

January 2021 Newsletter

WCMEW Launches Clinical Training Hub Webpage

WCMEW has a new page on its website. The [Clinical Training Hub](#) was created to provide information about available health care education and training programs and sites where students can fulfill their clinical training experiences.

Medical, nursing, physician assistant, and pharmacy schools offer the classroom curricula that provide the foundation for student learning; and health care organizations – hospitals, clinics, and health systems – provide the facilities and teachers that give the opportunities for students to have their patient care training experiences (clinical sites).

The Hub can be used by:

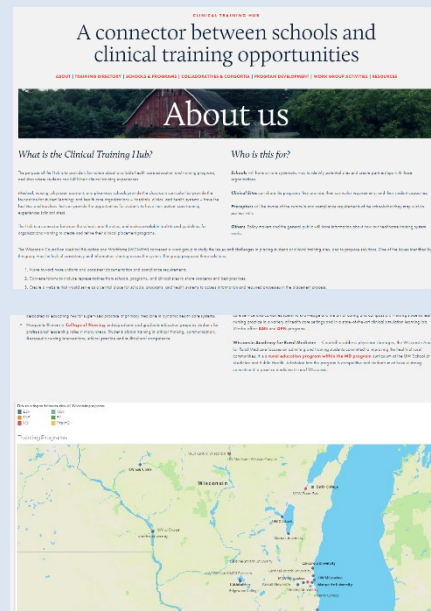
Schools looking for a more systematic way to identify potential sites and create partnerships with those organizations.

Clinical Sites wanting to share the programs they provide, their curricular requirements, and their student capacities.

Preceptors who can obtain information on the curricula and compliance requirements of the schools that they hope to partner with.

Others, including policy makers and the general public, who can gain information about how our healthcare training system works.

The page was created by the WCMEW Clinical Sites work group, a collaboration of schools, programs, and health systems that is addressing clinical site training challenges. If you would like more information, please contact George Quinn at gquinn@wcmew.org or 608-333-4335.



2021 Task Force Holds First Meeting

WCMEW's 2021 Task Force held its first meeting in January. This year's Task Force is charged with participating in a WCMEW project that will analyze future healthcare workforce needs across a broad spectrum of health professionals.

A key output of the project will be an estimate of the number of physician assistants, nurses, pharmacists and physicians that will be needed by the year 2035. In order to make the determination, some sense of how care will be delivered and how care teams will be configured is necessary. Task Force members – including representatives from health systems, nursing, physicians, physician assistants, pharmacists and healthcare educators – will be invaluable in providing their insights and helping to arrive at some conclusions and judgements about that future picture.

At its first meeting, the group reached consensus on the following questions that need to be answered:

1. Based on population and demographics, what will the demand for clinical services look like in 15 years? How do we prepare to meet that need?
2. Are there enough resources to train tomorrow's providers – at both schools and clinical sites?
3. Are the providers distributed effectively across WI to ensure access?
4. Do we have providers in the right disciplines?
5. What are some potential changes in healthcare delivery?
6. Does state public policy support maximum, high-quality utilization of providers, based on their education and training?

In addition, the Task Force suggested the following issues for consideration:

- The potential impact of changes in technology
- Payment reform implications
- Lessons learned from the COVID-19 experience
- Potential impact of the incoming administration
- Impact of possible improvements in public health

There was consensus that a survey would be useful in gathering information from health systems on how teams are configured, how health professionals are utilized and how care is delivered.

The next meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for March. If you would like more information on the Task Force, please contact George Quinn at gquinn@wcmew.org or 608-333-4335.

WORKFORCE IN THE NEWS

[Healthcare workers' capacity for change key in fighting COVID-19 related burnout](#) – Healthcare Finance

COVID-19 has provided a prime example to study causes of healthcare burnout and factors that can protect against it. New research reports the impacts of burnout since the pandemic began and found that healthcare professionals with the ability to respond to change experienced lower rates of burnout.

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