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PDW and RPS Proposals Now Being Accepted

Submit your proposals for workshops, posters, and showcase presentations you would like to share during the 2016 PDW and RPS Residency Education Symposium, April 1 - 5 in Kansas City, MO.

Chris Pyle Joins the AFMRD Staff



The Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors is pleased to welcome Chris Pyle as our new chief administrative officer.

Chris has 17 years of experience in the field of education and has earned a master's in educational administration. Prior to joining the AFMRD staff, he served as the principal of Linn Elementary School in Dodge City, KS.

Chris brings to the AFMRD strong management, operations, and communication skills - as well as a great sense of humor. (He authors a biweekly humor column for Hutchinson News.)

We are pleased to have Chris as a member of the AFMRD staff.

AFMRD at National Conference

Be sure to stop by the AFMRD exhibit table at the National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students.





New this year is a showcase for residency program administrators, coordinators, and nurses. Ten-minute rapid-fire presentations will be followed by a Q&A period on topics of special interest to the administrator/coordinator and nurse audiences. This showcase will be in addition to the popular Innovation Showcase.

Deadline: August 14
Details: [Visit the website.](#)

RFP from the Veterans Administration for new GME positions

The RFP from the Veterans Administration for new GME positions (FTEs) beginning July 1, 2016, is now open. Applications must come from the VA facility with whom you are working to achieve new FTEs.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) is for physician resident positions (GME) allocated under the criteria of the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 (VACAA). It provides information, policies, and application procedures for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities that wish to submit for additional physician resident positions for Academic Year 2016-2017 which begins July 1, 2016.

The VACAA legislation, which was signed into law on August 7, 2014, authorizes VA to increase the number of graduate medical education residency positions at medical centers by up to 1,500 positions over five years and outlines specific legislative priorities for the programs of those positions and the characteristics of the facilities which host them.

We are #1229. See you there!

Encourage Your Residents to Run for the AFMRD Board of Directors

The AFMRD is currently accepting applications from residents interested in serving on the AFMRD Board of Directors for a one year term (September 1, 2015 - August 31, 2016).

Responsibilities include the following:

- Inform and provide a resident perspective to program directors on environmental issues impacting residents and their education
- Attend required AFMRD Board Meetings
- Participate in monthly conference calls of the AFMRD Board of Directors
- Provide written reports as requested
- Attend National Conference to gather information on resident issues

Benefits:

- Provide the resident with practical non-profit board leadership experience
- Afford the resident opportunities to receive mentoring from established leaders in family medicine.

Residents must be PGY-2 or PGY-3 at the beginning of the term in September 2015.

The position will be elected on August 1, 2015, at the AAFP National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students in Kansas City.

Applications are accepted up until the election; however, applicants are encouraged to submit their applications prior to the start of National Conference on July 30.

All required materials, including a letter of recommendation from their residency program director, must be turned in before election.

Details: [Visit the website.](#)

Zervanos Award Nomination Period

Deadline: August 15
Details: [Visit the website.](#)

Population Health Mapper

The social determinants of health have begun to shape public health and policy interventions and neighborhood socioeconomic and demographic characteristics play significant roles in influencing health outcomes.

HealthLandscape has created the [Population Health Mapper](#) which includes county-level measures of the majority of Health Outcome and Health Determinant Metrics identified in the CDC's "Community health assessment for population health improvement" report.

Global Health Workshop

The [AAFP Family Medicine Global Health Workshop](#) will be held October 2-4 in Denver, CO. The 2015 annual workshop's theme is Promoting Health for All: Family Medicine and Global Health.

Students and residents, practicing physicians and health professionals, teachers of family medicine, and consultants are all welcome. Register by July 15 and save \$100.

Nominations for the 2016 Nikitas J. Zervanos Outstanding Program Director Award will be accepted July 10 through October 1, 2015.

A nomination form will be available on the [AFMRD website](#).

Successful Launch

family medicine
RESIDENCY CURRICULUM
resource

To date, 124 residency programs have subscribed to the Family Medicine Residency Curriculum Resource -- a joint project of the AFMRD and STFM.

The subscription now provides access to more than 90 new peer-reviewed, case-based presentations, quizzes, and facilitators' guides for family medicine education.

Visit fammedrcr.org to learn more.

FAMILY MEDICINE
for AMERICA'S HEALTH

Opportunities to Become Involved

Family Medicine for America's Health (FMAHealth) is a five-year collaboration sponsored by the eight leading family medicine organizations in the United States. Its mission is to demonstrate the value of primary care in achieving better health, better care, at lower costs for people across the United States while improving the ability of primary care professionals to lead fulfilling lives as caregivers.

To accomplish its mission, FMAHealth has created six Tactic Teams to focus on the following critical areas:

- Practice Transformation
- Technology
- Research

- Payment
- Workforce Education and Development
- Engagement of Stakeholders

Opportunity to Engage with FMAHealth

FMAHealth is looking for people who would like to participate on these teams. Each Tactic Team is assembling a network of volunteers to help achieve its objectives. (There is a more detailed description of the work of the six Tactic Teams in the link below.) You may participate on a Tactic Team in one of three roles:

Project Team Members: Each of the six Tactic Teams will be working from 2015 through 2019 to accomplish a number of projects each year. There are three ways to serve as a Project Team Member:

Experts: People who bring particular kinds of knowledge, experience and/or expertise to bear that helps accomplish a task or achieve an objective.

Influencers: People who believe work on a particular project is very important and sign on to help influence others about its importance, especially as results of the work are achieved and consequences for action become clear.

Mobilizers: People who have passion and interest in working on a project whether or not they have experience or expertise in the subject matter. These are people who want to jump in and get work done.

Advisory Group Members: Advisory Group members will be asked to lend their perspective on certain issues or tasks through online discussion boards, participation in surveys, and through other channels.

Communicators: Not everyone who is interested in the work of a particular Tactic Team will currently be able to commit the time and attention needed to act as either a Project Team Member or Advisory Group Member. This group will be kept informed of Tactic Team activities through regular updates and will have opportunities to participate in Tactic Teams when their schedules permit. Additionally, Communicators will be asked to tell people they know about opportunities to engage that might be of interest.

If you would like to participate on a particular Tactic Team in one of these three roles, [please complete this questionnaire](#)

