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Education Committee Meeting– September 30, 2011

Committee Members present are highlighted: Ephraim Back, Gene Bailey, Seth Camhi, Kristina Connor, Monty Douglas, John Eipling, Henry Francis, Kelly Madden, Tochi Iroku-Malize, Clement Landanno, Jason Matuszak, Denise Octaviani, Inna Ryvkin, Elizabeth Terragnoli
On call: Larry Bauer, Jun David, Janet Lindner, Donald Kollish

1. July meeting minutes were approved.

Update on conferences – The Education Commission continues to guide each of the planning committees. If a conference shows decrease in attendance it will prompt the education commission to evaluate that conference; there should be at least 2 members of the education commission on each planning committee. Monty acknowledged the overall increase in conference attendance in spite of falling numbers nationally.

Winter Weekend will be held January 26 – 29. An addition to the schedule will be “Family Medicine Information Forum” for students. The forum will consist of a solo practitioner physician, a multi-specialty physician, a small group physician, an academic physician, and an administrative physician. The panel will talk about the many aspects and opportunities in family medicine. The forum will be mandatory for students to attend. This will further the objective of promoting family medicine.

DRFMC will be April 21 at Beth Israel.

The Albany RFMC will be October 15, its registration numbers have been declining over the past several years. A suggestion to help increase numbers is to bundle the conference along with a social event.

ALSO Instructor Course – will be October 20. There have been 3 courses NY IC within the past year. The spring course will be outside of NY, where demand is high and courses are limited.

2. The commission brained-stormed on ways to increase family medicine exposure and synergy throughout downstate NY and its entities. Dr. Kollish, Deputy Dean for Academic Affairs, Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education and Larry Bauer from FMEC were included in the discussion. Kristina Connor spoke with first-hand experience on how difficult it is to be a student in NYC. Her department graduated approximately only 2 that went into family medicine. There needs to be more exposure to students about what family medicine is and its opportunities. For instance, when Buffalo implemented a Family Medicine Focus Group, the number of family medicine students going into family medicine doubled the following year. There are other factors besides money: exposure, admission policies, promotion, faculty attending as role models, and loan forgiveness, are among some of the issues. Tochi

stated that health systems are realizing that there is a greater need of family physicians. Subsequently, Hofstra is questioning how salaries can be increased and / or other incentives like loan forgiveness, can be offered to graduating students.

Larry Bauer would like a SWOT analysis with key people in the downstate area to determine what is working, what needs to be done, and the obstacles to these objectives.

Janet submitted a grant application for funding to coordinate four meetings in the downstate area. Janet has worked with DOH, and summarized what the Commissioner is work on with primary care. In addition, NYSAFP asked if the Commissioner would attend one of the four meetings in the downstate area.

Action Item - Janet will set up a meeting to develop an action plan with Dr. Kollish, Monty, Tochi, Larry and to look into what the AAFP is doing with FMIG, what FMEC has available to us, and AMA is doing. Monty will send a C.A.R.E. poster from AAFP to members.

3. Doctors Across NY is a NY State initiative to get more physicians across the state, especially in "orphaned" areas. A student will receive \$150,000 loan repayment if they serve in an underserved area. The state needs to understand that unless the person wants to work in an underserved area, they will not think this initiative is worth it. Monty distributed the application and would like greater promotion among our constituents and local chapters.
Action Item – NYSAFP will send a blast email to: Chairs of Departments of FM, Residency Program directors, NYSAFP Chapters Presidents, Students Affairs at all medical schools. Monty will draft the letter.
4. Policy for corporate support for something tangible will be based of the AAFP policy.
Action Item – Kelly will distribute the AAFP policy to the commission for their review.
5. Review the article from the American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians proposing additional training to prescribe opiates. The AAFP opposes legislation of mandatory education.
Tochi distributed the AAFP link which can be found here.
<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/policy/policies/d/drugsoppositiontomandedu.html#.ToZjzLRa9fc.mailto>
6. Several years ago NYSAFP organized an effort by NY FM residency programs that attended the National Conference of Student Members (NCSM) in Kansas City, to have NY programs located together in the same area of the exhibit hall. This allowed the programs to jointly recruit students by promoting general attributes of living in NYS. Mark Josefski was one of the program directors who advocated for this. He would like to do it again for the 2012 NCSM. Vito asked that the commission work on this to include a booth for NYSAFP where we would display materials regarding the history, demographics and cultural opportunities of life in NYS.
The commission supports having a combined presence of NY entities.
Action Item – Kelly will send an email to residency programs to see if they are interested in a joint effort to sponsor a large booth at the NSCM. Programs who want to have their

own booth will still be able to so, but will be included in the NY area.

Next meeting - Skype meeting will be held January 12, 2012 at 7:30.