned for implementing these strategies across our 14-county region. Our Population Health Team is comprised of major stakeholders from a variety of health perspectives, and we are all eager to advance the strength and health of our communities."

The Action Guide contains action items, practical resources, and summaries of 10 key elements to use when working in collaborative partnerships. It is intended to support coalitions that are working to promote and improve population health in a long-term, sustainable manner.

"Participating as a test site for the Action Guide implementation is a perfect fit for us," says MiHIA CEO, Beth Roszatycki. "Our vision is to see our 14-county region exemplify a thriving health community, and we know that it takes participation from every facet of the health system to make that happen. We have excellent partners in this effort, and look forward to seeing what kind of tangible impact we can have with NQF resources." □

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board highlights

The September meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saginaw County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2014, at Horizons Conference Center prior to the Membership Meeting. M. Sohail Jilani, MD, President, called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

The minutes of the August 19, 2014, Board meeting were reviewed. **MOTION:** Approve the August Board Meeting Minutes. **MOTION APPROVED**.

Dr. Dean presented the Treasurer's Report for August 2014. **MOTION:** Approve the August Treasurer's Report. **MOTION APPROVED**.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **CMU Health** – In Dr. Vance's absence, Joan reported that she spoke with Dr. Vance and he indicated things are looking up and very positive with Terry Lerash again involved. Dr. Vance also stated that Lerash, the Interim Dean and the hospitals are working well together, and working to get local leadership; the search for a new Dean has begun; and CMU is building clerkships and aggressively outlining enhanced Medicaid. Dr. Vance will have a detailed report at the October Board Meeting.
2. **Update on Dr. Ramani's Projects** – An Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Drs. Duncan, Z. Khan, Nahata, Ramani and Joan will work on an Anti-Bullying program to be held in connection with a Saginaw Spirit Hockey game in late January or February 2015. Proceeds from the event would help fund a Saginaw County Sheriff's Department deputy in Saginaw County schools. The Board would like the Saginaw County Sheriff, Covenant HealthCare and St. Mary's of Michigan involved. Joan will contact the Saginaw Spirit.
3. **Senate Bill 2** – Board members were encouraged to continue contacting their legislators to oppose Senate Bill 2 (Nurse Scope of Practice).
4. **October Candidates Forum** – HealthSource Saginaw is once again hosting our October Membership Meeting. A Candidates Forum for the November election has been planned. The following candidates have been invited: 4th Congressional District – Jeff Holmes (D) and John Moolenaar (R); 32nd State Senate – Stacy Erwin Oakes (D) and Ken Horn (R); 94th State Representative – Vincent J. Mosca (D) and Tim Kelly (R); and 95th State Representative – Vanessa Guerra (D) and Jordan Haskins (R). The Board was asked for any issues they would like addressed before the candidates. Issues to be included are: Senate Bill 2 (Nurse Scope of Practice); Auto No-Fault; SGR; Tax on Physician Practices; Graduate Medical Education; Tort Reform; and Public Health.
5. **Approval of Additional Key Provider** – Chemical Bank has applied to be a Key Provider for 2014-15. The other six Key Providers were approved at the August Board Meeting. **MOTION:** Approve Chemical Bank as a Key Provider for 2014-15. **MOTION APPROVED**.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Applications for Membership** – Dr. Talati presented the following applications which were recommended for approval at tonight's meeting:
   a. **Shrinivas Kambali, MD** – Internal Medicine, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, SMOM Pulmonary & Critical Care Associates, sponsored by Drs. Gopi K. Nallani and Sanjay J. Talati.
   b. **Binu Malhotra, MD** – Internal Medicine, Oncology and Hematology, Covenant Cancer Care Physician Group, sponsored by Doctors Jay B. Nayak and Jacob C. Ninan.

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MOTION: Approve the Membership Applications of Shrinivas Kambali, MD and Binu Malhotra, MD as presented above. **MOTION APPROVED**.

2. **April Membership Meeting** - Dr. Veverka informed the Board that two of the nation's most successful health insurance exchanges - Michigan Health Connect and Great Lakes Health Information Exchange - merged on July 1, 2014, to form Great Lakes Health Connect (GLHC). GLHC connects more than 120 hospitals and over 10,000 independent and employed providers, securely and efficiently exchanging the health records of more than 5 million patients. Dr. Veverka asked the Board to allow representatives from GLHC to present a program at the April membership meeting. Previously, ICD-10 has been considered as a possible program, but discussion indicated the hospitals are already providing that information to providers. **MOTION:** Allow Great Lakes Health Connect to present the April 2015 meeting program. **MOTION APPROVED**.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at HealthSource Saginaw prior to the membership meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m. □

Respectfully submitted,
JOAN M. CRAMER
Executive Director

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