



Center of Global Health Initiatives Resident/Student 2016 Annual Report

CENTER OF GLOBAL HEALTH INITIATIVES (CGHI) ADVISORY BOARD

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Resident Report

Purpose & Scope of Work

The purpose and mission of the AAFP Center for Global Health Initiatives (CGHI) is to support the professional needs and interests of members and students to be globally engaged by providing resources to enhance intercultural patient care through practice transformation, strengthening the global family physician workforce, and promoting excellence in global primary care. To this end, our strategic approach to achieve these goals includes five primary objectives: 1) workforce advocacy, 2) Practice transformation, 3) Clinical expertise, 4) Student engagement, and 5) International development. The scope of our work focuses on medical students, residents and practicing physicians engaged in international and multicultural health care in the US and abroad including the care of refugee and immigrant communities as well as engaging family physicians from the global community.

Activities & Achievements

1. AAFP Global Health Workshop. The CGHI is responsible for organizing and implementing this growing annual academic conference workshop. This conference serves as the central event and gathering point of leaders and active participants within the global family medicine community. This event is the primary platform that showcases the multitude of work that represents the intersection of family medicine and global health within the US. This workshop activity engages our participants to foster direct collaboration between researchers, students, residents, clinicians, volunteers, and international organizations.
2. Resource development. The CGHI maintains and updates our ever-growing website that serves as a clearing-house for global health resources for students, residents, researchers, and clinicians. We develop and deliver educational and training products related to global health in both national and international engagement to improve the competence of family physicians in multicultural and international healthcare.
3. Global health advocacy. It is a goal of the CGHI to advocate for a global health perspective within AAFP policies and mission and vision. We work to develop and share the global health perspective on AAFP workforce policies and position papers. We work to serve as a unified voice of the growing number of students, residents, and family physicians interested in and committed to global health. We conduct on-going assessments and surveys of member's professional interest in global health to maximize AAFP's potential to help members become leaders and advocates for global health.

4. Leadership development: we work to connect students and residents interested in global health with mentorship and experience opportunities in global health.
5. International collaboration: the CGHI collaborates with international family medicine organizations including WONCA.

Any Subcommittee Work

I currently work on the global health workshop subcommittee. (note: we are a small group and do not have the need to sub-committee out much of our work)

Lessons Learned and the Value of Serving on

It is an honor serving on the board of the Center for Global Health Initiatives. This opportunity has provided me with a platform to work collaboratively with other leaders in family medicine who share my passion and interest in global health. Global health is the most rapidly growing domain of interest in primary care. There is a tidal wave of experience and enthusiasm for integrating global and multicultural health skills, values, experiences, and research into family medicine training and practice. This position has provided me with the opportunity to advocate for the expansion of our global health mission within the AAFP organization and within the broader community of family medicine nationally and internationally. In this position, I have learned that there is incredible untapped potential within the family medicine community to expand the scope and impact of students, residents and clinicians committed to global health. At present, our small group is working at the tip of the iceberg in terms of organizing around global health issues within family medicine. I have learned that there is an exceptional need for the development of global health training and program development within the family medicine community. This role provides me with the opportunities to work collaborative with students, residents and clinicians who are committed to promoting global family medicine and has provided me with specific skills to build programs focused on global health advocacy, scholarship, education, and volunteerism that will serve my future career.

Student Report

In September of 2015, I had the good fortune to be selected as the Student Representative to the AAFP's Center for Global Health Initiatives (CGHI) Advisory Board. CGHI serves as a resource for family medicine students, residents, and physicians who are passionate about global health. We hope to promote responsible, sustainable, and meaningful global engagement by providing valuable information, professional networking opportunities, and technical expertise to those who wish to begin or continue a career in global family medicine.

The CGHI Advisory Board is made up of a group of Family Physicians with an incredible array of global health experience; and though I have only just begun my two-year term as the Student Representative, they have already taught me so much. I attended last year's Global Health Workshop in October, just before my term began in January; and I also participated in the Advisory Board's annual meeting in Kansas City this past April. The Global Health Workshop was a fantastic opportunity to learn about the work that family physicians are doing around the world, from tracking data on the Syrian refugee crisis to collaborating with national governments in the creation of Family Medicine residency programs in a growing number of countries.

One of CGHI's most important roles is organizing the annual Global Health Workshop, and I am excited to be a part of that process this year. Though this year's submission deadline for abstracts has passed, I would strongly encourage any students and residents with an interest in global health to attend the workshop this year, we will have a wide range of fascinating presentations and valuable networking opportunities. Along with Ben Pederson, my resident representative counterpart, and Alex Ivanov, the director of CGHI, I will also be coordinating and facilitating a global health networking session at the National Conference. Additionally, I have been coordinating an exciting pilot program that was initiated by my predecessor, Ashley Cobb. The Global Health Mentorship Program has paired medical students and residents seeking mentorship and guidance with experienced, globally engaged

family physicians. Data from a mid-year survey on the program shows great promise and some good target areas for improvement of the program; and I look forward to working with our next group of mentors and mentees.

Serving as the Student Representative to CGHI's Advisory Board is a true privilege. I am humbled by this opportunity to build personal and professional connections with the inspiring physicians and AAFP staffers that serve on the Board, and I hope to pay the opportunity forward to my fellow medical students by offering them opportunities to engage with current and future family physicians who are passionate about spreading patient-centered primary care to places in the world where it is needed most.

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