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## KMA MEMBERSHIP ALLOWS PHYSICIANS TO OVERCOME CHALLENGES TOGETHER

By Maurice J. Oakley, M.D., 2017-18 KMA President



I'd like to begin my message by stating what an honor it is to serve as your President.

The Kentucky Medical Association has been a pillar of strength to Kentucky physicians. It has led us through some very trying times.

Without the KMA, we could very easily be saddled with a provider-tax and more mandated CME than you could imagine. The KMA has been incredibly effective in abolishing and preventing these.

This year the KMA achieved substantial victories in legislative actions. Senate Bill 4, which established medical review panels in malpractice litigation, was a huge success. The law is being challenged, but thus far has not been overturned.

The critical health issues of drug and tobacco abuse, as well as domestic violence, have also been addressed and feature new legislation which should help alleviate some of these problems. Throughout all of this, KMA played a major role.

In my inaugural address, I pledged to expose and abolish the burdens to our practice of medicine. We as physicians have been inundated with government regulations and insurers demands. Hardly any of these have resulted in good medical care. The AMA has also recognized this as a major problem and has also pledged to help alleviate these problems. In one of his final speeches as AMA President, Dr. Andy Gurman, who attended our Annual Meeting, said, "It is our duty to shed light on the challenges physicians face and to seek changes to protect the profession." The burden of "prior authorizations" has been so destructive to the practice of medicine. They are both time consuming and non-productive and negates our skill as physicians to diagnose and test as we see fit. There is no replacement to actually being with the patient in order to evaluate and treat.

We as physicians train longer and more intensely than any other profession. We are continually updating our knowledge with CME. This is the way it should be as we are dealing with human life and

there is nothing more precious than a human life. That is why it is such a waste to not allow this talent to work without outside interference.

Now we face a new set of challenges and obstacles in the new payment reimbursement system of MIPS and MACRA. This takes up more valuable time and ties up staff to submit the data required. Data that is not helping to treat our patients and data that if not submitted, cuts our reimbursement. I know of no other profession that would tolerate such a system.

This is just the surface of our problems. The KMA is working diligently to help eliminate these and more and with your help we will succeed.

Remember, we can ill afford to go to sleep, we must continue to aspire to our potential and do not forget medicine is both an art and science. The art is what makes us healers and is the part that many times, government and insurers chose to ignore.

If you are a KMA member, congratulations, as you belong to a great and thriving organization. If you are not a member, you should seriously consider joining. It could change your future.



**KMA Board of Trustees Chair Dale Toney, M.D., presented the presidential gavel to Maurice J. Oakley, M.D., 2017-18 KMA President, at the KMA Leadership Dinner at the 2017 Annual Meeting.**

## DR. MAURICE OAKLEY SEEKS TO TACKLE BARRIERS, BURDENS TO PHYSICIANS

When he steps into the office of his ophthalmology practice in Ashland, new KMA President Maurice Oakley, M.D., doesn't consider it "going to work."

"It's like Mark Twain said, if you find a job you love, you'll never work a day in your life," Dr. Oakley remarked. By that standard, Dr. Oakley hasn't worked in decades. "I really enjoy practicing medicine. It's been a lot of fun."

His father, Maurice G. Oakley, worked at Armco Steel, now AK Steel, and that was an inspiration—sort of—for Dr. Oakley's career path.

"I decided to go into medicine at a really early age, mainly because I didn't want to work at Armco Steel all my life," he said. "I was always interested in the sciences and it really intrigued me."

Decision made, Dr. Oakley headed west to Lexington for his undergraduate studies at the University of Kentucky and Morehead State University. He earned his bachelor's in biology and chemistry before moving on to the University of Louisville School of Medicine, from which he graduated in 1975.

But his career path kept leading back to the Ashland area. He completed a family medicine residency at West Virginia University in 1978 and headed back to Ashland, where he practiced family medicine for four years. Part of that return, initially, was because Dr. Oakley had received a scholarship that required him to practice for a time in a rural area.

While practicing family medicine, he saw a growing need for ophthalmology service in eastern Kentucky. So he headed west to Louisville once again to complete an ophthalmology residency at UofL from 1982 to 1985. By then, he thought about not returning home but the draw was too strong.

"We decided to come back here because there was a need," Dr. Oakley said of the decision he and his wife, Judy, made to return to Ashland.

Family also played a big role in the decision. The Oakleys have two sons, Chip and Christopher, and two daughters, Sarah and Amanda. "We decided our parents are here and the kids are growing up so we came back home so they could be around their grandparents," he said.



They've been in Ashland for more than 31 years.

Over the decades, Dr. Oakley has seen the transformation of medicine. Medicine has evolved through many advances that help with diagnosis, but that has its downsides. Like many physicians, Dr. Oakley misses the time he's able to spend with patients.

"To me, medicine is still a science and an art," he said. "Medicine is more than just science; you've got to have that certain feeling that goes with it."

Dr. Oakley is the first KMA president from Ashland since 1970 when Walter L. Cawood, M.D., led the organization. Dr. Oakley noted in his installation speech that KMA has changed since that time, and even more in the last four years since the Focus Forward strategic planning group recommended changes to the organization. While recognizing the success of that process, Dr. Oakley laid out his vision for his year as KMA President.

He noted that KMA has been successful in highlighting the challenges facing Kentucky, particularly the opioid epidemic and smoking through public health campaigns funded by the Kentucky Foundation for Medical Care (KFMC).



Family members of 2017-18 KMA President Maurice J. Oakley, M.D., center, include left, his son, Chris Oakley, daughter, Amanda Oakley, wife, Judy Oakley, daughter, Sarah Oakley, daughter-in-law, Joy Oakley and son, Chip Oakley.

"Both of these programs show what we can do when we focus our efforts," Dr. Oakley said. "But I believe one of the greatest successes we had over the past few years was the realization that there are administrative barriers to achieving these public health goals."

He noted that John Johnstone, M.D., who received the KMA Community Service Award at the KMA Annual Meeting, spearheaded that effort by voicing publicly an important point—insurers do not reimburse for smoking cessation counseling, as well as smoking cessation drugs, in a way that promotes smoking cessation. Ensuring smokers could access those treatments was a priority of KMA, and the legislature passed Senate Bill 89 to guarantee that coverage.

"We need more of that," Dr. Oakley said. "We need to expose those administrative burdens that prevent us from taking care of our patients and promoting good health, especially on those important issues that impact so many Kentuckians."

With that in mind, he set his goal for the year "to expose and address some of these barriers by obtaining information about them."

"As an organization, the KMA has certainly changed from its inception 166 years ago," Dr. Oakley said "It has become a major political force advocating for our patients and our fellow physicians. Over the past four years the Association's Focus Forward strategic planning group has made an immediate and lasting impact on the KMA."

"I'd like to do whatever we can to remove barriers to good health," he said. "This is a heavy lift. The AMA started a campaign last year about the burden placed on physicians and patients by the prior authorization process, a campaign KMA joined. Perhaps we can work with the AMA and other organizations on that issue. The possibilities for collaboration are endless.

The growing complexity of the health care system in the U.S. makes collaboration where possible all the more important," Dr. Oakley said.

In his installation speech, Dr. Oakley issued a call to action for his fellow physicians.

"The health care system in this country has become so complex in a way no one could have imagined 40 years ago," Dr. Oakley said. "But change happens in every part of our lives. Whether as individuals or as an organization, we can't sleep through what is happening. We should behave in a manner befitting our aspirations. Through organized medicine the KMA is doing just that."



The Kentucky Medical Association's committees and commissions have been active over the past year. This report was presented to delegates at the KMA 2017 Annual Meeting held in August.

#### **Commission on Legislative and Political Advocacy (COLPA)**

**Donald J. Swikert, M.D., Chair**

COLPA worked cooperatively with the KMA Legislative Quick Action Committee to organize and oversee the state and federal advocacy activities of the Association. Committee members most notably spent many hours throughout the summer and fall establishing an agenda for the 2017 legislative session. Their commitment paid great dividends as all three KMA priority bills were passed by the General Assembly, including a measure related to tort reform.

**Medical Review Panels:** A bill establishing Medical Review Panels that passed the Kentucky General Assembly is the first step in achieving full tort reform in Kentucky. Senate Bill (SB) 4, sponsored by Sen. Ralph Alvarado, M.D., requires medical malpractice cases to go before Medical Review Panels—consisting of a group of independent, expert health care providers who offer an opinion on the merit of medical malpractice cases—before they can be filed in court. KMA has long supported efforts to improve Kentucky's medical liability climate and that's why the Association once again made tort reform central to its legislative efforts in 2017. SB 4 is a critical part of that work and represents a significant first step in creating a more fair and consistent legal climate for Kentucky health care providers.

**Smoking Cessation Treatments:** SB 89, another KMA priority bill, was sponsored by Sen. Julie Raque Adams. The legislation removes barriers to tobacco cessation treatments recommended by doctors for smokers who want to quit. The legislation ensures that smokers who want to quit will have access to, and coverage for, FDA-approved tobacco cessation medicines and services recommended by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. SB 89 requires both Medicaid MCOs and private insurers to cover those treatments and significantly reduces restrictions and limits of coverage, such as cost-sharing, pre-authorization, and step therapy, that often act as barriers for patients seeking smoking cessation services.

**Domestic Violence Reporting:** KMA's third priority bill, SB 86, which was aimed at changing domestic violence reporting requirements, was included in language added to House Bill 309 and passed by the General Assembly. The legislation proposed by the Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence and sponsored by Sen. Alvarado and Rep. Melinda Prunty, removes a potential barrier for individuals who want to reach out for services. The legislation amends the state's domestic violence reporting law by eliminating direct reporting by health care providers to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Instead, physicians will confidentially provide their patients with resources detailing how and where they can get help (regional domestic violence programs, rape crisis centers and protective orders). In addition, the measure will allow physicians to report the abuse of their patient by a spouse or intimate partner if the victim requests or approves that report. The goal of this legislation is to identify victims of domestic and dating violence, link those victims to services, and provide protective services for those who choose to accept them.

KMA's legislative team was also active on the federal level throughout 2017. KMA representatives attended the AMA National Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C., and met with members of the Kentucky federal delegation. Topics for discussion included Graduate Medical Education funding, implementation of the Medicare Quality Payment Program, tort reform, opioid abuse, electronic health records and various issues surrounding health care reform.



**2017-18 KMA Executive Committee Members.** From left, Bruce Scott, M.D., Maurice Oakley, M.D., R. Brent Wright, M.D., and Robert Couch, M.D. at the 2017 KMA Annual Meeting.

The practice of medicine in Kentucky was well served this past year thanks to the advocacy efforts of KMA, local medical societies and physicians throughout the Commonwealth. COLPA looks forward to working on their behalf in the upcoming year by engaging federal and state policymakers on the issues that are important to physicians and the patients they serve.

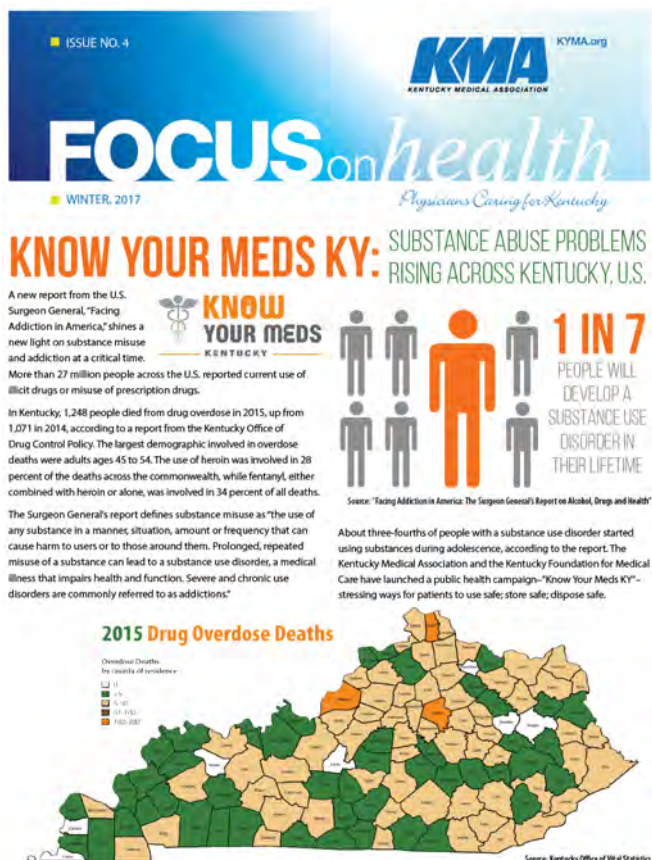
## Commission on Long Range Planning

**Michael Kuduk, M.D., Chair**

The Commission on Long Range Planning once again reviewed possible changes to the KMA Annual Meeting in order to improve efficiencies. Among the changes: a reduction in the amount of paper that is sent out ahead of the meeting and the use of electronic communications in its place, saving thousands of dollars for the association; a change in how reference committees are organized at the Annual Meeting; and the establishment of new "advocacy awards" as part of KMA's annual awards presentations at the Annual Meeting. The latter issue will be presented to the House of Delegates as a bylaws change.

In seeking greater transparency for the internal operations of the KMA, the commission also discussed a proposed bylaws change that would make the annual KMA financial audit available to the entire membership. This issue, along with the timing of the annual audit, will also be presented to the House of Delegates as a bylaws change.

All of these changes were designed to create efficiencies and modernize the operations of the KMA.





Focus on smoking cessation—started through a public health campaign, "Commit to Quit," in 2016—continues because of the successful passage of Senate Bill 8g, which requires insurers to cover all FDA-approved smoking cessation treatments and counseling recommended by the U.S. Prevention Services Task Force. KMA and other stakeholders interested in cessation efforts will promote the barrier-free access to those treatments. In addition, a legislative focus on tax reform will likely include an increase to the state tobacco tax, and commissioners support a suggested increase of \$1 per pack. They also requested that support for the tax increase would include language to earmark funds from the tax increase for smoking cessation efforts and lung cancer screening.

Another public health priority—prescription drug abuse—is the focus of a public health campaign, "Know Your Meds KY," for 2017. Opioids and their addictive properties were discussed during the KMA Annual Meeting at both a "Meet the Mandates" session on Friday and the Saturday educational sessions.

The Commission also discussed other projects related to public health, including a Blue Zones project in Paducah. Tony Buettner, who spoke at the 2016 KMA Annual Meeting, discussed Blue Zones in March, and the community brought the group back in May. The Blue Zones' mission is to help people live longer, better lives by improving their environment. The Commission expressed an interest in following the Paducah project.

### **Commission on Young Physicians and Physicians in Training**

**Sarah E. Parsons, D.O., Chair**

The Commission on Young Physicians and Physicians In-Training re-elected Monalisa Tailor, M.D., to represent KMA at the AMA Young Physicians Section (AMA-YPS) Annual Meeting in June. The AMA House of Delegates considered three resolutions from AMA-YPS to support international medical graduates and students, to protect patients' access to emergency care, and to consider the health and welfare of minors in deportation proceedings against their parents. Other areas of discussion at the AMA-YPS meeting included women's health issues and cardiovascular disease.

The Medical Student Outreach and Leadership Program, which was developed to promote community involvement and to teach students more about the political, social and economic issues in the health care system, continues to be a success.

Twenty-three medical students completed the program in 2016, and a total of 280 students participated in at least a portion of the program in 2017. Based on the Commission's recommendation, KMA developed new ways to recognize the students who complete the program by highlighting each program graduate in a feature story as part of KMA's bi-monthly electronic newsletter, "KY Health eNews."



**Monalisa Tailor, M.D., was KMA's representative at the AMA Young Physicians Section Annual Meeting. She is pictured above participating in the first Kentucky Physicians Leadership Institute (KPLI).**

KMA also increased its outreach to in-training physicians through a series of presentations to UK and Northern Kentucky residents on "The Business of Medicine." The sessions included topics such as the basics of health care economics, employment and financial considerations, and advocacy for health care priorities.

### **Resident and Fellow Section Governing Council** **Shachi Pandya, M.D., Chair**

The Resident and Fellow Section Governing Council hosted a webinar conducted by KMA's Executive Vice President Patrick Padgett on employment and financial considerations for residents, including general guidelines for contract negotiations and an overview of restrictive covenants. Bobby Katta, D.O., J.D., and Shweta Akhouri, M.D., were elected as KMA Delegate and Alternate Delegate (respectively) to the AMA Resident & Fellow Section. KMA participated in the 2017 New Resident Orientations with KMA President Nancy C. Swikert, M.D., addressing UK on June 19 and UofL on June 30.

### **CME Committee and CME Council** **John L. Roberts, M.D., Chair** **James L. Borders, M.D., Chair**

The CME Committee and the CME Council continued their educational support to accredited providers in a variety of ways.

New provider training was provided to new CME employees of accredited providers. This training, "Roadmap to CME," offers an introduction to the CME process and requirements and has been very successful.



**KMA representatives at the signing of Senate Bill 4. From left: Benjamin Kutnicki, M.D., J, Gregory Cooper, M.D., Robert Couch, M.D., Nancy Swikert, M.D., Gov. Matt Bevin, Sen. Ralph Alvarado, M.D., KMA Director of Advocacy and Legal Affairs Cory Meadows, Danesh Mazloomdoost, M.D., and Maurice Oakley, M.D.**

KMA Director of Education Miranda Mosley was featured as a speaker at the Tri-State CME Symposium in Indianapolis attended by CME professionals from four states.

In April, Mosley presented at the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education's annual meeting. The event was attended by almost 300 CME representatives from around the country. Her presentation featured innovative education approaches used by KMA.

Nineteen health systems receive accreditation through the KMA and, over the last 12 months, three CME providers across the state were surveyed for reaccreditation to provide local CME.

CME was provided through KMA's joint providership accreditation, which allows unaccredited organizations to offer CME to their audiences. This format enjoyed substantial growth in this reporting period. The KMA education department launched a professional development program for CME providers. Nearly 100 percent of providers are participating in the program.

The KMA "CME Scoop" is also provided to CME staff and includes updates and new information related to KMA initiatives and accreditation guidelines.

KMA continued its focus on physician leadership education. During the 2016 KMA Annual Meeting, participants from Paducah led their community in conversations about becoming a designated Blue Zone following the 2016 KMA Annual Meeting presentation by Tony Buettner.

Through a grant from The Physicians Foundation and financial assistance from KMA's charitable arm, the Kentucky Foundation for Medical Care, KMA created the Kentucky Physicians Leadership Institute, a program designed to provide in-depth leadership training for emerging physicians. The sessions are led by faculty from Butler University and feature fireside chats with leaders from various organizations. Participants engaged in training on personal, business and advocacy aspects of leadership. KMA Past President Fred Williams Jr., M.D., serves as Chair of the Institute.

KMA's leadership development continued at the KMA Annual Meeting, which featured speakers on physician leadership and included a panel of experts on the opioid epidemic who engaged the audience in case studies and discussion about recommendations for addressing this issue.

#### **Medicaid Physician Technical Advisory Committee Barry B. Sosnin Jr., D.O., Chair**

The Medicaid Physician Technical Advisory Committee, known as the TAC, made several recommendations implemented by the Department of Medicaid that will provide better access to care, reduce administrative burden and provide appropriate reimbursement for services by adding essential coverage in specific areas that coordinate with KMA priorities.

Two critical TAC recommendations included covering all applicable, CPT and HCPCS codes for tobacco cessation and Screening Brief intervention and Referral Treatment.

## **Committee on Physical Education and Medical Aspects of Sports**

**Michael J. Miller, M.D., Co-Chair**

**Philip B. Hurley, M.D., Co-Chair**

The Committee continued its mission to improve the overall health of the school-age child by building stronger bodies, both mentally and physically, and seeking to eliminate and correct matters that might be detrimental to the health of the student-athlete. During the past year, the Committee had significant input on matters related to the state's student-athletes due to its longstanding, strategic partnership with the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA). Specifically, the Committee held a series of meetings that focused on topics ranging from the evaluation and treatment of heat stroke, mental health issues in sports, screening EKGs for sports physicals, review of AED procedures during sporting events, concussion lawsuits, injury data collection and recent activity of the National Federation of State High School Associations. The Committee plans to finalize and submit recommendations on many of these matters to the KMA Board of Trustees and the KHSAA for their consideration in the upcoming year.

## **Budget Committee**

**David J. Bensema, M.D., Chair**

The Budget Committee reviewed proposed expenditures and income for KMA's coming fiscal year and prepared a budget that was approved by the KMA Board of Trustees. Both the 2017 and 2018 KMA budgets show a substantial reduction in costs from previous years due to staff reductions, reduced overhead from moving into smaller space and other efficiencies. 2017 also showed an increase in membership dues income, just as 2016 did. Reduced costs in 2017 coupled with more income led to a good year for KMA's finances.

For 2018, KMA has budgeted for an increase in advocacy costs due to a longer legislative session, and legal expenditures to defend the new medical review panel law in a projected lawsuit filed by the trial bar. The Budget Committee also changed how KMA invests its reserves, which are no longer managed by a professional money manager, but have instead been invested in low-cost index mutual funds. This action was taken as a result of research, experience with KMA's investments over the past several years, and a desire to save money on fees.

## **Kentucky Foundation for Medical Care**

**Shawn Jones, M.D., President**

The KFMC continues to work on public health issues facing many Kentuckians and provide grants for health-related organizations affiliated with KMA Community Connectors.

The opioid crisis is among one of the critical issues facing the Commonwealth. The Foundation funded a public health campaign – "Know Your Meds KY" – to raise awareness of the proper use, storage and disposal of old prescription medications. KFMC/KMA launched the "Know Your Meds" public health campaign in January with op-eds, a website and social media campaign, as well as press releases. The Foundation also funded presentations related to House Bill 1 during the "KMA Meet the Mandates" and the Leadership in Action at the 2017 KMA Annual Meeting. Attendees at each session earned the 4.5 CME credit hours mandated for licensure.

The KFMC also continues to focus on smoking cessation and the "Commit to Quit" campaign launched in 2016.



The passage of Senate Bill 89, which mandates insurance coverage for smoking cessation treatments and counseling, will serve as the Foundation for the Commit to Quit 2.0 efforts.

Following a presentation by the Blue Zones' Tony Buettner at the 2016 KMA Annual Meeting, a KMA Community Connector, Evelyn Jones, M.D., applied for, and received, a grant to bring Buettner to Paducah for an exploratory meeting. Following that meeting in August, the community raised enough funds to bring the Blue Zones back for a site visit to move the project forward. If successful, Paducah would be the first Blue Zones community in Kentucky.



**Tony Buettner, who spoke at the 2016 KMA Annual Meeting, discusses Blue Zone projects in Paducah.**



The Blue Zones grant was one of four awarded by KFMC to public health projects related to KMA Community Connectors. The other recipients were:

**The Coalition for the Homeless in Louisville**, which is using its grant to help homeless youth ages 18-24 move into a home of their own through assistance with security deposits, furniture and household items.

**The Family Community Clinic in Louisville**, which is using its grant funding to provide point of care lab work to the uninsured patients who come there for care.

**Nate's Wish of Paducah**, which is using its grant to fill a number of backpacks with toys and books to be given to children being treated for cancer at the Louisville Children's Hospital.

The KFMC continues to focus on leadership. In addition to funding the Leadership Academy at the KMA Annual Meeting, the Foundation is funding—through a grant from The Physicians Foundation—the Kentucky Physicians Leadership Institute. Ten physicians in the first cohort of the institute met for three sessions over the summer, with the final fourth session focused on "Leadership in Action" at the Leadership Academy. Participants in the program led discussions at the meeting.

Two other leadership programs funded by KFMC continue to be popular. The KMA **Medical Student Outreach & Leadership Program**, or MSOL, had approximately 280 students participate this year and 58 students completed the program. The KMA **Community Connector Leadership Program** continues to attract physician participants and six physicians completed the program in 2017.



KMA Executive Vice President Pat Padgett discusses the basics of health care finance with medical students at the University of Kentucky.

## Kentucky Foundation for Medical Care



Kiandra Hilliard and her daughter, Miranna, moved into their new apartment with help from the Coalition for the Homeless' Rx: Housing program and a grant from the Kentucky Foundation for Medical Care.



As a KMA Community Connector, Dr. Shawn Jones, M.D., right, sponsored a grant request to expand Nate's Wish, an organization that supplies backpacks filled with books and toys for children with cancer, to fulfill the wish of Jeff and Stacy Richard's son Nate who died of leukemia at the age of 7.

# PHYSICIANS GATHER TO COMBAT BARRIERS TO HEALTHCARE, PROMOTE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Kentucky physicians took on leadership roles and promoted community involvement during the 2017 Kentucky Medical Association Annual Meeting in Louisville. While the organization adopted new policies and conducted its official business, the other facets of the meeting were not like ordinary association gatherings. This year's meeting aimed to break down barriers to good healthcare, especially those that exist around the issue of opioid abuse. Physicians from across the Commonwealth engaged in education and provided feedback to policymakers from state and local government.

"It was something we've never done before," said Louisville emergency physician Robert Couch, M.D., who was elected as the organization's new Secretary/Treasurer. "We had great success in the most recent legislative session through passage of a law that broke down barriers for people who want to quit smoking. So we decided to take the lessons we learned from that success and apply them to the opioid issue that is ravaging our state."

To meet this challenge, KMA invited Sam Quinones, author of "Dreamland," to give the keynote address at the association's "Meet the Mandates" presentation. "Dreamland" documents the history of opioid abuse over the last thirty years.

"He was very insightful about the history of this problem, and what we might do to fix it," Couch said. "He made the point that to overcome our addiction problem, we need to strengthen our communities and become more engaged with one another at every level. It was a message that resonated with physicians."

Quinones was among several others who spoke during the educational session that also helped physicians meet the 4.5 hour House Bill 1 requirement, the Domestic Violence requirement and the Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma requirement.

Ivana Grahovac, director of advancement for Facing Addiction, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to finding solutions to the addiction crisis, shared her personal experience of recovery.

"A doctor can be a catalyst for having the discussion that will plant seeds that turn the tide on a person's life," she shared.

Saturday's Leadership in Action session also gave physicians the opportunity to be part of the solution in addressing Kentucky's opioid epidemic.

Participants heard from faculty from Butler University's Executive Education team, producers from Kentucky Educational Television (KET), a KASPER representative, an attorney and a chief medical officer who engaged the audience in solutions to help stem the epidemic.

KMA has already begun putting many of these ideas into practice. The Kentucky Physician Leadership Institute (KPLI) provides a small group of physicians with intensive training on subjects related to personal leadership, business leadership and advocacy leadership. The first class of ten physicians included James Borders, M.D., Lexington, Philip Hurley, M.D., Owensboro, Casey Lewis, M.D., Taylorsville, Danesh Mazloomdoost, M.D., Lexington, John Patterson, M.D., Lexington, LaTonia Sweet, M.D., Winchester, Tuyen Tran, M.D., Versailles, Monalisa Tailor, M.D., Louisville and Jonathan Walters, M.D., Paducah.



Six physicians completed the KMA 2017 Community Connector Leadership Program. From left: R. Brent Wright, M.D., of Glasgow, Robert Couch, M.D., of Louisville, Patrick Withrow, M.D., of Paducah, Cynthia Rigby, M.D., of Louisville, and Sandra Shuffett, M.D., of Nicholasville. Not pictured: Robert Zaring, M.D., of Louisville.



Fifty-eight medical students from the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville completed the 2017 KMA Medical Student Outreach and Leadership Program. The students were recognized during the KMA Leadership Dinner at the KMA Annual Meeting. Those who attended included Megan Bosley, Abigail Bray, Anita Shanker, Kandice Roberts, Abi Zhang and Travis Bales; middle: Carlos Kuria, Jacob Edmisson, Jordan Hess, Hasanki Warnakula, Kevin Kwan, Bagah Joel, Collin Russell and Taylor Moody; back: Jeremy Swiney, Sibi Rajendran, Eric Weber, Connor Appleman, Nathaniel Hansen, Aaron McPheters, and Marc Kai.



In addition to the KPLI, KMA has an active **Community Connector Leadership Program (CCLP)** that for a number of years has highlighted physicians who are leaders in both their local communities and in medicine. Community Connectors also complete a public health or public education service element. Six physicians – Dr. Couch, Cynthia Rigby, M.D., Rob Zaring, M.D., Sandra Shuffett, M.D., Patrick Withrow, M.D., and R. Brent Wright, M.D. – were awarded KMA's Community Connector designation at the 2017 meeting.

"The KMA Community Connector Program is the perfect way for physicians to not only be involved, but be encouraged to do even more," Couch said.

The Annual Meeting also gave KMA the chance to recognize 58 medical students from the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville who were members of the 2017 class of the Medical Student Outreach and Leadership (MSOL) Program. The MSOL program is designed to promote community involvement, as well as to give students an opportunity to learn more about the political, social and economic issues at play in the health care system.

Ashland ophthalmologist Maurice Oakley, M.D., was sworn in as 2017-2018 KMA President at the Leadership Dinner Aug. 26. Dr. Oakley, who has held other leadership positions in the organization, is the first KMA President from Ashland in forty-seven years.



Philip Hurley, M.D., of Owensboro, left, and Jonathan Walters, M.D., of Paducah, share their insights on Kentucky's opioid epidemic at KMA's Leadership in Action educational session at the KMA 2017 Annual Meeting. They are both members of KMA's first class of the Kentucky Physicians Leadership Institute.



## JOHN M. JOHNSTONE, M.D., FACP, FACC, RECEIVES KMA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



The Kentucky Medical Association presented its Community Service Award to John M. Johnstone, M.D., FACP, FACC, of Richmond during the Leadership Dinner at the 2017 KMA Annual Meeting.

The annual award recognizes a physician who has made significant contributions to his or her community. Dr. Johnstone was selected for his tireless work on smoking cessation that led to great advocacy success. A long-time member and leader of the medical community, he has been a public voice and face on the issue of smoking cessation in his community of Richmond.

"John has been a leader in public health for many years," said KMA Board Chair Dale E. Toney, M.D. "He was the instigator for KMA's push to get smoking cessation legislation passed by pointing out the day-to-day barriers that physicians and patients face when trying to obtain smoking cessation counseling and assistance."

## CHARLES R. WOODS JR., M.D., MS, RECEIVES KMA EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Kentucky Medical Association presented its Educational Achievement Award to Charles R. Woods Jr., M.D., MS, of Louisville during the Leadership Dinner at the 2017 KMA Annual Meeting.

Dr. Woods is professor of pediatrics and interim chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Louisville School of Medicine.

The KMA Educational Achievement Award is given each year to a physician who has made contributions in all areas of teaching, research, clinical application in medical practice and patient education.

Dr. Woods graduated first in his class with highest honors from Samford University in Birmingham, Ala. He joined the University School of Medicine faculty in 2006 and has made substantial contributions in the education of medical students. He is widely recognized as an outstanding mentor and teacher and his numerous letters of support are filled with accolades for his understanding, personable attitude toward patients and students.

His colleague, Gary Marshall, M.D., remarked, "What more could you want in terms of role modeling for young physicians? His feathers are never ruffled. Physicians across the state appreciate his expertise and seek out his advice."



## FRED A. WILLIAMS JR., M.D., FACP, FACE, RECEIVES KMA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



Fred A. Williams Jr., M.D., FACP, FACE, a Louisville endocrinologist, was recognized with the Kentucky Medical Association Distinguished Service Award during the Leadership Dinner at the 2017 KMA Annual Meeting.

Dr. Williams, who served as KMA president in 2013-14, has long been active in the organization, including leading KMA through an extensive "Focus Forward" strategic planning process to meet the needs of the 21st century physician. The organizational changes that resulted from this process allowed KMA to restructure and focus on specific issues. These included tort reform, Senate Bill 89 that removes widespread barriers related to tobacco screening and cessation treatments, a "Commit to Quit" smoking cessation campaign, changes to communications and a reformatted Annual Meeting that focuses on specific issues, such as drug abuse.

Dr. Williams is also the head of KMA's new Kentucky Physicians Leadership Institute, a program that aims to build the medical leaders of the future.

## LEXINGTON MEDICAL SOCIETY ALLIANCE RECEIVES DEBRA K. BEST OUTSTANDING LAYPERSON AWARD

The Kentucky Medical Association presented its Debra K. Best Outstanding Layperson Award to the Lexington Medical Society Alliance during the Leadership Dinner at the 2017 KMA Annual Meeting.

The award is given to a non-physician or group in Kentucky who has made outstanding contributions in the field of public health and/or medical care. The Lexington Medical Society Alliance was selected for their hard work and dedication to KMA's advocacy efforts. The Alliance hosted meetings with its members and their physician spouses to discuss KMA's activities in the legislature and what they could do to help with KMA's advocacy efforts.



Lexington Medical Society Alliance members accept their award. From left, Tracy Francis, Betty Nolan, Patty Pellegrini and Cheryl Broster.

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Clockwise from left: author and journalist Sam Quinones; KPLI graduate Casey Lewis, M.D.; KMA 2017-2018 Vice Speaker, House of Delegates, Monalisa Tailor, M.D., and KMA 2017-2018 Speaker, House of Delegates, Danesh Mazloomdoost, M.D.; KMA Past President David J. Bensema, M.D., and KMA Trustee G. Randolph Schrod Jr., M.D.; KPPAC Chair Robert H. Couch, M.D., and KMA Past President Donald J. Swikert, M.D.







Clockwise from top left: KMA 2017-18 Speaker, House of Delegates, Danesh Mazloomdoost, M.D., and KMA 2017 Community Connector Patrick Withrow, M.D.; KMA 2016-17 Secretary-Treasurer Linda H. Gleis, M.D.; Director of Advancement, Facing Addiction, Inc., Ivana Grahovac; KMA Past President Nancy C. Swikert, M.D.; and Butler University Pharmacy Practice Chair and Professor of the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Jane Gervasio.





Clockwise from top left: KPLI graduate Tuyen T. Tran, M.D.; Stites and Harbison attorney Sarah Cronan Spurlock, Chief Medical Officer, University of Kentucky HealthCare, Phillip Chang, M.D., and KASPER Program Manager, Dave Hopkins; KET Producers Laura Krueger and Justin Allen; and Molly Moyer, M.D.







Clockwise from left: KMA Executive Vice President Patrick Padgett, Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer, KMA Past President Nancy C. Swikert, M.D., and Sarah Moyer, M.D.; KET host Renee Shaw; Color guard students from Moore Traditional High School; KMA Trustee J. Roger Potter, M.D., and Khaldon Jundi, M.D.; and 2017 graduates of KMA's Medical Student Outreach and Leadership Program.





## House of Delegates Meeting/Aug. 26, 2017

The names in **bold** cast votes during the House of Delegates meeting; the names in **orange** are those who are represented in other categories for voting purposes.

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**District 11** — John M. Johnstone, M.D., Richmond  
**District 12** — Naren James, M.D., Stanford  
**District 13** — Ishmael W. Stevens Jr., M.D., Ashland  
**District 14** — H. Michael Oghia, M.D., Jackson  
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**District 5** — Frank R. Burns, M.D., Louisville

**District 9** — J. Gregory Cooper, M.D., Cynthiana

**District 8** — Donald J. Swikert, M.D., Union

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**District 6** — James F. Beattie Jr., M.D., Bowling  
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**Shawn C. Jones, M.D., Paducah**

### DISTRICT 1

Graves County — Patricia M. Elliott-Williams, M.D.,  
 Mayfield  
 Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Hickman,  
 Livingston, McCracken, Marshall counties — No  
 delegates reported.

### DISTRICT 2

**Henderson County** — John McClellan, M.D.,  
**Henderson**  
 Daviess, Hancock, McLean, Ohio, Union, Webster  
 counties — No delegates reported.

### DISTRICT 3

Hopkins County — Darren C. Chapman, M.D.,  
 Madisonville, Satish J. Shah, M.D., Madisonville  
 Pennyryle (Caldwell, Christian, Lyon, Todd & Trigg  
 Counties) Crittenden, Muhlenberg counties — No  
 delegates reported.

### DISTRICT 4

Hardin County/Larue Counties — Chandler H. Park,  
 M.D., Elizabethtown, **Syed R.P. Quadri, M.D., Radcliff**  
 Marion County — Diane S. Thomas, M.D., Lebanon  
**Taylor County** — Eugene H. Shively, M.D.,  
**Campbellsville**  
 Breckenridge, Bullitt, Grayson, Green, Hart, Meade,  
 Nelson, Washington counties — No delegates  
 reported.

### DISTRICT 5

**Jefferson County (GLMS)** — Deborah Ballard, M.D.,  
**Louisville**, Susan M. Berberich, M.D., Louisville, Susan  
 G. Bornstein, M.D., Louisville, **Kelly J. Clark, M.D.,**  
**Louisville**, Mahoney England Cobb, M.D., Louisville,  
 Mary Helen Davis, M.D., Louisville, Angelena  
 Edwards, M.D., Louisville Louisville, Christian D.  
 Furman, M.D., Louisville, Greg Gleis, M.D., Louisville,

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Edmonson County — Sanjay Kaul, M.D., Brownsville  
 Monroe County — Kimberly Y. Eakle, M.D., Gamaliel  
**Warren County — Juli Anne McCay, M.D., Bowling Green, Marie L. Michelson, M.D., Bowling Green, Dennis M. O'Keefe, M.D., Bowling Green**  
 Adair, Allen, Barren, Butler, Cumberland, Logan, Metcalf, Simpson Counties — No delegates reports.

#### DISTRICT 7

Anderson, Carroll, Franklin, Gallatin, Grant, HOSS (Henry, Oldham, Shelby & Spencer Counties), Owen, Trimble counties — No delegates reported.

#### DISTRICT 8

NKMS (Boone, Kenton and Campbell Counties) — Gordon W. Air, M.D., Crescent Springs, Stephen O. Bernardon, M.D., Edgewood, Michael Lee Bowlin, M.D., Verona, **Mark A. Boyd, M.D., Fort Mitchell, Charles J. Breen, M.D., Florence, Thomas E. Bunnell, M.D., Edgewood, James C. Conner, M.D., Ft Mitchell, John P. Eldridge, M.D., Ft Wright, Tushar G. Kothari, M.D., Fort Mitchell, Kevin D. Martin, M.D., Cincinnati, Eric W. Neils, M.D., Villa Hills, Richard E. Park, M.D., Crestview Hills, Michael G. Schafer, M.D., Alexandria, William L. Stafford Jr., M.D., Edgewood, Jackie S. Sweeney, M.D., Covington, Sean D. Wells, M.D., Fort Mitchell, **Mark J. Zalla, M.D., Florence****

#### DISTRICT 9

Bath, Bourbon, Bracken, Fleming, Harrison, Mason, Nicholas, Pendleton, Scott, Robertson — No delegates reported.

#### DISTRICT 10

LMS (Fayette County) — Nick N. Abedi, M.D., Lexington,

James L. Borders, M.D., Lexington, **Larry L. Cunningham Jr., M.D., Lexington, Waller Lisle Dalton, M.D., Lexington, Lisa T. DeGnore, M.D., Lexington, Jitander S. Dudee, M.D., Lexington, Jamil Farooqui, M.D., Lexington, Richard D. Floyd IV, M.D., Lexington, Roberto Gedaly, M.D., Lexington, Thomas J. Goodenow, M.D., Lexington, Terrence R. Grimm, M.D., Lexington, Kevin C. Harned, M.D., Lexington, Hollis R. Hilty, M.D., Lexington, Kraig E. Humbach, M.D., Lexington, Farhad Karim, M.D., Lexington, Michael E. Lally, M.D., Lexington, Vinnette Theresa Little, M.D., Lexington, Mamata Gopal Majmundar, M.D., Lexington, John Michael Moore, M.D., Lexington, Charles L. Papp, M.D., Lexington, John A. Patterson, M.D., Lexington, **Khalil U. Rahman, M.D., Lexington, John D. Stewart II, M.D., Frankfort, Tuyen T. Tran, M.D., Lexington, Thomas H. Waid, M.D., Lexington, John Robert White, M.D., Lexington, Kathryn E. White, M.D., Lexington, Kathryn E. Woody, M.D., Lexington**  
 Jessamine, Woodford counties — No delegates reported.**

#### DISTRICT 11

**Clark County — Katheryn Jones, M.D.**

Jackson County — Gina L. Bingham, M.D., Tyner

**Madison County — William H. Mitchell, M.D., Richmond**  
 Estill, Lee, Menifee, Montgomery, Owsley, Powell, Wolfe counties — No delegates reported.

#### DISTRICT 12

Mercer County — Richard S. Goodstein DO, Harrodsburg,  
**Lynetta L. Stiltner D.O., Lexington**  
 Rockcastle County — George W. Griffith, M.D., Mount Vernon  
 Russell County — Jerry D. Westerfield, M.D., Russell Springs  
 Boyle, Casey, Clinton, Garrard, Lincoln, McCreary, Pulaski, Wayne counties — No delegates reported.

#### DISTRICT 13

Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Greenup, Lawrence, Lewis, Morgan, Rowan counties — No delegates reported.

#### DISTRICT 14

**Breathitt County — Sunshine Smoot, M.D.**

Perry County — Ashokkumar R. Patel, M.D., Hazard  
 Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Pike counties — No delegates reported.

#### DISTRICT 15

Harlan County — Rachel R. Eubank, M.D., Evarts  
 Whitley County — Abigail Byrnes, M.D., Corbin  
 Bell, Clay, Knox, Laurel, Leslie counties — No delegates reported.  
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 UofK Co-MSS President — Anita J. Shanker, Lexington  
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The Kentucky Medical Association House of Delegates met Aug. 26 and took action on the following reports and resolutions. The resolutions are listed by number, title and sponsor, followed by the action taken by the House of Delegates. Visit [www.kyma.org](http://www.kyma.org) for details on full proceedings of the House.

**REFERENCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS** – Danesh Mazloomdoost, M.D., of Lexington, chair, Robert H. Couch, M.D., MBA, of Louisville, John M. Johnstone, M.D., FACP, of Richmond, Michael K. Kuduk, M.D., of Winchester, Donald J. Swikert, M.D., of Union, William C. Thornbury Jr., M.D., of Glasgow

**REPORT ON SUNSETTING POLICY** – All Policies Reaffirmed

**ANNUAL REPORT** – Filed

## 2017 RESOLUTIONS

**01-2017: KENTUCKY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ADVOCACY AWARDS RESOLUTION – Adopted**  
(Kentucky Medical Association Board of Trustees)

RESOLVED: KMA bylaws be amended as follows: "Chapter III, Section 18. It shall approve all Memorials and Resolutions issued in the name of the Association before the same shall become effective, except as provided in Chapter VI, Section 4, and except for the selection of the recipient of the Kentucky Medical Association Award (Outstanding Layman), Distinguished Service Award (Outstanding Physician), and Community Service Award (Outstanding Physician), which selections shall be made by the KMA Awards Committee, and except for up to two Outstanding Advocacy Awards, which selections shall be made by the KMA Board of Trustees."

**02-2017: KENTUCKY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AUDIT RESOLUTION – Adopted**  
(Kentucky Medical Association Board of Trustees)

1st RESOLVED: KMA bylaws be amended as follows: "Chapter V, Section 7: The Secretary-Treasurer shall advise the Executive Vice President in all administrative matters of this Association and shall act as the corporate secretary in so far as the execution of official documents or institution of official actions are required. He shall

perform such duties as are placed upon him by the Constitution and Bylaws, and as may be prescribed by the Board of Trustees. The Secretary-Treasurer shall demand and receive all funds due the Association, including bequests and donations. He shall, if so directed by the House of Delegates, sell or lease any real estate belonging to the Association and execute the necessary papers and shall, subject to such direction, have the care and management of the fiscal affairs of the Association. All vouchers of the Association shall be signed by the Executive Vice President or his designee and shall be countersigned by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association. When one or more of the above-named officials are not readily available, four specifically designated representatives of the Executive Committee are authorized to countersign the vouchers, provided that in any event all vouchers of the Association shall bear a signature and a countersignature. The four members of the Executive Committee authorized to countersign vouchers shall be designated by the Board during their reorganizational meeting in September and, whenever possible should be easily accessible from the KMA Headquarters Office. All those authorized to countersign vouchers shall be required to give bond in an amount to be determined by the Board of Trustees. The Secretary-Treasurer shall report the operations of his office annually to the House of Delegates, via the Board of Trustees, and shall truly and accurately account for all funds belonging to the Association and coming into his hands during the year. His accounts shall be audited annually by a certified public accountant appointed by the Board of Trustees. The Association's annual audit shall be made available to the membership."; and be it further



KPPAC Chair Robert Couch, M.D., addresses the KMA House of Delegates.



2nd RESOLVED: KMA bylaws be amended as follows: "Chapter VI, Section 2: The Board shall meet daily, or as required, during the Annual Meeting of the Association and at such other times as necessity may require, subject to the call of the Chairman or on petition of three Trustees. It shall meet on the last day of the Annual Meeting for reorganization and for the outlining of the work for the ensuing year. It shall, through its Chairman, make an annual report to the House of Delegates outlining the Association's activities for the previous year, including reports from each commission, along with a financial report. By accepting or rejecting this report, the House may approve or disapprove the action of the Board of Trustees in whole or in part, with respect to any matter reported upon therein. In the event of a vacancy in any office other than that of President, the Board may fill the same until the annual election."; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED: KMA bylaws be amended as follows: "Chapter VI, Section 9, Paragraph 4: He shall account for and promptly turn over to the Secretary-Treasurer all funds of the Association which come into his hands. It shall be his duty to receive all bills against the Association, to investigate their fairness and correctness, to prepare vouchers covering the same, and to forward them to the Secretary-Treasurer for appropriate action. He shall keep an account with the component societies of the amounts of their assessments, collect the same, and promptly turn over the proceeds to the Secretary-Treasurer. He shall annually submit his financial books and records to a certified public accountant, approved by the Board, whose report shall be made available to the membership."

**03-2017: A SUMMARY OF AMA ACTIVITIES AT THE KMA ANNUAL MEETING – Adopted as Amended**  
(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

RESOLVED: the American Medical Association (AMA) Delegation Chair or designee annually provide a summary of AMA activities at the KMA Annual Meeting.

**04-2017: ADDICTION AND PREGNANCY – Adopted as Amended**  
(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

1st RESOLVED: KMA oppose legislation that seeks to impose criminal liability related to maternal drug addiction during pregnancy or transplacental drug transfer; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED: KMA oppose legislation that requires physicians to gather and report private personal health information to law enforcement agencies in furtherance of investigations or prosecution related to maternal drug addiction during pregnancy or transplacental drug transfer; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED: KMA, through its communication vehicles, provide information to increase knowledge regarding the effects of drug and alcohol use during pregnancy and the value of routinely inquiring about alcohol and drug use in the course of providing prenatal care.

**05-2017: EVIDENCE BASED TREATMENT AND HARM REDUCTION – Adopted as Amended**  
(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

RESOLVED: KMA (1) encourage Kentucky policy-makers to pursue an approach to the problem of drug abuse aimed at preventing the initiation of drug use, aiding those who wish to cease drug use, and diminishing the adverse consequences of drug use, by embracing a medical and public health approach; (2) encourage the expansion of opioid maintenance medication programs so that opioid maintenance therapy can be available for any individual who applies and for whom the treatment is suitable; (3) support treatment that is driven by patient needs, medical judgment, and recovery concerns; (4) acknowledge the benefits of abstinence from or reduction of drug use with the 4 primary goals of chronic disease treatment of decreased related mortality, decreased related morbidity, decreased total cost of care, and improved functioning/quality of life; (5) encourage the extensive application of needle and syringe exchange and distribution programs; (6) supports mental health and community partnerships that foster improved education and understanding regarding culturally competent, medically accepted, and scientifically proven methods of care for psychiatric and substance use disorders; (7) supports efforts of mental health providers to create respectful, collaborative relationships with local community leaders to improve access to scientifically sound mental health services.



**KMA 2017-18 President Maurice J. Oakley, M.D., thanks outgoing KMA President Nancy C. Swikert, M.D., for her service.**

#### **06-2017: HARM REDUCTION PROGRAMS – Adopted as Amended**

(Benjamin Kutnicki, MD)1st RESOLVED: KMA endorse Harm Reduction Programs including Syringe Access and Exchange and educate physicians about their efficacy in reducing the risk of spreading infectious diseases through the availability of sterile drug injection equipment; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED: KMA encourage physicians to assist local health departments in obtaining approval to operate Harm Reduction Programs including Syringe Access and Exchange from local governing bodies.

#### **07-2017: HEALTH CARE REFORM AND MENTAL HEALTH/ADDICTION SERVICES – Adopted as Amended**

(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

RESOLVED: KMA supports health care reform that meets the needs of Kentuckians, including people with mental illness and substance use/addiction disorders, and will advocate for the inclusion of full parity towards treatment equity of mental illness and substance use/addiction disorders in any Kentucky health care reform legislation or regulation.

#### **08-2017: INCREASING NALOXONE AVAILABILITY – Adopted as Amended**

(Courtney Collins; Michael J. Nisiewicz; Elizabeth A. Roney; Sherif Saleh; Carter Baughman; Robert Ramsey; Franklyn Wallace; Aisha Walton; Molly Whittaker; Lydia Livas; Neil B. Horsley, MPH - University of Kentucky College of Medicine)

RESOLVED: KMA supports increasing the availability of naloxone through 1) collaborative practices to create standing orders at pharmacies, schools, business, and other community organizations 2) by encouraging law enforcement agencies to carry naloxone and 3) by encouraging physicians to reconsider opioid management for at-risk populations and when absolutely unavoidable to co-prescribe naloxone.



Senior AMA delegate J. Gregory Cooper, M.D., left, addresses the KMA House of Delegates. KMA House of Delegates Speaker Bruce A. Scott, M.D., is also pictured.

#### **09-2017: THE ROLE OF SELF HELP GROUPS IN ADDICTION TREATMENT – Adopted**

(Kelly Clark, M.D.)

1st RESOLVED: KMA recognizes that (a) patients in need of treatment for alcohol or other drug-related disorders should be treated for these medical conditions by qualified professionals in a manner consonant with accepted practice guidelines and patient placement criteria; and (b) self-help groups are valuable resources for many patients and their families and should be considered as adjuncts to a treatment plan; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED: KMA urges managed care organizations and insurers to consider self-help as a complement to, not a substitute for, treatment directed by professionals, and to refrain from using their patient's involvement in self-help activities as a basis for denying authorization for payment for professional treatment of patients and their families who need such care.

#### **10-2017: OPIOID EPIDEMIC AND NON-PHYSICIAN PRACTITIONER PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY – Adopted as Amended**

(Northern Kentucky Medical Society)

1st RESOLVED: KMA continue to educate policymakers and the public regarding issues surrounding opioid abuse disorder and, when appropriate, offer policymakers evidenced-based solutions designed to curtail the opioid epidemic; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED: KMA continue to oppose ongoing legislative and regulatory efforts by non-physician practitioners to establish or expand prescriptive authority related to Schedule II through Schedule V controlled substances; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED: KMA work with the Kentucky Academy of Family Physicians and other state specialty societies to develop specific strategies aimed at strengthening physicians' role in leading, supervising, or collaborating with non-physician practitioners who are currently authorized to prescribe Schedule II through Schedule V controlled substances; and be it further

4th RESOLVED: KMA support statutory revisions conferring authority to the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure to establish standards, investigate complaints and, when necessary, initiate disciplinary procedures related to the prescribing and dispensing of Schedule II through Schedule V controlled substances by all practitioners, including non-physician practitioners who are currently permitted to prescribe such drugs.

#### **11-2017: PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT "OPTIMAL TEAM PRACTICE" – Adopted**

(Northern Kentucky Medical Society)

1st RESOLVED: KMA advocate against the elimination of provisions in laws and regulations that require a physician assistant to have and/or report a supervisory, collaborating or other specific relationship with a physician in order to practice; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED: KMA advocate against the establishment of autonomous state boards, with a voting membership comprised of a majority physician assistants, to license, regulate, and discipline physician assistant's; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED: KMA oppose reimbursement directly to physician assistants by public and private insurance.

#### **12-2017: KRS CHANGE FOR PRESCRIPTION REFILLS – Adopted as Amended**

(Northern Kentucky Medical Society)

RESOLVED: KMA advocate revising all applicable state statutes and regulations to permit prescriptions to be refilled for a maximum period of 15-months from the date prescribed.

#### **13-2017: SCHEDULE II PRESCRIPTIONS TOTAL 90-DAY SUPPLY – Referred to the Board of Trustees for Further Study**

(Northern Kentucky Medical Society)

RESOLVED: KMA advocate for a revision of KRS 218A.180 to allow Schedule II controlled substance prescriptions to be valid 90 days from the date written: total of 90-day supply may be split over multiple prescriptions (e.g. 1 month each); each prescription must have the date today (not post-dated) and an earliest fill date.

KMA Past President Gordin Tobin, M.D., left, attends the 2017 KMA Annual Meeting with Marie Michelson, M.D., and her husband, KMA Past President James Beattie, M.D.





#### **14-2017: COMMUNICATION WITH PHARMACIES – Adopted**

(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

RESOLVED: KMA work with health systems and the electronic health records system to improve the medication process so the retail pharmacy receives a discontinuation notice when a patient's prescription has been stopped.

#### **15-2017: PHYSICIAN PRACTICE ADMINISTRATIVE SIMPLIFICATION – Adopted as Amended**

(John Johnstone, M.D.)

RESOLVED: KMA encourage members to document administrative burdens that prevent care that they believe would lead to better health and long-term cost savings for the health care system, and develop mechanisms to report such information to the Association for possible action.

#### **16-2017: OVERCOME BARRIERS TO VOLUNTEER PHYSICIANS IMPROVING ACCESS TO KENTUCKIANS – Adopted**

(Lexington Medical Society)

RESOLVED: KMA support legislation to provide medical liability protection for physicians who provide uncompensated voluntary health care at free clinics.

#### **17-2017: RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS – Adopted as Amended**

(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

RESOLVED: KMA study how physician employment contract provisions - including restrictive covenants - may impact continuity, quality, and availability of care in Kentucky and report back to the House of Delegates at the 2018 Annual Meeting.

#### **18-2017: ERGONOMIC HAZARDS – Adopted as Amended**

(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

1st RESOLVED: KMA recognize that physicians are at risk for ergonomic and repetitive injuries, educate physicians and health care systems (hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, hospital administrators) on physical risks (the significance of prolonged neck flexion) and on the value of preventive measures; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED: KMA encourage the use of ergonomically friendly equipment and environments for physicians and other healthcare workers.



KMA House of Delegates Speaker Bruce A. Scott, M.D. addresses the House at the 2017 KMA Annual Meeting.

**19-2017: PHYSICIAN TO PHYSICIAN OPINIONS – Adopted as Amended**  
(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

RESOLVED: KMA support allowing physicians licensed in Kentucky to obtain opinions from physicians licensed in other jurisdictions without requiring the opining physician to obtain a Kentucky license.

**20-2017: HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR THE MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED - Adopted as Amended**  
(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

1st RESOLVED: KMA support the continuation of federal funding for the population covered under Medicaid to ensure that low-income patients are able to secure affordable and adequate coverage; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED: KMA continue to evaluate various proposals relating to coverage, access, delivery, and economic sustainability of health care in Kentucky, and be it further

3rd RESOLVED: KMA will advocate for a focus on preventative care as a means to decrease overall health care cost, and be it further

4th RESOLVED: KMA support the American Medical Association Vision on Health Reform as stated in its document of November 15, 2016.

**21-2017: GUN VIOLENCE – Adopted as Amended**  
(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

RESOLVED: KMA advocate for increased research into gun violence.



**John Patterson, M.D., addresses the KMA House of Delegates at the KMA 2017 Annual Meeting.**

**22-2017: SCHOOL NUTRITION – Adopted as Amended**

(Lexington Medical Society) RESOLVED: KMA advocate for Kentucky's endorsement for K-12 nutritional standards that are higher than the 2017 national standards.

**23-2017: COMPREHENSIVE SEXUAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS – Adopted**

(Franklyn Wallace, Aisha Walton, Courtney Collins - University of Kentucky College of Medicine)

1st RESOLVED: KMA supports the American Medical Association policy to oppose the sole use of abstinence only education by providing information about condoms, birth control, and other means of preventing pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED: KMA supports sexual education in schools to include information on sexual assault, consent communication, and dating violence prevention; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED: KMA supports sexual education in schools to include reference to non-traditional (LGBTQIA) practices for safe sex, in the interests of equality and prevention of sexually transmitted disease; and be it further

4th RESOLVED: KMA will work with appropriate agencies, including but not limited to the public school system, to ensure that sex education is age-appropriate, evidence-based, led by well-trained individuals, and subject to periodic evaluation and improvement.

#### **24-2017: CPR TRAINING IN HIGH SCHOOLS – Adopted**

(Kandice Roberts, Connor Appelman, Kayla King - University of Kentucky College of Medicine)

RESOLVED: KMA supports the American Medical Association policies on reducing the risk of death from cardiac arrest through 1) encouragement of CPR training in Kentucky for students enrolled in grades 7-12, 2) emphasis of the importance of Automated External Defibrillator (AED) education and instruction as part of CPR training, and 3) encouragement of increased AED availability in public spaces throughout the state.

#### **25-2017: NEUTRAL POLICY LANGUAGE ON ABORTION – Referred to the Board of Trustees for Action**

(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

RESOLVED: KMA rescind the policies found under the heading "Pregnancy, Termination of," within its Policy Manual and replace them with the following: "The Kentucky Medical Association (KMA) supports the right of physicians to practice medicine in a manner consistent with their conscience and the best interest of their patients. KMA opposes any policy that would compel a physician to practice in a way they believed to be unethical, or perform a service they believed to be immoral. KMA further opposes any policy, law or regulation that seeks to impede patient access to safe, appropriate, and legal medical care."



**Color Guard students from Moore Traditional High School.**

#### **26-2017: ENCOURAGING BREASTFEEDING AND IMPROVING ACCESS TO BREASTFEEDING-RELATED RESOURCES – Adopted as Amended**

(Aisha Walton, Carter Baughman, Franklyn Wallace, Courtney Collins - University of Kentucky College of Medicine)

1st RESOLVED: KMA supports increasing public education on the benefits of breastfeeding to both baby and mother; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED: KMA supports continuous post-partum access to and health insurance coverage for lactation consultants and affordable breast pumps; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED: KMA supports providing mothers with adequate time and a private,

hygienic space to express breast milk regardless of their employment or student status; and be it further

4th RESOLVED: KMA supports increasing and improving the follow-up with parents of newborns to ensure parents are aware of resources available to them, and to help remedy early issues in the breastfeeding process to increase breastfeeding rates and longevity.

#### **27-2017: FIREWORKS SAFETY – Reaffirmation of Current Policy in-lieu-of Proposed Resolution**

(Greater Louisville Medical Society)



# KENTUCKY PHYSICIAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE GRADUATES FIRST CLASS

## KENTUCKY PHYSICIANS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



Physicians are trained throughout medical school and residency to diagnose and treat. But leadership skills, often acquired on the job, can also have a big impact on staff, patients and the medical profession as a whole.

That's why the Kentucky Physician Leadership Institute (KPLI) was launched in 2016—to enhance the leadership skills of physicians to fill emerging leadership roles and influence health care policy in the ever-changing world of medicine.

This new training program is an initiative of the Kentucky Foundation for Medical Care and provides up to 15 physicians per year with intensive training on subjects related to personal, business and advocacy leadership.

"I gained a new knowledge set that I had not been previously exposed to," said Casey Lewis, M.D., Mt. Washington. "This included communication skills, business theories and networking and leadership opportunities."

Staff from Butler University helped conduct three weekend sessions held during the summer of 2017 that covered the personal, business and advocacy sides of leadership and culminated with the Leadership in Action session at the KMA Annual Meeting, where KPLI participants engaged the audience in an in-depth analysis of the opioid epidemic.

"The KPLI group was trained to make a difference," R. Brent Wright, M.D., KMA Vice President noted,

"and KMA put them right to work at our annual meeting by having them lead a discussion on the opioid issue. It was the first such open discussion held by physicians from around the state of which I am aware."

In addition to Lewis, the first class of 10 physicians included six from the central Kentucky area. James Borders, M.D.; Mamata Majmundar, M.D.; Danesh Mazloomdoost, M.D.; and John Patterson, M.D., all of Lexington, along with Latonia Sweet, M.D., of Winchester and Tuyen Tran, M.D., of Versailles. Also part of the first KPLI class was Monalisa Tailor, M.D., of Louisville, Jonathan Walters, M.D., of Paducah, and Philip Hurley, M.D., of Owensboro.

"My business and advocacy skills were improved with the multiple leadership models and examples presented by the Butler Faculty," said Dr. Hurley.

"I gained insight on how to better manage complex problems. This insight came not only from the Butler faculty, but from the fellow KPLI physicians. Being such a diverse group (in multiple ways) gave me new insights."

"KPLI allowed me to set time aside to take inventory of my personal leadership strengths and weaknesses," Lewis added. "The instructors from Butler University helped me to realize that leadership skills can be taught, learned, practiced and improved. I was also able to identify opportunities in organized medicine to be an active participant and voice for my profession."

**KPLI is now accepting applications for the 2018 program. The deadline to apply is Feb. 28, 2018.** Visit <http://www.kyfmcc.org/leadership/> for more information and for the program application.



The first class of Kentucky Physicians Leadership Institute participants was recognized during the KMA Leadership Dinner at the KMA Annual Meeting. Those who attended include from front, left: Tuyen T. Tran, M.D. of Lexington, Danesh Mazloomdoost, M.D. of Lexington, James L. Borders, M.D. of Lexington and Mamata Majmundar, M.D. of Lexington; from back, left: Casey Lewis, M.D. of Mt. Washington, Jonathan Walters, M.D. of Paducah, LaTonia Sweet, M.D. of Winchester and John Patterson, M.D. of Lexington. Not pictured: Philip Hurley, M.D., Owensboro and Monalisa Tailor, M.D., Louisville.

**The Kentucky Medical Association is proud of the legacy of Dr. Lunsford P. Yandell, Sr., and dedicated the 2017 Annual Meeting to his honor.**

Lunsford Pitts Yandell, Sr., M.D. was the 20th President of the Kentucky State Medical Association (KSMA) in 1878. This as the capstone of his service to the Association and to Kentucky medical education. He was a key faculty member of Lexington's Transylvania University (1831-36) and a founding member and first Dean the University of Louisville School of Medicine (1837). He contributed greatly to the success of both schools as leader, scholar, writer and editor, and he was instrumental in teaching hundreds of physicians who served for Kentucky and beyond.

#### ORIGINS AND EDUCATION

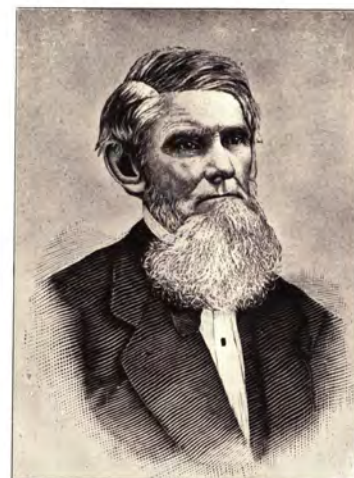
Yandell was born in 1805 on the American frontier, in an area that is now central Tennessee. His father, Wilson Yandell, M.D., was a pioneer physician, who rode daily long horseback journeys to attend his patients. His mother, Susan Wendel Yandell, provided him with an excellent education in their remote, frontier setting. His undergraduate schooling was at Lexington's Transylvania University. As an undergraduate, he attended some medical lectures and greatly impressed medical dean Charles Caldwell. Yandell went on to the University of Maryland School of Medicine, and obtained his medical degree.

#### EARLY PRACTICE AND LEXINGTON YEARS

After graduation, Yandell entered practice near his home in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. After four years of practice, he moved to Nashville in 1830, attracted by "scholars and rich libraries." In 1831, he returned to Kentucky, when called by Professor Caldwell to become Professor of Chemistry at Transylvania University Medical Department. He was highly principled, with stern demeanor and strong opinions. His energy and focus made him a most effective teacher. Although his primary scholarship and interests were Physiology and Paleontology, his intellect and versatility allowed him to teach in other medical disciplines well.

#### LOUISVILLE YEARS

In 1837, a conflict split the Transylvania medical faculty, causing Yandell, Caldwell, and John Esten Cooke, M.D. to leave for Louisville and found the Louisville Medical Institute, which would later become the University of Louisville. Yandell served as founding Dean and Chemistry Professor. When Caldwell relinquished the Chair of Physiology in 1849, Yandell succeeded him to teach the discipline he



DOCTOR LUNSFORD P. YANDELL, SENIOR.

Illustration courtesy of Dr. Robert Peter's "The History of the Medical Department of Transylvania University" (Louisville, Ky.; John P. Morton & Company, 1905).

preferred. During Yandell's 22 year UofL service, he wrote over 120 scientific papers on medicine and paleontology. He edited two medical journals, including the respected Western Journal of Medicine and Surgery, along with Daniel Drake, M.D., another legendary Kentucky physician. Yandell's two sons also became physicians and leaders. Lunsford P. Yandell, Jr. became Kentucky's first Dermatologist. David Wendel Yandell became one of America's most acclaimed surgeons, an AMA President and an international representative of American medicine.

#### CIVIL WAR YEARS

In 1859, Yandell was recruited to establish a medical school in Memphis, Tennessee. Shortly thereafter, the Civil War broke out, and he became a physician in the Confederate Army, as did his sons. At the war's end, Yandell, a serious Bible student, was ordained a Presbyterian minister in 1864. For two years, he pursued dual careers as physician and pastor in Dancyville, Tennessee.

#### LATER YEARS AND KSMA LEADERSHIP

In 1867, Yandell returned to Louisville with his sons to resume practice and reclaim a leadership role in post-war medical progress. In 1872, he was elected President of the Louisville College of Physicians and Surgeons, and he became active in the Kentucky State Medical Association. In 1878, he was elected President of the KSMA. Later that year, he died at age 73, leaving enduring contributions to 19th century Kentucky and American medicine.

## KBML APPLAUDS COLLABORATION IN REDUCING DRUG ABUSE; REMINDS PHYSICIANS OF CME REQUIREMENTS

By Michael S. Rodman, Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure Executive Director



As the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure approaches the end of 2017, the Board would like to reflect on some of activities of the past year.

Similar to past years, one of the major issues the Board has continually focused its attention is its role in reducing prescription drug abuse in Kentucky. It truly understands to effectively make a difference in Kentucky's drug problem, it must continue with these collaborative efforts as they are making a positive difference in the lives of the citizens of the Commonwealth. Like other states, officials in Kentucky have recognized the challenge of addressing prescription drug abuse requires a comprehensive and coordinated statewide strategy that restricts access to prescription drugs for illicit use but ensures access for those who legitimately need it.

A perfect example of this recognition can be seen HB 333, sponsored by Rep. Kim Moser, which was enacted by the 2017 Kentucky General Assembly and signed by Governor Bevin. This important piece of legislation, which is similar to the efforts in numerous other states, addressed a host of issues related to controlled substances ranging from penalties for trafficking fentanyl, carfentanyl, and fentanyl derivatives to putting in place prescribing limits for acute pain for physicians and other practitioners. In regards to the acute prescribing limits, HB 333 amends KRS 218A.205 to require state licensure boards to promulgate regulations limiting prescriptions for Schedule II controlled substances for acute pain to a three day supply with several exceptions. In response to the legislation, the Board filed an amendment to 201 KAR 9:260, which is the Board's regulation for setting out the standards for prescribing and dispensing controlled substances in Kentucky. It is important to note the provisions of HB 333 do not apply to the use of opioids for the treatment of chronic pain. Once the regulation is finalized and in effect, the Board will provide additional educational information to physicians about the new provisions in the law.

Another issue physicians should be made aware of is the fact we are closing in on the last year of the current CME cycle. According to 201 KAR 9:310, all physicians maintaining a current Kentucky medical/osteopathic license are required to complete sixty (60) hours of CME every three (3) year cycle, with thirty (30) hours being certified in AMA or AOA Category I by an organization accredited by the Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education (CME). The current CME cycle ends on **December 31, 2017.**

It is important for physicians to remember the continuing medical education requirements related to HB 1, which went into effect in 2012, remain ongoing. According to the regulation, for each three (3) year continuing education cycle beginning on January 1, 2015, a licensee who is authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances in the Commonwealth at any time during that cycle shall complete at least four and one-half (4.5) hours of approved continuing education hours relating to the use of KASPER, pain management, addiction disorders, or a combination of two (2) or more of those subjects. A licensee may satisfy this requirement by completing a single approved program of 4.5 hours or longer or by completing multiple approved programs for a total of 4.5 hours or longer for that cycle. A summary of the Board's CME requirements is available on at [www.kbml.ky.gov](http://www.kbml.ky.gov).

The Board also welcomed the appointment of four new members this year, with the appointment of Kenneth J. Payne, M.D., who practices Obstetrics/Gynecology in Louisville and was appointed by Governor Bevin. Dr. Payne filled the vacancy left by Tamella B. Cassis, M.D., whose term expired. Governor Bevin also appointed Richard Whitehouse, Esq., to the Board in the role as a consumer member. Mr. Whitehouse is a healthcare executive in Louisville and filled the vacancy left by Thangam Rangaswamy, Ph.D., whose term also expired. In addition, Governor Bevin appointed Sandra Shuffett, M.D., who practices Radiology in Lexington. Dr. Shuffett filled the vacancy left by Heidi Koenig, M.D., whose term expired. Finally, Governor Bevin appointed W. Duncan Crosby III, Esq., to the Board in the role as a consumer member and fills the vacancy left by Patrick Hughes, Esq. Mr. Crosby is a practicing attorney in Louisville.

In conclusion, the Board would like to thank the Kentucky Medical Association for its continued support and assistance throughout the year and looks forward to our continued collaboration on a host of issues. If the Board can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact our staff at (502) 429-7150.



## THESE KMA MEMBER PHYSICIANS HAVE BEEN PRACTICING MEDICINE FOR 50 YEARS OR MORE

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 Brian Alpert, DDS, Louisville  
 Timir Banerjee, M.D., Louisville  
 Constancio M. Bautista, M.D., Mt. Washington  
 Prana R. Bhatt, M.D., Bowling Green  
 Lawrence H. Boram, M.D., Louisville  
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 Joanne D. Corum, M.D., Pineville  
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 Robert M. Weiss, M.D., Prospect  
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 David White, M.D., Louisville  
 Larry S. Wigginton, M.D., Owensboro  
 John L. Wilhelmus, M.D., Lexington  
 T. Allen Woodward, M.D., Harrodsburg



These physicians, who have all been practicing medicine for 50 years or more, attended the 2017 KMA Annual Meeting in August. Left, Kenneth Henderson, M.D, Jerry Westerfield, M.D., Marshall Johnson, M.D., and John Guarnaschelli, M.D.

# DECEASED KMA MEMBER PHYSICIANS AS OF AUG. 3, 2017

**Phillip R. Aaron, M.D.**, Adair County 8/8/2016

**James M. Barr Jr., M.D.**, Franklin County 8/27/2016

**Robert L. Beanblossom, M.D.**, Jefferson County  
11/5/2016

**Thomas E. Booth, M.D.**, Jefferson County 5/27/2017

**Stephen H. Boyer, M.D.**, Kenton County 9/1/2016

**Herbert C. Bradley, M.D.**, Jefferson County  
11/15/2016

**Carroll C. Brooks, M.D.**, Warren County 9/10/2016

**Burton J. Cohen, M.D.**, Jefferson County 2/22/2017

**Wayne C. Cole, D.O.**, Webster County 4/17/2017

**William B. Cook, M.D.**, Fayette County 12/28/2016

**Roy G. Cooksey Jr., M.D.**, Warren County 8/14/2016

**Joseph P. Dibeneditto, M.D.**, Johnson County  
8/10/2016

**W.B. Owen Edelen, M.D.**, Jefferson County 5/12/2017

**Anthony C. Enlow, M.D.**, Boyle County 11/21/2016

**James L. Ferrell, M.D.**, Bourbon County 9/18/2016

**Herbert B. Francis, M.D.**, Boone County 1/20/2017

**Smith H. Gibson, M.D.**, Kenton County 2/28/2017

**Sylvan A. Golder, M.D.**, Kenton County 3/17/2017

**Katharine N. Hagan, M.D.**, Jefferson County  
6/16/2017

**Kenneth W. Hodge, M.D.**, Jefferson County 3/21/2017

**Clare C. Hugan, M.D.**, Kenton County 3/9/2017

**Diosdado Irlandez, M.D.**, Jefferson County 7/9/2017

**Arthur H. Isaacs, M.D.**, Jefferson County 2/14/2017

**David L. Jackson, M.D.**, Fayette County 6/25/2017

**Harold L. Johnson, M.D.**, Franklin County 9/22/2016

**Oren W. Justice, M.D.**, Boyd County 10/6/2016

**Ali Hussein Kanbar, M.D.**, Hopkins County 7/20/2017

**F. Warren Kemper, M.D.**, Jefferson County 8/7/2016

**Houshang Khorram, M.D.**, Bell County 10/18/2016

**Astra U. Kidd, M.D.**, Hardin County 6/19/2017

**Robert C. Kidd, M.D.**, Jefferson County 3/10/2017

**Robert C. Kratz, M.D.**, Boone County 2/23/2017

**Charles Lee, M.D.**, Fayette County 8/29/2016

**Frank W. Lehn, M.D.**, Jefferson County 7/2/2017

**John C. Marsh, M.D.**, Barren County 4/1/2017

**Edward N. Maxwell, M.D.**, Jefferson County 2/13/2017

**Paul McGroarty, M.D.**, Fayette County 6/9/2017

**F. Albert Olash Sr., M.D.**, Jefferson County 2/17/2017

**Paul J. Parks, M.D.**, Warren County 2/11/2017

**Arvis Porter, M.D.**, Rowan County 7/1/2017

**Henry W. Post, M.D.**, Jefferson County 9/10/2016

**Edward H. Ray Jr., M.D.**, Fayette County 6/3/2017

**John D. Redden, M.D.**, Kenton County 12/8/2016

**Dreama Darlene Rucker, M.D.**, Rowan County  
12/23/2016

**Nassir Saghafi, M.D.**, McCracken County 7/4/2017

**Arthur P. Schneider II, M.D.**, Fayette County 7/5/2017

**James A. Schroer, M.D.**, Campbell County 1/10/2017

**Gene W. Scott, M.D.**, Whitley County 12/31/2016

**Tufan I. Senler, M.D.**, Jefferson County 11/19/2016

**Patrick A. Sheridan, M.D.**, Franklin County 9/18/2016

**Harold E. Shufflebarger, M.D.**, Carter County  
8/12/2016

**James H. Simrall, M.D.**, Jefferson County 4/9/2017

**James J. Smith II, M.D.**, Jefferson County 12/31/2016

**Harry D. Stambaugh, M.D.**, Jefferson County 1/1/2017

**David B. Stevens, M.D.**, Fayette County 2/10/2017

**Raymond J. Timmerman, M.D.**, Campbell County  
3/28/2017

**John T. Trump, M.D.**, Fayette County 9/3/2016

**William S. Van Meter, M.D.**, Fayette County  
9/28/2016

**William E. Yancey, M.D.**, Jefferson County 9/22/2016



## MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN KENTUCKY'S HEALTH

The Kentucky Foundation for Medical Care works to improve the lives of all Kentuckians through medical education and public health initiatives, such as these programs.



The KFMC awarded four grants to address health care needs of a population in need. The grants were recommended by KMA members who have completed the Association's Community Connector Leadership Program.



The KFMC was the lead sponsor in the Commit to Quit smoking cessation campaign, partnering with health care groups throughout Kentucky.

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## 2018 Schedule

### The Personal Side of Leadership

Friday, July 13-Saturday, July 14

Introduces participants to many of the critical communication skills associated with being an effective leader. Emphasis placed on how to use those skills.

### From Leadership to Advocacy

Friday, Aug. 10-Saturday, Aug. 11

Introduces participants to the critical role advocacy plays in ensuring access to health care at the community level.

### The Business of Leadership

Friday, July 27-Saturday, July 28

Introduces participants to the structure and language of business. Participants gain an understanding of components of health care organizations.

### Leadership in Action

Saturday, Aug. 25 (At KMA Annual Meeting)

Provides participants with an opportunity to engage in an in-depth analysis of a key issue facing health care today. Designed to complement other modules.



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