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A Report on the Medicaid Lawsuit

By Dr. Louis St. Petery, Executive Vice President, Florida Pediatric Society

The article below from *The Miami Herald* is an accurate account of what occurred during the final closing arguments in our Medicaid law suit on Friday, April 20, 2012, in the Miami



Louis St. Petery, M.D.

Federal Courthouse. I want to thank all of those from Tallahassee who took the time to come to Miami and testify in this case. They include pediatrician Dr. Rob Middlemas, now retired and living in Rome, GA (Dr. Middlemas even had to travel to Miami twice...his first appearance was cancelled because the defense took longer than planned), ENTs Dr. Duncan Postma and Dr. Mimi Becker (who came to Miami at their own expense) and pediatric neurologist Dr. Ricardo Ayala (who also came at his own expense). All of these physicians, and others from across

Florida, gave up their valuable time and provided their knowledge and expertise to assist in this effort to assure that Medicaid children have equal access to care. In addition, physicians from across the state, including the physicians at Tallahassee Pediatrics and at North Florida Pediatrics provided patients who ultimately served as co-plaintiffs in this case. Judge Jordan is expected to issue a decision by the end of August. We are hopeful that he will order the State to pay *all* physicians and dentists who see Medicaid children a sufficient amount to assure that those children have equal access, as guaranteed by federal law. In addition, we hope that he will order the State to resolve the "hassles", like switching and inappropriate loss of eligibility, that make it difficult for Medicaid children to access care in a timely manner.

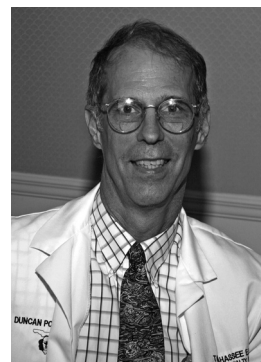
We are deeply indebted to our terrific attorneys from the Ft. Lauderdale office of Boies, Schiller & Flexner and the Philadelphia based Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia, who worked tirelessly on this case for more than 7 years, all pro bono.

"Delays in access to care for Medicaid children in Florida present a serious health risk," commented Dr. Rob Middlemas. "I am hopeful that the judge will reach the right decision."



Rob Middlemas, M.D.

"Among other important things related to this case, I communicated the history of having to limit the number of Medicaid patients that were seen in our office because we were losing money with each Medicaid patient we saw," said Dr. Duncan Postma.



Duncan Postma, M.D.

"Medicaid reimbursement needs to be higher so the Medicaid patients get the access to care they deserve."

Kids vs. state: Medicaid case in judge's hands

Posted on Fri, Apr. 20, 2012

By Carol Marbin Miller

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Florida's insurance program for needy children is so poorly run and underfunded that youngsters from impoverished families often must do without necessary medical and dental care, or wait weeks or months to get it, lawyers for more than 1.7 million needy children told a federal judge Friday in the waning moments of a years-long lawsuit challenging the state's Medicaid program.

In the final hours of a 7-year-old lawsuit against several state agencies

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Meeting

"Alcohol and the Heart"

Speaker: Bill Dixon, M.D.

6:00 pm

Goodwood Conference Center

October 16, Tuesday

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Meeting

Joint Meeting with the Leon

County Dental Association

"The Uses of Botulinum Toxin"

Speaker: Winston Ortiz, M.D.

6:00 pm

Goodwood Conference Center

November 13, Tuesday

CMS Membership & CME

Meeting

"Domestic Violence" – 2-hour

CME

Speaker: Suzanne Harrison, M.D.

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6:00 pm

Goodwood Conference Center

December 6, Thursday

CMS Foundation Holiday Auction

6:30 pm

Capital City Country Club

Mark Your Calendars:

CMS Members, CMS Alliance Members, and Members of the Leon County Dental Association are cordially invited to attend the:

Capital Medical Society's Meet the Candidates Forum

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

6:00 pm

Goodwood Museum & Gardens Carriage House

This event is not a fundraiser. It is an opportunity to interact with local candidates.

Invitations will be mailed in early June.

Professional Notes

On April 25, 2012, Dr. Armand Cognetta, a dermatologist with Dermatology Associates, was presented the annual Ethics in Business Award in memory of Bill Dugger by area Rotary Clubs. Dr. Cognetta serves on the Capital Medical Services Corporation Board of Directors. Congratulations, Dr. Cognetta!



John Harris, left, President of the Rotary Club of Tallahassee, congratulates Dr. Armand Cognetta. (Photo courtesy of Tallahassee Democrat.)

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that administer Florida's Medicaid program, lawyer Stuart Singer said state lawmakers can't starve the insurance program for years and then argue they don't have enough money to pay for the healthcare of impoverished children. Under federal law, Florida cannot accept hundreds of millions of dollars in Medicaid money and then ignore requirements for how the dollars are spent, Singer added.

"Medicaid is not simply a big piggy bank that the state can use as they wish," Singer said in closing arguments before U.S. Circuit Judge Adalberto Jordan, who was sitting on the District Court bench when he was first assigned the case.

"At the end of the day, it's not adequate for the state to simply say, 'It costs too much,'" he added.

In 2005, the Florida Pediatric Society, the Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Florida Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the parents or guardians of about nine children sued the state, accusing three state agencies of running Medicaid so poorly and so miserly that children raised in poverty get inferior care to kids with private insurance. The plaintiff allege Florida's Medicaid program pays doctors so little — and is so short of doctors, as a consequence — that it violates federal law.

Medicaid bosses acknowledged in internal documents as early as 2008, for example, that children in some areas of the state face "critical" shortages for pediatric specialists such as neurologists, neurosurgeons, orthopedists and dermatologists — and that doctors had acknowledged they won't participate in the program so long as reimbursement rates were so low. One survey of family pediatricians said more than 60 percent were not accepting any new Medicaid patients.

As a consequence, the plaintiffs said, a 3-year-old with Kawasaki disease — an autoimmune disorder that is the main cause of heart disease in children — had to be admitted to an area emergency room because the cardiologist who agreed to treat the child later refused after learning the youngster was on Medicaid. A child with asthma, severe allergies and an immunodeficiency had to travel to another area of the state to find a specialist.

STATE'S CASE

An attorney for the state Attorney General's Office, Stephanie Daniel, argued that the children and their pediatricians had failed to prove that delays in accessing medical care were either significant or widespread throughout the state — or that such delays were longer than children who have private insurance typically experience. Daniel also argued that state health administrators were not "deliberately" indifferent to the plight of such children — a legal threshold the judge suggested lawyers for the children need not meet.

Daniel spent much of her 90-minute allotment arguing that, for the children to prevail, they would have to prove that, if healthcare under Medicaid was inadequate, that resulted from the "custom, policy or practice" of either lawmakers or the program's administrators.

UPSIDE DOWN

Jordan said repeatedly the argument was erroneous on its face, as the state designed, funds and administers the Medicaid program the way it wishes. The discussion between the two became testy at times, with Jordan saying twice the argument left him "confused."

"I am completely turned upside down on this," he said.

Daniel argued, for example, that

the Agency for Health Care Administration and the Department of Children & Families relied upon "a network community partners" to inform needy families that their children could receive subsidized healthcare under Medicaid. Under federal law, states that accept Medicaid dollars must perform such "outreach" activities. But in the state's spending plan, the Medicaid outreach program was eliminated.

Under questioning by Jordan, Daniel insisted it was not state policy not to advertise the healthcare program.

"If you eliminate funding for almost all, or all, of the outreach program, it can't be anything but a state decision," the judge said. "Only they eliminated that line item. Is that not a policy?" he asked. "It is a state decision. It can't be anything but that. Nobody but the state decides how to spend the money."

"Outreach is continuing," Daniel replied.

Jordan, who is trying the civil suit from the bench, said he likely will render a ruling in the case by the end of August.

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CMS Alliance Board Installation: On April 25, 2012, the CMS Alliance held a brunch at Kelly Hutchinson's home for the Installation of the 2012-2013 Board of Directors. Pictured from l-r are: Joan Harmon, President, Florida Medical Association Alliance; Amy Pagano, Treasurer Elect; Alison Murrah, Treasurer; Mara Rumana, President; Kelly Hutchinson, President Elect; and Melissa Inglese, Membership Vice President. (Not pictured: Dolly Ubriani, Secretary)

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Deviled Eggs

By Dr. Charles Moore

I was a proud attendee at the recent CMS meeting, featuring Florida Attorney General Bondi and Dr. Orson Smith. Ms. Bondi, although she arrived late in a flurry of apologies, made up for it by the passionate nature of her crusade to close down all the notorious “pill-mills” that so mar the (south) Florida landscape. I am left still wondering about how the majesty of the law, which I fear would so merrily bear down on me were I to fail to dot the least “i,” should have so long allowed such profligate activity on the part of so many more than shady characters. Ah well, onwards and upwards!

In any case, compliments to Ms. Bondi, and long may she and those like her thrive.

Truth to tell, however, I was drawn out and away from a lovely evening with my wife, the sun so nicely settling into the west, a cat or two, and a small dish of vodka to hand, by Orson Smith. There is no doubt that he is what I shall call a “stately attraction.” He is even this aside from whatever it is he opens his mouth to say. His talk was billed, if I remember correctly, as being on the topic of something like “where we are going and what we are doing,” which sounded to me fairly general, but otherwise who among us would not want to know what Orson would have to say about such “where’s” and “what’s.” I mean, come on, he graduated first in his medical school class from Emory, which is something even if we are not sure how many students the class contained. He has since been brilliant here, there, and yonder. And, what’s more, finally, he must be getting on to being the oldest (I need not add “living”) practitioner among us. I would not want to rudely pry into his actual age, but I rapidly calculated that if Orson opened his

practice in Tallahassee in 1962, he would have probably been about thirty, and so now must surely be getting on to eighty. He has clearly monitored his lipids very nicely; even if I cannot, just by looking at him, deduce whether or not he takes any exercise. I fail to see him holding a golf stick, but that is scarcely “exercise” even if he ever has; I may be able to see him in white tennis shorts, holding a racket, but certainly not really swinging it, like say Ray Bellamy. I do not see him jogging on hot pavement. Perhaps he does something secret at home.

...I especially took pleasure in Orson's informative slides, quite particularly the ones showing those variably sized fat globules, colored so cheerily yellow, and that biggest globule of which only a tiny fraction could fit onto the slide; like the sun, it was huge, and I got sort of trembly when I thought of such a thing clogging up my poor little arterioles.

In any case, his HDL/LDL ratio, or is it the other way around, has got to be pretty good. How could it be otherwise if you find yourself, at age eighty, Medical Director of the TMH Center for Lipidology.

Of course, Orson has a long way to go before he equals Dr. Leila Denmark, who recently died age 114 in Athens, Georgia. She opened her pediatrics practice in Atlanta in 1931, and retired at age 103, at that time the world’s oldest practicing physician. And then there is Dr. Walter Watson of Augusta, Georgia, a gynecologist who still makes rounds at age 100. He has delivered something like 18,000 babies, starting in 1944. It is interesting that “Georgia” appears so favorable to human longevity.

As a non-essential aside, another “Georgian” (but this one from the Caucasus) is reportedly the oldest living person on the planet, apparently 129 years old, her provenance affirmed by documents provided by that other Georgia’s Rustavi 2 TV station stating that Antisa Khvichava was born on July 8, 1880. There is a handsome picture of Mrs. Khvichava playing backgammon and drinking vodka, which I have always believed is a lipidolytic.

What you believe, of course, and what is true, if truth be known, are more often than not quite at odds, so I confine myself to a mere single vodka martini, with three or four olives to get my veg, maybe 5X a week, with perhaps a double on Saturday nights when for exercise I chase my wife around. Exercise, as I think Orson did not fail to point out, has surely, if who knows how, a particular value in the intimidation and suppression of LDL, and of course plenty of veg. But never mind broccoli and okra, it was nearly delightful to learn the subtleties of lipodosis, and I especially took pleasure in Orson’s informative slides, quite particularly the ones showing those variably sized fat globules, colored so cheerily yellow, and that biggest globule of which only a tiny fraction could fit onto the slide; like the sun, it was huge, and I got sort of trembly when I thought of such a thing clogging up my poor little arterioles.

We all, naturally, must find a way to get through life, and every one of us does it differently, and the way we find is constantly, if sometimes subtly, changing. For a long time, it seems to me, we were not supposed to eat eggs; but while I write this I have hard-boiled six, and as the sun wavers in the low west, I am going

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to eat all of them that my wife will not with my Sunday night vodka. I wish, understandably, that deviled eggs did not look so similar to those round globules of fat that Orson served us; but I cannot do otherwise. We have these chickens, you see, who miraculously contrive what the most accomplished medieval alchemist never could, which is to transmute within 24 hours eaten insects into the perfection of a gorgeous egg, which has in it all the protein (never mind the fat) that a human needs in

a day. I cannot hurt their feelings. And may we not risk, on occasion, enhancing the hard-boiled yoke with some Durkee's, a little "Crystal", a spicy mustard to taste, a small dash of vinegar, and some capers or pickle? Surely we can. I did not once, during his lecture, hear Orson say we should not eat deviled eggs.

I really should send him half a dozen, with my compliments. But maybe, along with the eggs, a nice bottle of Grey Goose and a backgammon board. No one in our medical community, after all, deserves so much our care

and conservation.

On the other hand, maybe not; don't interfere with what is quite perfect enough. Orson's own ways and means seem fully sufficient without any help from me. Long may he live!

By the way, not wanting to simply make too public my recipe for deviled eggs, I have left out my secret ingredient. As Charlie Williams has so generously done with the proceeds from his books, I will be glad to divulge it in return for any contribution to the CMS Foundation. Call Rosalie.

Jessica Malmad wins CMS Foundation's 2012 Access to Care Award

Dr. Stine presented the award at the FSU College of Medicine's Award Ceremony on May 18, 2012 and below are his comments.

This year's winner of the *Access to Care Award* graduated summa cum laude from the University of Florida and subsequently received a Master of Public Health from Emory. Her Master's thesis looked at pregnancy and other health outcomes of women visiting health centers in Guatemala City who received folic acid supplementation. Even before medical school, she had participated in clinical research with Spanish-speaking spinal cord injured patients, had trained as a medical interpreter, volunteered at Grady Memorial Hospital, and participated in the "South Georgia Migrant Farmworker Health Project". Additionally, she was the research director for an RWJ Foundation grant evaluating the impact of Health e-Technologies on obesity among Hispanics.

This year's winner of the *Access to Care Award* was active in the medical student service organization, FSU Cares, coordinating migrant health fairs, spending one spring break in Immokalee caring for migrant workers and their families and spending the next spring break on the Texas-Mexico border, looking at health problems of the area. There have been other projects and other trips, but throughout her four years at the

College of Medicine, *Jessica Malmad* -- now Jessica Malmad, MD, MPH -- has consistently demonstrated the willingness and determination to help medically-underserved patients and populations in our area, our region and this hemisphere.



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In Memoriam

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Gerald Alexander Cooper, M.D.



Dr. Gerald Alexander Cooper, 66, of Tallahassee passed away Thursday, April 19, 2012 at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville. He was born May 20, 1945 to the now-late Samuel and Jessie Alexander Cooper.

Dr. Cooper, a U.S. Army veteran who attained the rank of Captain, served as Emergency Trauma Physician in several hospitals in the United States and South Korea, including Tallahassee Memorial Regional Healthcare. He will be fondly remembered for having saved many lives in emergency trauma units. Being a vegetarian, he was known to give valuable advice on healthy living to his students and patients.

He was a graduate of FAMU High School, where he was Valedictorian, an honor graduate of Florida A&M University and Meharry Medical College. He was later inducted into the Alumni "Wall of Fame" in the FAMU College of Arts and Sciences. He also coached Women's tennis for several years. He was a member of the American Medical Association, Meharry Medical College Alumni Association, FAMU Alumni Association and Booster's Club, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Dr. Cooper is survived by two sons, Vincent and Ricci Cooper; one daughter, Christi Cooper; one sister, Sandra C. (Jerry) Moore; one brother, Samuel (Sarah) Cooper; a devoted friend, Anna Cogdell; and many other family members and friends.

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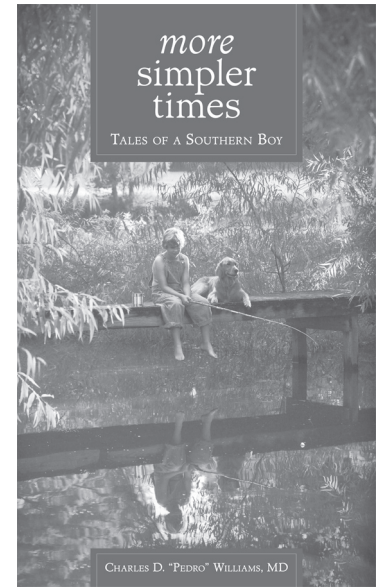
By Shannon Boyle

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CMS Membership Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2012

The mission of the Capital Medical Society is to promote the practice of medicine for the ultimate benefit of the patient.

- I. Welcome – Dr. Hugh VanLandingham, President, called the meeting to order at 5:55 pm.
- II. Recognition of Sponsors – Dr. VanLandingham recognized and thanked our sponsors for their support.

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- III. Introduction of Special Guest: Pam Bondi, Attorney General of Florida – Dr. VanLandingham gave a brief introduction of Attorney General Bondi, 37th Attorney General of Florida.

- IV. Remarks – Attorney General Bondi spoke about the pill mill epidemic and the increasing use of synthetic drugs.

- V. Business Meeting – Capital Medical Society

A. Announcement Regarding New Executive Director – Dr. VanLandingham announced that our new Executive Director, Sue Conte, started on April 2nd. Ms. Conte could not attend the meeting due to a previously scheduled trip, but looks forward to being at the next CME meeting in May.

B. New CMS Members – Dr. VanLandingham asked new CMS members to stand and be recognized. Dr. Candrice Heath (Gulf Coast Dermatology) was in attendance.

- VI. CME Program – 1 Hour Category One Program

Topic: NCEP IV: What We Expect and How We Will Need to Change

Speaker: J. Orson Smith, M.D. – Tallahassee Memorial Lipid Center

Dr. Smith gave an engaging presentation on lipids.

Physician CME Proof of Attendance Forms was sent to participants who attended the entire CME program and turned in an evaluation form.

- VII. Announcements – Dr. VanLandingham encouraged members to attend the next CMS Membership Meeting:

Tuesday, May 15 – 6:00 PM

Goodwood Museum & Gardens Conference Center

Topic: Overview of Opiate Dependence & Prescription Drug Abuse

Speakers: Dr. Jeffrey Ferraro and Dr. Daniel Logan

- VIII. Adjourn – Dr. VanLandingham thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm.



TMH Federal Credit Union and United Member Business Services were Presenting Sponsors for the meeting. Pictured (l-r) Lee Ginter, Marketing Assistant, TMH Federal Credit Union; Liz Thiele, Marketing Officer, TMH Federal Credit Union; and Kevin McAlpine, Executive Vice President, United Member Business Services. You can reach Mr. Ginter at lginter@tmhfcu.org or Ms. Thiele at lthiele@tmhfcu.org. You can reach Mr. McAlpine at kmc Alpine@umbs.coop.



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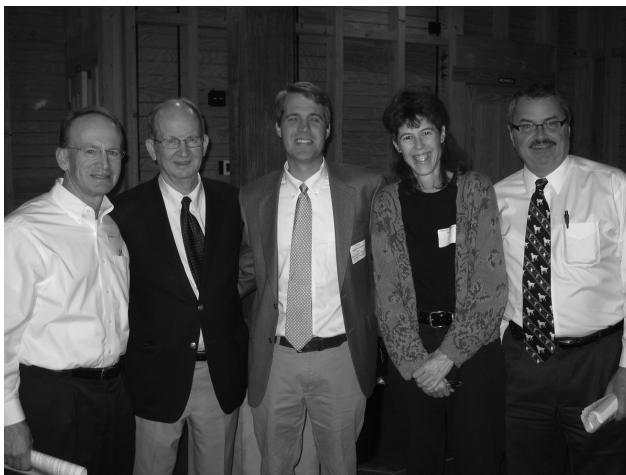
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AstraZeneca was a Meeting Sponsor. Pictured (l-r) Sandy Roberts, Pharmaceutical Sales Specialist, and Renee O'Hagan, Pharmaceutical Sales Specialist. You can reach Ms. Roberts at sandra.s.roberts@astrazeneca.com and you can reach Ms. O'Hagan at renee.o'hagan@astrazeneca.com.



(L-r) Dr. David Smith; Dr. J. Orson Smith, CME speaker for the meeting and Medical Director of Tallahassee Memorial Lipid Center; Dr. Hugh VanLandingham, CMS President; Dr. Tracey Hellgren, CMS Immediate Past President; and Dr. John Mahoney, CMS Foundation President.



(L-r) Dr. Hugh VanLandingham and Dr. Tracey Hellgren with our special guest for the meeting, Attorney General Pam Bondi, 37th Attorney General of Florida.



Tallahassee Memorial Lipid Center was a Meeting Sponsor. Pictured (l-r) Nancy Smith, Lipid Center Dietician, and Dawn Smith, Director of the Tallahassee Memorial Diabetes, Bariatric, and Lipid Centers. You can reach Ms. Nancy Smith at nancy.smith@tmb.org or you can reach Ms. Dawn Smith at dawn.smith@tmb.org.

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CMS Membership Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2012

The mission of the Capital Medical Society is to promote the practice of medicine for the ultimate benefit of the patient.

I. Business Meeting

A. Welcome – Dr. Hugh VanLandingham, President, called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm. He welcomed Sue Conte, our new Executive Director to her first Membership Meeting.

B. New CMS Members – Dr. VanLandingham welcomed new CMS members in attendance. Dr. VanLandingham asked for anyone with a guest to stand and introduce them: Dr. Bill Kepper introduced Fred Varn, a candidate for Leon County Commission, At-Large, Group 1 seat; and Dr. Paul Arons introduced Agnes Furey, LPN, a retired intake nurse at the Apalachee Center.

C. Mark your Calendars – Dr. VanLandingham reminded everyone about our next event:

CMS Doctor/Daughter Banquet
Thursday, June 7, 2012, 6:00 pm
Golden Eagle Country Club

Featuring a chocolate tempering demonstration including an opportunity to hand-temper your own chocolate. For dessert, dip treats of your choice in the Peterbrooke Chocolatier Chocolate Fountain. Discount portrait packages will be offered by Betsy Barfield Photography. Invitations were mailed on May 10 and the deadline to RSVP is May 31.

D. Recognition of Sponsors – Dr. VanLandingham recognized and thanked our sponsors for their support.

Presenting Sponsor:

Alere Toxicology – Jake Whitfield

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MAG Mutual – David Gullett

Prime Meridian Bank – Jo Campbell and Katie Proctor

Tallahassee Memorial Behavioral Health – Carl Mahler

University of Florida – Karen Humphreys and Dana Nemenyi

II. CME Program – 1 Hour Category One Program

Topic: Overview of Opiate Dependence and Prescription Drug Abuse

Speakers: Daniel P. Logan, M.D., University of Florida College of Medicine

Jeffrey T. Ferraro, M.D., TMH Outpatient Recovery Center

Dr. Logan and Dr. Ferraro gave excellent presentations and there were many questions and comments on the topic.

Physician CME Proof of Attendance Forms was sent to participants who attended the entire CME program and turned in an evaluation form.

III. Announcements – Dr. VanLandingham encouraged members to attend the Candidates Forum:



Alere Toxicology was our Presenting Sponsor for the meeting. Pictured is Jake Whitfield, Regional Sales Director. You can reach Mr. Whitfield at jake.whitfield@alere.com.



Prime Meridian Bank was a Meeting Sponsor. Pictured (l-r) Jo Campbell, Business Development, and Katie Proctor, Senior Vice President. You can reach Ms. Campbell at jcampbell@primemeredianbank.com or Ms. Proctor at kproctor@primemeredianbank.com.

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Wednesday, July 18 – 6:00 PM
Goodwood Museum & Gardens
Conference Center

IV. Adjourn – Dr. VanLandingham thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.



Carl Mahler, Meeting Sponsor with Tallahassee Memorial Behavioral Health; and Dr. Jeffrey Ferraro, CME speaker for the meeting and Clinical Director of the Tallahassee Memorial Outpatient Recovery Center.



Pictured (l-r) Karen Humphreys, Meeting Sponsor with University of Florida; Dr. Daniel Logan, CME speaker for the meeting and Assistant Professor in the Addiction Medicine Division of the University of Florida College of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry; Dr. Christie Sain, Chair, CME Committee; and Dana Nemenyi, Meeting Sponsor with University of Florida. You can contact Ms. Humphreys at humpkk@shands.ufl.edu or Ms. Nemenyi at durbod@shands.ufl.edu.



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