

**California Opioid Maintenance Providers
Meeting of the Board of Directors
December 15, 2003**

Members Present: Bob Kahn, Joan Zweben, Phil Herschman, Luis Montes, Bill Wilson, Steve Maulhardt, Carolyn Perry Reda Sobky, George Feicht, Stan Sharma, Mickey McCann and Jason Kletter

Board Members Absent: Jack McCarthy

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the November 13 meeting were reviewed;

- Motion to approve by Steve, second by Joan, passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report

- Continued need for additional revenue sources, i.e. vendor contributions;
- Consider allowing a payment plan for dues;
- Motion to approve by Steve, second by George, passed unanimously.

Website

- www.comproviders.com is up and running!;
- Sharel is seeking content suggestions;
- Each board member should provide a one-half page biography for inclusion in the website;
- The board will consider selling advertising on the site.

Annual election of Officers

- Motion to postpone until the next meeting by Reda, second by Phil, passed unanimously

Lobbyist

- New agreement with the same rate
- Motion to ratify contract by Steve, second by Reda, passed unanimously

Bob's consulting role

- Bob provides brokerage services for persons interested in buying or selling NTPs both within and outside California. He does this not as President of COMP, but as an individual.

Buprenorphine

- Limited participation by physicians, lack of parity between physicians and OTPs
- Motion to prioritize access to Buprenorphine for OTPs through any legal means necessary by Reda, second by Bill, passed unanimously.

Medicare Reform

- New Medicare pharmacy rules may allow for reimbursement for methadone. This should be explored further.

Accreditation

- 1137 OTPs including Vas must be accredited by May 2004. About 600 already are and the remainder are scheduled to be completed.

Meeting adjourned by Bob at 2:09 PM

Next COMP Meeting – December 15 in Oakland