



AFMRD Board of Directors Resident 2016 Annual Report

ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY DIRECTORS (AFMRD) BOARD OF DIRECTORS – RESIDENT MEMBER

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For the last calendar year, I have had the distinct pleasure of serving as the resident representative to the AFMRD Board of Directors. This is an organization which serves to support residency program directors in their pursuit of excellence in family medicine residency training. The vision of our organization is to cultivate a robust community of residency directors engaged in excellence, mutual assistance, and innovation to meet the health care needs of the public. My role in this group was to serve as the resident voice and offer perspective on a range of issues pertinent to family medicine education and training.

Strategic Plan

The AFMRD Board of Directors has been working on improving its modes of self-regulation and progress on goals with a carefully devised strategic plan which was created for 2014-2016. Progress on specific goals and programming is tracked at each meeting throughout the year to ensure we are working efficiently toward our ultimate goals of professional development, residency program quality improvement, improved communication, and advocacy and collaboration. We are currently working on creating a new strategic plan and polling members to align our goals with the needs and values of our members. We have improved communication and collaboration between and among members and the board with a new website and communication platform called Socious.

Resident Scholarship to Family Medicine Congressional Conference

The AFMRD provides up to 10 family medicine residents each year with scholarships to participate in the Family Medicine Congressional Conference, which takes place in Washington DC. These recipients were carefully chosen from a group of very talented and motivated applicants. On Capitol Hill, they met with their state representatives and advocated for relevant issues including permanent GME funding for teaching health centers, payment reform and new or alternative payment models. Conference discussions also included the value of primary care for America's health, chronic disease management, and mental health reform. Recipients later wrote essays regarding their experiences.

EPAs for Family Medicine End of Residency Training

As part of Family Medicine for America's Health, the entrustable professional activities (EPAs) were developed for the discipline of FM relating to residency completion—they describe the knowledge, skills, and services that should be mastered during residency and thus inform the type of care that the public can expect from a given residency graduate. Over the past year, the AFMRD has been assisting with the crafting and revision of the EPAs as well as determining how they can best be mapped to newly-implemented milestones and put to use effectively within residency programs.

Family Medicine Length of Training Pilot

The LOT pilot remains in the process of gathering information regarding 4-year family medicine residency programs and how these compare to traditional 3-year programs. The AFMRD has a liaison to this group and will continue to participate in this learning experience.

Family Medicine Graduate Survey

The Family Medicine Graduate Survey was jointly developed by the AFMRD and the ABFM with input from other family medicine organizations and recent graduates. It is a survey given to graduates 3 years post-residency, administered by the ABFM, which provides information to program directors about what graduates are doing in practice and their level of preparedness. This feedback is hoped to encourage dynamicity and evolution of residency programs.

Residency Program Quality Improvement

The AFMRD continues to support and improve the Residency Curriculum Resource, which in an online resource of lectures and educational tools that provides collaborative, up-to-date resources to improve subscribing programs' academic rigor and curriculum. The Residency Performance Index, allows programs to measure residency progress and improve where needed. The AFMRD continues to hone this tool to make it more pertinent and helpful for members. The National Institute for Program Director Development is a program for family medicine educators to enhance their leadership and teaching skills. This fellowship has remained one of our most popular programs and is currently under consideration for further expansion. Also, Accreditation Navigation is an AFMRD program to assist osteopathic programs successfully complete the transition to ACGME governance.

It has been an honor to serve as resident representative to the AFMRD Board over the past year and I look forward to an equally, if not more, meaningful experience over the next year during my second term. This is a highly dynamic and efficient organization with a profoundly knowledgeable and talented staff and board. I feel lucky to have been exposed to such powerful mentors and the opportunity to get involved with family medicine residency administration on a national scale.

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