

WCMEW

Wisconsin Council on Medical Education and Workforce

August 2022 Newsletter

2022 WCMEW WORKFORCE SUMMIT – REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE!

The 2022 Wisconsin Healthcare Workforce Summit will be held on Thursday, October 13, 8am to 4pm at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. **“Getting Real About Our Impending Workforce Crisis”** will feature current workforce issues and innovations in healthcare education and training in Wisconsin.

For the

- **Full day’s agenda,**
- **Registration information, and**
- **Sponsor/exhibitor opportunities,**
- **Please connect [HERE](#).**

WCMEW QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING

The WCMEW Council held its quarterly meeting on August 16. The main discussion items included:

- A report on workforce strategic planning activities. The Task Force has been involved in identifying action steps based on the goals previously identified. Further work will include suggesting specific activities along with priorities and timing for each. **More on the Task Force activities in the next article.**
- The 2022 Summit is being finalized, with the day’s agenda shared with the Council. This year there will also be opportunities for sponsorships and exhibitors.

The meeting agenda and materials can be found [here](#).

WORKFORCE STRATEGIC PLANNING ACTIVITIES

WCMEW’s Task Force on workforce strategic planning held its third meeting on August 22. The group discussed strategies regarding:

- Creating Awareness and Engaging Other Stakeholders – the group considered what other groups to reach out to, and how to increase awareness of the impending workforce crisis.
- Promoting Healthcare Careers and Recruiting Healthcare Professionals – it was suggested



that a first step could be to gather more information about what organizations are doing to promote careers, and be more specific about actively pursuing diverse backgrounds.

- Strengthening Our Education and Training Pipeline –convening stakeholders should be the first priority.
- Retaining Workers – make enhancing work environments a year 1 priority.

Work on the plan should be completed over the summer, with a presentation at the Summit in October. Use this [link](#) for more information

ALPHABET SOUP



Following are August updates from Alphabet Soup members.

WiNC – Joseph Kilsdonk and Julie Richards

- WiNC successfully on-boarded two new programs, MCW-CW Psychiatry Program and Fox Valley Family Medicine Residency. WiNC is now the sponsoring institution for five residency programs (1 psychiatry and 4 family medicine).
- WiNC also had its first ACGME Sponsoring Institution Site Visit on July 26th.

WI AHEC – Liz Bush

“It is with great enthusiasm that I share news of our official HRSA funding notice for the next 5 years, 2022-2027! Our application submission this past April was a true collaborative effort from our statewide team and all of our partners, supporters, and advocates.

We received overwhelmingly positive feedback and an outstanding score with our reviewers noting that our “strong organizational support, partnerships developed over the last 30 years, and diverse community representation on boards all contribute to the quality and availability of resources and the capacity of the application organization”.

This is absolutely our strength. Thank you for your continued support. We are eager to roll up our sleeves and continue our work together towards a diverse, well-distributed healthcare workforce that supports optimal health for all.”

WRPRAP – Bill Schwab

Grant applications for the next cycle of funding from the Wisconsin Rural Physician Residency Assistance Program are due by September 12 (<https://www.fammed.wisc.edu/rural/>).

WCRGME – Lori Rodefeld and Jennifer Crubel

- The Rural Medical Educators Faculty Development Conference will be held in person on 9/23 at Northcentral Healthcare in Wausau. It is open to those in UME, GME, and community physicians teaching medical students, APPs, and residents. Register [here](#).
- Staff are actively promoting rural GME in Wisconsin to nearby medical students including Northwestern University in Chicago and at the Des Moines University Hospital Day. In July staff attended the AAFP National Conference.

WAFP – Larry Pheifer

- WAFP hosted a student and resident leadership summit on August 22, 2022 at the Renaissance Milwaukee West Hotel. The event was made possible through a grant from the American Board of Family Medicine.
- Medical schools, residency programs and others participated in the American Academy of Family Physician National Conference for Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students at the end of July. WAFP provided funding for 32 students to attend. WAFP also sponsored a reception for all residency programs, residents, and students in attendance.
- WAFP is beginning the new residency year by once again attending each program and providing an information session on Family Medicine in WI.
- WAFP is working with each medical schools to ramp up student engagement with WAFP and promote attending residency training in WI and practicing in WI.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact George Quinn, at gquinn@wcmew.org, or use the information provided below.

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WORKFORCE IN THE NEWS

[Healthcare leaders to use video game for recruitment, offer insight into rural healthcare](#) – **Channel 3000**

Rural Roads to Health Careers is a collaboration between technology, healthcare and education experts to expose players to real-life scenarios in rural healthcare. Founder of Acme Nerd Games Mary Romolino said the game is a new approach to recruitment and getting kids interested in rural health careers early.

[How Child Care Can Help Healthcare Workers In Crisis](#) – **Forbes**

New studies show that the lack of available, affordable child care in the healthcare industry is having a material effect: Healthcare workers experiencing high levels of child care stress are 80% [more likely to experience burnout](#) and reduce work hours or leave their roles.