

UNMC College of Medicine
Continuing Medical Education (CME) Committee Minutes
July 31, 2020

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Agenda

1. Welcome by Kelly Caverzagie, MD, and the meeting was hosted in Zoom only.

Present:

Kelly Caverzagie, MD
Lisa Bally, Interim Director, CCE
Jeffrey S. Cooper, MD
Susan K. Evans, MD
Andrew Gard, MD
Shaun C. Horak, PA
Jason M. Johanning, MD
Kim Latacha, PhD
Frank Pietrantonio, MS
Brenda Ram, Interim Director, CCE

Excused:

Micah Beachy, DO
Katherine C. Finney, MD
Justin Siebler, MD
Chris Cornett, MD
Resident Member Molly Hiatt, MD (due to status change)
Lucy Muinov, MD
Student Member Morgan Pomplun, PA (due to status change)

2. Review of prior meetings

Due to travel and the COVID-19 pandemic, two prior meetings were postponed, but a status report was sent to all on April 23, 2020.

3. CME Committee – 2019-20 Annual Report (attached)

Every Committee Chair is required to submit an annual report on their Committee to the Faculty Council. It highlights the challenges and accomplishments in UNMC COM's continuing education efforts this year. It is also a status report on the Center for Continuing Education.

4. CCE and CME Leadership Plans

Brenda Ram and Lisa Bally serve in the current leadership positions for the Center for Continuing Education. Initially, these roles were designated as 'interim' positions, due to the departure of the Executive Director. After much consideration by Dr. Caverzagie, and with the approval of the College of Medicine, these positions are now permanent appointments. The new titles are:

- Lisa Bally - Director, Finance and Operations
- Brenda Ram - Director, Educational Programs

The transformation will continue with the addition of an executive leadership role to the Center for Continuing Education. This position will bring a renewed focus on strategic planning and integration within the larger system. Although current conditions and budget will most likely prohibit a national search, this will be a professional academic appointment and will also serve as an Assistant Dean. Current qualified members of the committee are encouraged to explore this opportunity.

5. Joint Accreditation – Update

The pursuit of this type of accreditation is accompanied by a significant administrative burden. After much collaboration with the College of Nursing CNE Program, the 56-page application is completed and will be submitted before tomorrow's deadline (8/1/2020). Dr. Caverzagie extended his appreciation to Brenda Ram and Lisa Bally for their hard work. He also noted Heidi Keeler as a phenomenal partner in this endeavor, and Anna Maroon for the excellent graphic design production. Our current ACCME accreditation was extended during the JA process until November 2021. The next step is a virtual site visit in September 2020, with a decision expected in early December 2020.

The future goal of Joint Accreditation is to widen the reach to offer education opportunities to additional Colleges on Campus.

6. Impact of COVID-19 on CCE

Brenda Ram reported that the pandemic had a detrimental effect on business, as 30+ programs were canceled. She commended the program coordinators for adapting to think about education in a new way in response to this hardship. The UNMC COVID-19 Webinar Series was mentioned as an example of this flexibility.

On the financial side, Lisa Bally pointed to the lessons of 9/11, after which the Center has maintained a buffer. The new financial structure will help us meet the burdens ahead, and less dependence on commercial sources will be an ongoing goal. The largest financial burden continues to a decrease of vendor support in a virtual platform, and the restrictions that accompany this. The EMS program took a decided revenue loss, but it is beginning to return to normal. Learning has resumed, including medical student training.

7. CME Committee Membership Changes for 2021:

Members Leaving:

Devin Nickol, MD

John Ridgway, PharmD (ex-officio, pharmacy)

Morgan Pomplun, PA (student)

Molly Hiatt, MD (resident/fellow)

Members Incoming:

Danish Bhatti, MD

Don Klepser, PhD (ex-officio, pharmacy)

Heidi Keeler, PhD (ex-officio, nursing)

Amber McMahan (student)

Maureen McElligott (resident/fellow)

The next meeting will be held on October 23, 2020, at 7:00 AM.

Committee Membership (2020-2021)

Kelly J. Caverzagie, MD – Chair	Micah W. Beachy, DO (ex-officio)
Danish Bhatti, MD*	Shaun C. Horak, PA (ex-officio)
Jeffrey S. Cooper, MD	Heidi Keeler, PhD CON (ex-officio)*
Chris A. Cornett, MD	Don Klepser, PhD, COP (ex-officio)*
Susan K. Evans, MD	Frank Pietrantoni, MS (ex-officio)
Katherine C. Finney, MD	Lisa Bally (ex-officio)
Andrew Gard, MD	Brenda Ram (ex-officio)
Jason M. Johanning, MD	
Kim Latacha, PhD	
Lucy Muinov, MD	<i>*indicates new member for 2020-2021</i>
Justin C. Siebler, MD	
Maureen McElligott, MD (Resident)*	
Amber McMahan (Medical Student)	