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FW: Physicians Foundation August Board Meeting Summary



Summary of The Physicians Foundation Board Meeting August 2019

The Physicians Foundation held its quarterly meeting August 1st and 2nd in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

- The Board completed a final review of its current strategic plan to track progress towards its strategic goals. Cambridge Concord Associates facilitated an initial discussion on the Foundation's strategic plan as input for the upcoming retreat in January 2020.
- The Board heard a presentation from Kelly Kenney of the Physicians Advocacy Institute (PAI) with details on their current work and discussion of potential collaboration around educational activities.
- The Board reviewed and approved updates to its articles and bylaws as recommended by counsel. Notice of these changes had been circulated 30 days in advance of the meeting for review.

Research

- The Board heard an update on the 2019 patient survey which will be administered by Regina Corso Consulting. A recent conference call with Ms. Corso and representatives from the Foundation was held to finalize the survey, which will be released in the fall of this year.
- The Board heard a report from the Telemedicine Task Force, which held a conference call and had compiled some initial resources. The task force will undertake some additional investigation into telemedicine with a potential RFP to support that research.
- The Board heard an update on the collaboration with The Health Initiative (THI), whose work on social determinants of health is well underway in North Carolina. THI has also been in communication with the medical societies of New York and Texas, who will undertake related efforts in their states to support elevating the physician voice in the national discourse on social determinants of health.

- The Board had a preliminary discussion on the 2020 physician survey. The process for considering potential survey firms will be initiated, with proposals to be considered at the Foundation's next meeting.

Physician Wellness

- The Board heard an update on the *Practice Transformation Initiative* which is being offered in collaboration with the American Medical Association. With support from their associated state medical societies (Washington State Medical Association, the North Carolina Medical Society, and the New Jersey Medical Society), a pilot cohort of physician practices has been gathered and is implementing changes in their practices meant to help reduce burnout. The cohort had its first meeting in Chicago at the end of April at the AMA's headquarters and has a second in-person meeting scheduled in September as a pre-cursor to the American Conference on Physician Health (ACPH).
- The Board approved a request for support for planning of the second Patient, Practitioner, and the Computer conference in 2020. The conference seeks to explore the impact of technology on the physician-patient relationship and to provide solutions to address challenges created by technology in healthcare.

Grantmaking

- The Board approved requests for support of physician leadership programs from the following organizations:
 - Future Alaska Medical Leaders, Inc.
 - Twin Cities Medical Society Foundation
 - Nebraska Medical Foundation
 - Tennessee Medical Education Fund
 - Texas Medical Association Special Funds Foundation
 - VMS Education and Research Foundation
 - Wyoming Medical Society Scholarship Foundation

Medical Practice

- The Board heard an update on the Physicians Foundation Center for the Study of Physician Practice and Leadership in collaboration with Weill Cornell Medical College. Lawrence Casalino, MD, Ph.D is leading the research, which is well underway with publications forthcoming. Dr. Casalino will attend the October board meeting to provide an in-depth update.
- The Board heard an update on the Physicians Foundation Fund for Health Information Exchange which is being administered by the Kansas Health Information Network. Private physician practices can receive support from the Interoperability Fund to purchase interfaces for their EMRs to work more efficiently. There has been strong uptake in each of the participating states.

Physician Leadership

- The Foundation will be hosting its 2019 Physician Leadership Academy for state medical society current presidents or other officers in partnership with Brandeis University. Registration information and other details have been circulated to each of the state medical societies.