

**MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF ADDICTION MEDICINE
MINUTES
January 18, 2008
Shiro Restaurant, Novi**

Members Present:

Carl Christensen, MD	Mark Menestrina, MD
Michael Eadie, MD	William Morrone, DO
Allan Ebert, MD, FASAM	Vipul Patel, MD
Joyce Foster-Hartsfield, DO	Milton Raskin, DO
Michael Fox, DO	Chris Samy, MD
Pat Freeman, DO	John Sappington, MD, MAC
Charles Gehrke, MD, FASAM	Theodore Shively, DO
Lorenz Kielhorn, MD	Pradip Thakur, MD
Herbert Malinoff, MD, VACP	Agnes Wrobel, MD

President Herbert Malinoff called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. by asking members in the room to raise their hands if they were current members of MiSAM and ASAM. Almost 90% of the members raised their hands. He asked those that had not yet joined or paid their dues to take an application tonight from Gina Gibson, MiSAM Executive Director and pay their dues.

Doctor Malinoff then introduced the evenings speaker, Doctor Carl Christensen, who spoke on the topic of "Management of Addiction in Pregnancy, including the use of buprenorphine and the current NIH (MOTHER) study." Doctor Christensen gave two packets of information out to the members present, one of which was his power point presentation. Both of the handouts will be on file at with the minutes at the state headquarters of the Michigan State Medical Society.

After Doctor Christensen finished his speech there was a brief board meeting held.

The first report was given by Charles Gehrke, MD, MiSAM Treasurer. Doctor Gehrke went over the preliminary financial statement from December 31, 2007. Currently there is \$6293.00 in the checking account, \$1455 in current liabilities, \$8721 were the current assets at the beginning of 2007, minus \$3884 in expenses for the year left \$4837 for total net assets. Doctor Gehrke explained that our revenue was only \$1503 and we had expenses of \$5387, so we need to build our membership not only for the money in our bank but because MiSAM is a good organization overall.

Doctor Gehrke also gave an update on the CME activities of MiSAM. At the Michigan State Medical Society Annual Scientific meeting held last fall the courses on addiction medicine were well attended and although all results are not in things look well for the society. This year the Michigan State Medical

Society Annual Scientific meeting will be held October 22-24, 2008 at the Somerset Inn, Troy. Doctor Gehrke requested that we get topic focused for this years meeting and then find speakers to come instead of getting speakers and having them come up with topics. The Society will need 3 speakers for this years meeting. Doctor Carl Christensen was nominated to speak at the MSMS Annual Scientific meeting.

One more educational item is the March 12, 2008 meeting being held at Genesys in Flint. There will be 6 CME credits available. The meeting will include lunch and exhibits for attendees.

Doctor Michael Liepman gave a legislative update. He has only been working on the Medicaid issue and has testified at several hearings. Currently there are issues that are being negotiated with the Director of Medicaid. One of the problems that are facing my physicians today is the pre-authorization. There is also the problem of patients under the age of 18 being able to seek treatment. It was mentioned that Scared Heart does take patients under the age of 18 but only on a case by case basis.

There was a discussion about whether or not Doctor Liepman thought that they could eliminate the need for pre-authorization and he felt that currently this is not going to happen.

Doctor Christensen presented the minutes from the May and October meetings. Doctor Gehrke motioned to approved the minutes, the motion was seconded and passed.

The next meeting of MiSAM will be held over the lunch hour at the March 12 Genesys meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.