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RESOLUTION NO. R3-601

Addressing Unforeseen Family Medicine Residency Closures

Introduced by: Meray Ohanessian, MD
Shawn Hamm, DO, MPH

WHEREAS, Research has shown there is a shortage in the primary care physician workforce, and
WHEREAS, in 2019, 3,848 medical students and graduates matched into family medicine residency programs, which was the highest number in the history of the specialty, and
WHEREAS, there have been instances of residency programs unexpectedly terminating and leaving residents at risk of not completing their graduate medical education, and
WHEREAS, this would lead to increased barriers to patient access to care, and
WHEREAS, resident physicians struggle to find replacement positions without assistance, which can negatively impact their families, cause financial burdens, and jeopardize their wellbeing, now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians develop a policy to assist and support family medicine residents in the unforeseen circumstance that their residency program shuts down.
RESOLUTION NO. R3-602

Crisis Response Plan needed In case of Hospital Closure/Filing of Bankruptcy

Introduced by: Fotini Debonera, MD

WHEREAS, Hospital closure leaves family medicine residents without guidance as to how to navigate the process of transfer, and

WHEREAS, such closure leads to uncertainty of time of transfer, lack of official body to offer updates to residents, lack of designated body to determine availability of funds and slots, and

WHEREAS, financial instability of a hospital can be ongoing but residents and programs are left in the dark, unable to recognize warning signs, as there is no standard monitoring process of the financial health of the teaching hospital, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) lobby the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) to install a crisis response plan in cases of hospital closure/filing of bankruptcy that:

- Designates first responders such as ACGME, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, program directors and legal support;
- Establishes/Nominates committees responsible to collect residents’ information;
- Establishes communication means amongst residents and first responders;
- Establishes policy towards media;
- Designates emergency funds to help transitioning residents acquire records from closing hospital/program;
- Assists in identifying and selecting 2-3 legal firms that can advocate for residents, speak on their behalf, be in a position to offer advice, and help support litigation if needed;
- Establishes official advocacy entities: AAFP, American Medical Association, ACGME.
- Lobbies to create new regulations to facilitate expedited resolution of crisis, and, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians lobby the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Institutional Review Committee to establish monitoring of hospital financial operations:

- Residency programs to communicate and scrutinize financial health of hosting/teaching hospitals in an effort to recognize failing signs;
- Establish close monitoring/auditing of resident slots and funding available prior to hiring residents and monitor closely during training;
- Establish process to monitor financial trajectory of teaching hospitals and monitor regularly;
RESOLUTION NO. R3-603

Separation of Immigrant Children from Families in the Border

Introduced by: Reshma Ramachandran, MD, MPP
Aubrey Hertenstein Perez, MD

WHEREAS, Increasing numbers of unaccompanied migrant children have crossed into the United States facing forced displacement from their birth countries due to the threat of violence by organized and armed criminal actors, violence in the home, or exploitation by human traffickers, and

WHEREAS, the trauma and toxic stress of separating children from their parents can lead to long-term negative impacts on their physical, mental, and behavioral health including regression and reversal of developmental milestones as noted by the American Academy of Pediatrics, and

WHEREAS, there have been outbreaks of chicken pox, scabies, and other infections among detainees within detention centers due to close quarters and lack of adequate sanitation, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians commit to stand against immigration policies that result in family separation and long-term detention of families seeking asylum from violence and oppression, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians call for timely access to quality medical, dental, and mental health care for children and families as well as basic sanitation services inflicted by detention and separation policies, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians call upon the Department of Homeland Security to implement alternatives to family separation and long term detention of family units, including community-based case management.
RESOLUTION NO. R3-604

Hospital Closure and Resident CMS funding

Introduced by: Ansa Anderson, MD

WHEREAS, Hospital closures occur often, in the filing of bankruptcy of Hahnemann University Hospital, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) graduate medical education (GME) funds have been brought into the court as a bankruptcy asset, and

WHEREAS, the closure of the hospital has left resident education in current poor standing and residents who would like to move are unable to due to CMS GME funds being held up in court, and

WHEREAS, this can cause delays in resident education and possible graduation dates, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians intercede on behalf of residents at Hahnemann University Hospital for the quick release of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) graduate medical education (GME) funds to residents of closing programs.
RESOLUTION NO. R3-605

Hospital Closure and Institutional Accreditation

Introduced by: Lily Payvandi, MD

WHEREAS, Sudden hospital closures leave family medicine residents without a site for inpatient training, and

WHEREAS, such closures threaten the viability of a residency program, and

WHEREAS, for a residency program to stay intact while moving to a different hosting hospital (i.e. transfer of sponsorship), it must re-apply for institutional accreditation through the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, and

WHEREAS, delays in Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education accreditation may compromise program viability during such crises, and ultimately residents’ contiguous training, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That American Academy of Family Physicians lobby the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Institutional Review Committee to install a crisis plan that expeditiously determines institutional accreditation of threatened residency programs during circumstances of hospital closure, such that these programs may change sponsorship with minimal delay in resident training.
RESOLUTION NO. R3-606

Federal Acknowledgment and Support of Residents at Safety Net Hospitals

Introduced by: Derek Maloney, MD

WHEREAS, Safety net hospitals provide care to a proportionately high number of uninsured, Medicaid, and other vulnerable populations who have difficulty paying for services, and

WHEREAS, current legislation allots federal funding to safety net hospitals for uncompensated care, and

WHEREAS, changes in legislation as per the American Health Care Act of 2017 will lead to cuts in Medicaid and federal grants to states for uncompensated care, and

WHEREAS, many safety net hospitals are academic centers and training sites for residency programs, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians lobby for legislation which implements financial protection and support plans for residency training programs at safety net hospitals at risk for sudden closure.
RESOLUTION NO. R3-607

Retention of Resident Training Records Due to Program Closure

Introduced by: Adib Rushdan, MD

WHEREAS, Program closures can be unique and abrupt, such as the bankruptcy filing of the sponsoring institution, i.e., Hahnemann University Hospital (HUH), leading to unexpected professional, financial, and emotional stress for residents, and

WHEREAS, resident and fellow training records are currently housed by graduate medical offices at sponsoring institutions, such as HUH, and

WHEREAS, the impending displacement of HUH residents will create a scenario where the burden to retain/manage training records will be placed upon the above residents, and

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Family Physicians acknowledges that documentation of training and experiences is of the utmost importance, and

WHEREAS, the Federation of State Medical Boards can assist with retention of resident/fellow records if a program is closing; offering to permanently store records for the sponsoring institution and residents having attended, the program, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians strongly encourage the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education to establish within its program closure policy, that residents and fellows within programs facing closure shall not endure the burden financial or otherwise, of record retention, and be it further,

RESOLVED, That the responsibility, including financial, of training records retention for residents and fellows be placed upon the sponsoring institution to ensure that records are appropriately secure and protected through the Federation of State Medical Boards, unless another viable option is available which shall be communicated with trainees prior to closure.
Resolution NO. R3-608

AAFP Immigrant and Refugee Health Toolkit and Workshop

Introduced by: Audrey Hertenstein Perez, MD
                Morgan Beatty, MD

WHEREAS, It is estimated that in 2017, 44.5 million persons living in the U.S. identify as immigrants, 11 million of whom are undocumented immigrants, and

WHEREAS, immigrant, documented and undocumented, and refugee patients are less likely to utilize health care and more likely to experience barriers to health care access related to their immigration status, and experience disparities in health care access and delivery, and

WHEREAS, physicians working in a variety of settings encounter the barriers to health and wellbeing experienced by documented and undocumented immigrant patients, and

WHEREAS, physicians, with proper knowledge and training, have the opportunity to support the health and wellbeing of immigrant and refugee patients, and

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Family Physicians has adopted policy in support of more effective means of health care for refugees entering the U.S. and supports health care for all in the country, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians adopt a policy in support of physician education on the unique health care needs of all immigrant and refugee patients, regardless of documentation status, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians develop and make available a toolkit and workshop template aimed at increasing physician knowledge regarding the health and wellbeing of all immigrant and refugee patients, regardless of documentation status, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians aim to hold a workshop at the 2020 AAFP National Conference addressing health care delivery to all immigrant and refugee patients.