SNM
Continuing Education Committee
Friday, June 4, 2010
7:00 – 9:00am
Grand America Hotel
Salt Lake City, Utah

Summary Minutes

Attendees
Arnold Strashun, MD – Chair; Harry Lessig, MD; Warren Moore, MD; Beth Harkness, MS, Elizabeth Paczolt, MD; Sara Johnson, CNMT, MBA, Frances Neagley, CNMT, Kathy Hunt, MS, CNMT, Merle Hedland and Sue Hogeboom.

SNM Staff: Lynn Barnes, MEd; Jannine Henderson, Lisa Lefebvre and Ashley Wallace.

Opening Remarks/Introduction of Members
Dr. Strashun called the meeting to order and highlighted the following items:

• ACCME Self-Study Report
  o Final self-study report almost complete
  o Suggested revisions from some committee members were added – emphasized that committee should review final draft
  o Non-educational strategies addressed – journal articles, reference materials, guidelines etc.
  o SNM will receive a decision in March 2011

• Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS) meeting on professionalism and conflict of interest (COI) – Due to late notification, SNM was not able to send a representative

• MOC
  o Part IV Cardiac project approved by the ABR and ABNM
  o Released in May
  o The second project on PET/CT will be released after Dr. Segall makes ABR and ABNM recommended revisions for board approval

• JNM and CE articles
  o Reader survey summary released
  o CE articles highest rated component - received excellent rating
  o Readers rated post-activity test questions very complex

ACTION ITEMS

Review of Minutes from June 2009 Meeting
The minutes from the 2010 Mid Winter Meeting were reviewed and approved with one minor correction – COI Subcommittee is utilizing existing conflict of interest policy (COI) to resolve speaker potential conflicts should be changed to main heading.

Review of Final Draft Narrative of ACCME Reaccreditation Self-Study Report
Dr. Strashun provided an overview of the final Draft Narrative of ACCME Reaccreditation Self-Study report covering Criteria 1-22. The narrative provides an overview of SNM’s compliance with the ACCME 2006 updated criteria. This criteria requires SNM to show that it has made changes and improvements to its CME activities. This requires identifying needs and connecting them to practice gaps. Criteria 11 requires SNM to measure and analyze the changes implemented. The report clearly articulates that SNM’s CME program meets its CME mission by linking activities to the mission, incorporates professional practice gaps of its members, and SNM plans and develops activities free from commercial interest.

A discussion focused on the gaps and needs identified in a draft of the ACCME self-study report. Use of activity pre- and post- activity tests used for the interactive audience response systems for “Read with the Experts” (RWE) courses is a good example of identifying gaps and needs. RWE courses are specifically selected based on the content, objectives, expected results and the feedback desired. Data collected can be analyzed to determine if change in knowledge or behavior resulted from the activity.

MOC requirements were the major gap identified. SNM’s members have not taken an interest and know little about its impact on them and their practices.

Dr. Strashun requested that all members review the draft and send any comments and/or questions. Specifically the committee needs to determine if SNM is in compliance with each of these Criteria and if the report is fully addressing each question asked by the ACCME.

**Action:** Ms. Henderson emails the Committee draft of Criteria 1 through 10, with the Prologue with all supporting documents - revised CE Mission Statement, SNM’s CME Conflicts of Interest Mechanism for Resolving Conflicts of Interest and Commercial Bias, SNM’s CME Conflicts of Interest Policy, CME Policy for Commercial Interest Involvement with CME Activities Participants and CME Policy on Separation of Education and Commercial Activities. The Committee forwards their comments to Ms. Barnes and Ms. Henderson.

**JNM CE Articles**
Dr. Strashun reported that a process needs to be developed for mapping topics/content and determining gaps for future CE articles. Dr. Strauss currently serves as the CE Editor and identifies articles based on surveys and evaluations. Pediatric topics were identified as a gap. Dr. Fahey reported that he is currently developing a pediatrics article with Dr. Milstein. The article will be submitted in late spring.