

WCMEW

Wisconsin Council on Medical Education and Workforce

August 2023 Newsletter

2023 WCMEW WORKFORCE SUMMIT – REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE!

The 2023 Wisconsin Healthcare Workforce Summit will be held on Monday, October 30, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm at the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells. **“Putting it All Together: Reaching Consensus on Our Workforce Strategy”** will feature WCMEW’s workforce strategic plan, together with current workforce issues and innovations in healthcare education and training in Wisconsin. WCMEW will also host a networking reception at 7 pm the night before the Summit.

To see the

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

WCMEW QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING

The WCMEW Council convened its quarterly meeting on August 15. The main discussion items included:

- A report on workforce strategic planning activities. The five work groups have each created recommendations and strategies to address their section of the overall workforce strategy.
- The 2023 Summit is being finalized. The day’s agenda includes an opening session where the strategic planning work groups will share their results, followed by a Q&A. The remainder of the day includes 10 separate presentations on workforce trends, education and training programs, challenges, and success stories.

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

WCMEW DATA COLLABORATIVE

The WCMEW Data Collaborative held its bi-monthly meeting on July 24th. The main topic was a report on results from 2022 RN Survey presented by Susan Zahner, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, Wisconsin-Madison School of Nursing. Highlights include:

- The number of RNs who renewed their licenses in Wisconsin in 2022 (97,100) was an increase of 5,658 (6.2%) over 2020.
- Approximately 71% of RNs licensed in Wisconsin were educated in Wisconsin.
- Just over half (50.9%) of RNs hold a bachelor's degree in nursing as their highest nursing degree, with 30.9% having an associate degree as their highest nursing degree.
- Overall, 87.9% of respondents reported being employed, 84.0% were employed as a nurse, and 8.2% were retired.

The full report can be found [here](#).

ALPHABET SOUP



Following are August updates from Alphabet Soup members.

WARM – Dr. Joseph Holt and Kenny MacMillan

- With 12 years of graduates, the WARM program is close to completing a WARM outcomes paper, and will be submitted to Academic Medicine and other journals in the near future. In addition, WARM will present outcomes from the paper at the WCMEW summit in October, among other topics.
- WARMeRR (an accelerated version of WARM) – the first student in the accelerated pathway (general surgery) is now in progress. Next, the program plans to recruit 3 more students this fall into family medicine, internal medicine, and general surgery.

WiNC – Joseph Kilsdonk and Julie Richards

- WiNC is pleased to announce that its first sponsored fellow in emergency medicine has started in Ashland at Memorial Medical Center.
- WiNC is grateful for the work that has been accomplished by all of its partners, including DHS, in expanding funding to account for longer GME training programs and to reflect more of the true direct costs associated with GME resident stipends and benefits.

WRPRAP – Denise Hix

Grant applications for the next cycle of funding from the Wisconsin Rural Physician Residency Assistance Program are due by September 11. Please provide a letter of intent prior to submitting the grant application.

<https://www.fammed.wisc.edu/rural/application-grant-forms/>

WAFP – Larry Pheifer

- WAFP officially celebrated its 75th anniversary as a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians in Lake Geneva on August 11th. Larry Pheifer was also recognized for 25 years as the Wisconsin Academy Chapter Executive.
- WAFP held its second Student and Resident leadership summit in August.
- The WAFP Foundation helped fund 27 medical students to attend the AAFP Student and Resident Conference. Historically over 70% of those attending the conference end up selecting Family Medicine as their specialty.

WCRGME – Lori Rodefeld and Jennifer Crubel

- WCRGME hosted a Program Director’s Networking Breakfast at the AAFP National Conference in Kansas City. Thanks to the program directors, faculty, and coordinators who joined us to share updates and reconnect in person.
- The Rural Medical Educators Faculty Development Conference will be held on Friday, September 22nd in Wausau at North Central Technical College. A detailed agenda and registration are available [here](#).
- Rural GME Coordinators are encouraged to attend the upcoming Bootcamp will be held on September 7th virtually. A link to register is available [here](#).
- Regional and national medical student outreach has included attending the AAFP National Conference and presenting to 2nd Year Medical Students at Midwestern University in Chicago.
- Rural Medicine Grand Rounds are scheduled monthly for medical students, residents, and those interested in rural health issues. The next session will be on 9/13 from 12-1 PM with Dr. Taleb and Dr. Becker presenting on Rural Emergency Medicine.

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WORKFORCE IN THE NEWS

[HRSA Grants \\$100M to Improve Nursing Workforce as Shortages Persist](#) – **RevCycleIntelligence**

Grant recipients include programs that prioritize training and educating the future and current nursing workforce.

[Improving telemedicine and patient access to care with Alexander Ding, MD, MS, MBA](#) – **AMA**

Removing barriers to telehealth for patients and physicians can help broaden access to care and help this technology reach its full potential.