

Committee on Ethics (CoE) Meeting
2/18/2010
Preventive Medicine 2010

Attendees:

Members: Halley Faust; Steve Cersovsky; Hugh Tilson; Neal Kohatsu; Jim Tacci

Guests: Mark Johnson (briefly)

Staff: Jen Edwards

This was the initial meeting of the ACPM Committee on Ethics. The Committee was approved by the ACPM Board of Regents on 2/17/10.

Decision Making Authority:

In order to have a CoE meeting of record a majority of the members of the committee must be present; i.e. a quorum to conduct business is 5. Meetings can be held in person or by electronic means including teleconference or webcasting.

Several questions were raised regarding decision determinations of the committee:

1. Is the required number of CoE committee members for a quorum different for
 - a. action on policy?
 - b. action and/or deliberation on a complaint against an ACPM member?
2. How many votes are necessary for approval of
 - a. policy?
 - b. complaint deliberation?
3. Are 1b and 2b the same as the numbers required for approval of a complaint to go to the Ethics Grievance Review Committee (EGRC)?

Term Limits

The Committee members will have staggered term lengths to be determined by the ACPM President (Mark Johnson).

Questions for the Committee:

- Are all actions of the CoE public?
 - What are the levels of “public” (College membership? General public?)?
- When can a Committee Chair call for Executive Session?
- Can the Executive Committee of the College take appeal actions in closed session? How does this conform with the peer review federal laws? We should get legal counsel to discuss this.

To Whom will the Ethics Committee Report

This will be taken to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee with the following recommendation:

All suspensions/expulsions will be reported to the Board of Regents. All adverse actions shy of suspension/expulsion must be reported to the ACPM Executive Committee to be

discussed in Executive Session. The ACPM Executive Committee will then determine whether to inform the Board of Regents.

Edits of the EGRC:

Section A2 needs to be harmonized with Section E8.

Section E; Paragraph 8

- Need to determine what actions are available to the committee prior to reprimand, suspension; expulsion
- What other actions can be taken?

Motion by Hugh Tilson:

Add to line 6: “if so what disciplinary action, /if any, /is recommended”

Next Steps:

- Scope of Activities – COI; College Sponsorships
- When/how will votes be taken? (in-person vs electronic)
- Forfeiture of fees

A teleconference will be set up for April or May for further discussion.