

WCMEW

Wisconsin Council on Medical Education and Workforce

September 2021 Newsletter

Wisconsin Collaborative for Rural GME (WCRGME)

WCRGME held its bimonthly meeting on September 15th. A large group gathered to learn more about Primary Care Programs offered by the Department of Health Services. Jaime Olson (DHS Division of Public Health) provided an update on the National Health Service Corps, Substance Abuse Disorder Grants, J-1 Visa Waivers, and other recruitment incentives designed to keep providers in Wisconsin.

Lisa Dodson, MD, also shared an update on the 2022 WiNC/WCRGME GME Leadership Academy which will start in January 2022 offering training to new residency faculty to better prepare them for their roles as core faculty, associate program director, or program director.

Several Wisconsin programs and WCRGME will be partnering with the Rural Residency Program Development (RRPD) Technical Assistance Center. Ryan Spencer, MD, from the UW OB/Gyn Residency Program will be serving as director of the central hub and Lou Sanner, MD, will be serving as lead advisor. A team will be supporting programs in development through advising and technical assistance.

WCRGME sites shared updates which included a potential new program in Anesthesiology at Marshfield Clinic as well as expansion of the Emergency Medicine Fellowships at both Marshfield Clinic (1 additional position) and Monroe Clinic (1 additional position). *Hearing about successes of other programs, ability to partner with other academic programs and clinical agencies – sharing resources*

Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians (WAFP)

Larry Pheifer, Executive Director of WAFP, shared an article from the American Academy of Family Physicians *FPM* publication, outlining the many practice options for family physicians after residency. *“Life After Residency: Exploring Practice Options in Family Medicine”* was authored by Thomas W. Hahn, MD, Jensena Carlson, MD, and Andrea I. Martonffy, MD of the University of Wisconsin Department of Family Medicine and Community Health. A link to the article can be found [here](#).

Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative 30th Annual \$2,500 Rural Health Prize Announced

The Hermes Monato, Jr. Prize of \$2,500 is awarded annually for the best rural health paper. It is open to all students at the University of Wisconsin (any campus) as well as recent graduates (12 months before below deadline). Students are encouraged to write on a rural health topic for a regular class (or independently) and then submit a copy to the Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative as an entry before the June 1st 2022 deadline. Previous award winners and topics as well as judging criteria and submission information are available at <http://www.rwhc.com/Awards/Annual-Monato-Essay>.

WORKFORCE IN THE NEWS

[New podcast explores ways to put the joy back in medical practice](#) – AMA

With the new [AMA STEPS Forward™](#) podcast, doctors can hear health care leaders share how they overcame practice challenges by implementing real-world solutions that helped put the joy back into the practice of medicine. Episodes focus on areas such as relationship building, team-based care and crisis response.