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Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)  
Department of Health and Human Services  
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RE: Council on Graduate Medical Education; Request for Nomination

Dear Deputy Director Painter:

On behalf of the Council of Academic Family Medicine (CAFM), including the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, Association of Departments of Family Medicine, Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors, the North American Primary Care Research Group, along with the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), we are pleased to nominate the following highly qualified candidates to fill vacancies on the Council on Graduate Medical Education (COGME) as requested by the Health Resources and Services Administration in a [notice](#) published in the March 10, 2014 *Federal Register*. Each of the following three individuals, listed alphabetically below, is eligible and desires to serve on the COGME.

**Kristen H. Goodell, MD** - Dr. Goodell is the Director for Innovation in Medical Education at Harvard Medical School's Center for Primary Care. In that position she is in charge of integrating primary care education redesign at Harvard, creating and expanding faculty development opportunities, and disseminating the Center's work within Harvard, and nationally. She created and directed a competency-based apprenticeship in Primary care (CAP) while at Tufts University School of Medicine, which included novel curricular structures and assessment techniques and she has presented nationally on competency-based assessment in medical education. In addition she has published on the topic of Entrustable Professional Activities in Family Medicine and is working both inter-professionally and inter-institutionally to develop a new program in interprofessional education, the Boston Interprofessional Education Collaborative. She has also created a new curriculum in PCMH transformation and quality improvement for the 456 residents at Harvard-affiliated primary care residency programs. Dr. Goodell has been recognized for her leadership skills with the 2011 Emerging Leader Award from the Family Medicine Education Consortium and in 2013 was selected for the year-long STFM Emerging Leader Fellowship. Dr Goodell's knowledge and involvement in competency-based education and assessment, along with her innovation in inter-professional and inter-institutional education would be a valuable asset to COGME.

**Joseph W. Gravel, Jr., MD, FAFAP** - Dr. Gravel is the program director and chief medical officer of the Lawrence Family Practice Residency – the nation's first accredited Community Health Center-sponsored Family Medicine Residency, and was in the first cohort of federally recognized Teaching Health Centers (THC.) He's a past president (2010) of the Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors and a recipient of the 2013 STFM Advocate Award for his work related to graduate medical education. He has been recognized for his innovative

leadership in several ways. His program won the 2012 STFM Innovative Program Award, and the residency was selected by the ACGME in May 2012 as one of twelve family medicine residencies for its national four year length of training study, which begins with the class entering in June 2013. In 2006 his program was selected as one of 14 programs nationally for a 6 year National Demonstration Project: Preparing the Personal Physician for Practice (P4.) In addition, from 2009-2012 Dr. Gravel chaired the CAFM Innovation in Family Medicine Residencies Task Force. He co-founded and is president of the Center for Innovation in Family medicine, a foundation created to support family medicine education and innovative patient care. He has expertise in GME financing and has presented nationally on the subject. Dr. Gravel's broad and deep understanding of the intricacies of residency education and a track record for innovation in this area, would make him an exceptional addition to the Council.

**Beulette Y. Hooks, MD** - Dr. Hooks brings the expertise of a family physician in practice in Fort Benning, GA. She is a past President of the Georgia AAFP Chapter and is a clinical assistant professor in the Mercer University School of Medicine, Department of Community Medicine. She has been active in AAFP educational initiatives and carries great insight into academic medicine. Thanks in part to Dr. Hooks Georgia appropriated \$1.2 million in 2013 resulting in 400 new residency slots. Dr. Hooks continues to participate in the annual Georgia Primary Care Group and the Georgia Physician Leadership Academy which is designed to benefit and educate physicians who want to improve health care delivery for their patients, communities and the medical profession.

On behalf of the family medicine organizations, we appreciate the opportunity to nominate these family physicians. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Hope R. Wittenberg, CAFM Director of Government Relations, at [hwittenberg@stfm.org](mailto:hwittenberg@stfm.org) or 202-986-3309, or Robert Bennett, AAFP Federal Regulatory Manager, at [rbennett@aafp.org](mailto:rbennett@aafp.org) or 202-232-9033.

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