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Members of the KMA share a mission of commitment to the profession and service to the citizens of this Commonwealth that extends across rural and urban areas. From solo practitioners to academicians to large, multi-specialty groups, KMA is the only state association representing every specialty and type of medical practice in Kentucky.

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NOW IS THE TIME TO UNITE AS PHYSICIANS

By Bruce A. Scott, M.D., 2018-2019 KMA President



I was honored to be installed as the 2018-2019 KMA President during the Association's Annual Leadership Dinner on Aug. 25. During my inauguration, I spoke of the importance of our profession uniting together at a time when there is so much division within our country. Today, I'd like to share part of that message with our entire membership.

The Kentucky Medical Association is all about bringing physicians together in the best interest of our patients and our profession. Over the last year, under the

leadership of Dr. Maurice Oakley and our board working with our incredible KMA staff, we have had a number of victories, yet there is much more to be done.

First, let's start with our broken professional liability system, which:

- places unlimited, unpredictable risks on physicians,
- exacerbates the Kentucky physician shortage,
- weakens quality control,
- drives up healthcare costs,
- and leaves injured patients in a lottery like system where the only winners are the lawyers.

There is also much work to be done in public health as Kentucky continues to place near the bottom in health rankings. We continue to have the highest death rate from tobacco in the United States. Certainly, Senate Bill 89, supported by KMA and signed into law in 2017, mandating that health plans cover tobacco cessation medications and treatment, is a step in the right direction. Joining other groups concerned about public health, we must continue to advocate to reduce the ravages of tobacco.

As Kentucky physicians, we see first-hand the impact of the opioid epidemic both from prescription opioids and now the shift to heroin. Advances have been made in the number of physicians who are gaining a better understanding of opioid abuse and getting educated on treatment options, including medication assisted treatment. Thankfully, opioid prescribing is declining. We must continue to educate the public and our legislators to recognize the underlying disease of addiction and advocate for coverage of treatment.

Shifting from public health to the health of our practices.... those of us that were in practice in the mid-90s remember the multi-year fight in the legislature and the courts to eliminate the provider tax. It reared its ugly head again near the end of last legislative session as the General Assembly looked for "easy money" to balance the budget. Thankfully, with quick action and discussions with key legislators we were able to kill that – but recent discussions indicate there is an effort to try to revive the monster. For many practices a provider tax could spell the end. If there ever was a time for us to unite around an issue, THIS IS IT!

As a practicing physician myself I know that physicians are overwhelmed by administrative burdens that are not meaningful and do not improve quality. A recent survey of physicians showed that more than 50% of physicians report symptoms of burnout, and the greatest factors causing this burnout are barriers to practicing high quality care.

Near the top of most physicians' list of administrative burdens that "add no value" is prior authorization.

More than 40% of physicians reported spending greater than 10 hours per week on prior authorizations. A study published in *Health Affairs* estimated that physician practices spend between 23 and 31 billion dollars per year on administrative issues such as prior authorization. What a waste of resources!

But beyond cost, inefficiency and physician frustration, these burdens also impact the quality of patient care. Ninety percent of physicians surveyed reported delays in needed medical care because of prior authorization, not to mention the added stress upon the patient because they are not able to receive the medication, the diagnostic study or procedure that their trusted physician has recommended.

In the 2018 legislative session, legislation on prior authorizations was introduced by Sen. Ralph Alvarado, M.D., and between legislative sessions your leadership team is actively engaged in efforts to reduce this burden.

Earlier this year, the American Medical Association (AMA), KMA, the Greater Louisville Medical Society (GLMS) and specialty societies worked together and were able to convince Anthem to withdraw their plan to cut reimbursement of office-based procedures by 50%. Now health plans want to retrospectively review emergency visits to see if they were real emergencies, so they can deny payment, or alternatively, they have proposed that they just stop paying for the highest severity level of emergency department visits. At least one insurer has proposed that anesthesiologists are not necessary for cataract surgery. Rest assured, KMA will continue to advocate to protect our patients from onerous health plan policies.

Another major cause of physician dissatisfaction and burnout is the electronic health record. If you think your days are filled with too much paperwork (or should I say computer work), and not enough time with patients, you are not alone. A recent AMA study found that physicians spend an average of two hours working on electronic records for every one hour of direct patient care. Computers should reduce repetitive tasks, yet a study published in the *American Journal of Emergency Medicine* found that on average an emergency medicine physician clicks 4,000 times in an 8-hour shift. KMA is working together with AMA for meaningful change for simplification of EHRs and reduction in documentation requirements.

As your President, this coming year I will continue to work on all these issues and the other challenges that are sure to arise, but I cannot do it alone. Thank you for your membership. Please stay involved. We need every one of you and your colleagues to join us in our fight.

NOW is the time for us to unite as physicians. Our profession and our patients deserve nothing less.

DR. BRUCE SCOTT SEEKS TO BRING ORGANIZED MEDICINE TOGETHER



Bruce Scott, M.D. is installed as the 168th President of the Kentucky Medical Association by 2017-2018 KMA President Maurice Oakley, M.D. on Aug. 25.

Bruce A. Scott, M.D., a Louisville otolaryngologist, was installed as the 168th President of the Kentucky Medical Association during the Association's Annual Meeting on Aug. 25.

Dr. Scott returned to Kentucky in 1993, after completing his undergraduate degree at Vanderbilt University, medical school and residency at the University of Texas Medical Branch and fellowship training at the University of Texas Health Science Center. He has been practicing otolaryngology in his hometown of Louisville ever since. He maintains an active clinical practice as a Partner and President of Kentuckiana Ear, Nose and Throat, serves as medical director of a multispecialty ambulatory surgery center, and holds a clinical appointment at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. Dr. Scott is board-certified in both otolaryngology and facial plastic reconstructive surgery.

While in Texas, Dr. Scott became involved with the American Medical Association (AMA), rising to become the Chairperson of AMA-Resident Physician Section. After returning to Kentucky, he continued his involvement in local, state and national medical associations. He has served on the Greater Louisville Medical Association (GLMS) Board for more than 20 years, including as President and Chairperson. Dr. Scott has been a member of the Kentucky Medical Association (KMA) Board of Trustees for more than 15 years. Prior to being selected as President-Elect, he served as Speaker of the KMA House of Delegates. As a young physician, Dr. Scott was selected as the national Young Physician Section Delegate to the AMA and in 1998 was elected as the young physician on the AMA Board of Trustees. He has been a member of the KMA Delegation to the AMA for 15 years and currently serves on the AMA Board of Trustees as the Vice Speaker of the AMA House of Delegates.

An author of myriad articles for peer-reviewed publications, as well as chapters in otolaryngology textbooks, Dr. Scott also speaks to physician

audiences around the country on topics ranging from leadership and advocacy to sinusitis and clinical documentation.

When thinking about his goals for his year as KMA President, Dr. Scott says he would like to see physicians across the state unite around the issues that matter most to their practice and their patients.

"There is so much that binds us together, but we too often focus on what divides us. A great example is reducing the burden of prior authorization – 90% of physicians agree that prior authorization delays needed medical care and adds stress to the patient-physician relationship. Near the top of most physician's list of administrative burdens that interfere with patient care is prior authorization. KMA is advocating for transparency, simplification, expedited processes and compliance with published quality standards."

Dr. Scott is also passionate about KMA's work in the public health space, particularly tobacco use. "Kentucky continues to have the highest death rate from tobacco in the United States. As an otolaryngologist, I see the health impacts ranging from eustachian tube dysfunction in children exposed to second hand smoke to sinus and voice problems in adults, and even worse yet, head and neck cancer. Now we have a new generation smoking and vaping. The data is clear, tobacco causes disease and death."

In his free time, Dr. Scott enjoys traveling with his wife and family. He is married to his college sweetheart, Christy, and is the proud father of three young adults.

"Believe it or not, I actually enjoy all of the traveling that I do with my responsibilities for the Kentucky Medical Association and the American Medical Association. It gives me the opportunity to meet physicians from across our commonwealth and the country. When I am not traveling, there is nothing I enjoy more than sitting on my deck, relaxing with a nice glass of wine, and engaging in lively conversation with family and friends."



Family members of Bruce Scott, M.D. (center) during the 2018 KMA Leadership Dinner. From left: his niece, Carolyn Scott, M.D., daughter-in-law Kathryn Scott and son Preston Scott, his wife, Christy Scott, daughter Stephanie Scott, and her fiancé, Kyle Hatton. Not pictured is son Ian Scott.

The Kentucky Medical Association's committees and commissions have been active over the past year. This report was presented to delegates at the KMA 2018 Annual Meeting, held in August.

Commission on Legislative and Political Advocacy (COLPA)

Donald J. Swikert, M.D., Chair



The Commission on Legislative and Political Advocacy (COLPA) worked with the KMA Legislative Quick Action Committee to organize and oversee the state and federal advocacy activities of the Association. Most notably, committee members helped determine legislative priorities for what proved to be a very volatile 2018 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly. The Committee's advice and counsel proved effective. Despite the turmoil lawmakers faced with the biennial budget and the state's public pension crisis, KMA was

able to find success and secure passage of several pieces of legislation that will improve Kentucky's overall health care climate and further protect both patients and providers. The following is a sampling of that legislation.

Peer Review Protections (House Bill 4): Protects the peer review process to allow physicians and hospitals to assess their work without the possibility of their opinions being used in a medical malpractice claim. The passage of House Bill 4 is a win for physicians, as Kentucky was one of only two states in the country lacking these protections prior to this legislation.

Credentialing Reform (House Bill 69): Requires the Department of Medicaid Services to designate a single credentialing verification organization to verify credentials for DMS and all Medicaid Managed Care Organizations. The measure will also streamline provider enrollment and credentialing procedures as well.

KMA spent much of the 2018 session working to oppose several bills that posed threats to the public and the practice of medicine, including issues related to scope of practice and mandated continuing medical education. The Association proved to be successful in those efforts. KMA also was able to bypass an effort to establish a physician provider tax as legislators searched for additional revenue in the final days of the session.

KMA devotes a significant amount of time representing physicians in Frankfort. However, KMA continues to engage in advocacy on the national stage as well. In February, KMA representatives attended the AMA National Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C. and met with members of the Kentucky federal delegation. KMA's visits to Capitol Hill remain especially important since six of the eight members of the state's federal delegation hold leadership or key committee positions that set the direction for the nation's health care policy (see below). Topics for discussion included the state's opioid epidemic, implementation of the Medicare Quality Payment Program, regulatory relief for physician practices, and various issues surrounding health care reform.

- U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell (Senate Majority Leader)
- U.S. Senator Rand Paul (Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions)
- U.S. Representative Brett Guthrie, KY-02 (House Energy and Commerce Committee, Health Subcommittee, Vice-Chair)
- U.S. Representative John Yarmuth, KY-03 (House Budget Committee, Ranking Member)
- U.S. Representative Hal Rogers, KY-05 (House Appropriations Committee, Past Chairman)
- U.S. Representative Andy Barr, KY-06 (House Financial Services Committee)

KMA achieved advocacy success with payer-related issues as well. After months of pushback from organized medicine, Anthem decided to rescind a policy to reduce payments for E&M services reported with CPT modifier 25. While the American Medical Association met with Anthem about the changes on a national level, KMA and Greater Louisville Medical Society (GLMS) leadership held discussions with local Anthem officials to strongly oppose the policy and advocate for its retraction. This effort was supported by a public relations campaign, which included op-eds from KMA and GLMS leadership regarding the controversial issue.

COLPA would like to thank the KMA membership and the leadership of the county medical societies for contributing to yet another successful year. Many members traveled to Frankfort to testify before committees on behalf of the physician community, and countless more made direct contact with their state and federal lawmakers. Such efforts advanced the priorities of physicians and patients across the Commonwealth and set a great foundation for the year ahead.

Resident and Fellow Section Governing Council

Shachi Pandya, M.D., Chair



The Resident and Fellow Section (RFS) Governing Council met in conjunction with the Commission on Physician Licensure and Workforce to discuss several pieces of legislation considered by the General Assembly. Of special interest to the RFS was the passage of the telehealth bill (Senate Bill 112) and the increased use of telehealth in Kentucky and across state lines.

Lauren Dyer, M.D., from the University of Louisville/Glasgow Family Medicine Residency program was elected as the KMA Delegate to the AMA Resident Fellow Section (AMA-RFS) Annual Meeting. The AMA-RFS adopted resolutions calling for mandated critical congenital heart defect screening in newborns and the development of model legislation concerning the ownership of medical records.

KMA once again participated in the 2018 New Resident Orientations with David Bensema, M.D., addressing the University of Kentucky on June 18, and Robert Couch, M.D., addressing the University of Louisville on June 29. These speeches highlighted KMA's public health initiatives and vibrant social media presence and encouraged residents to become involved with their professional societies early in their careers.



Residents from the University of Louisville during New Resident Orientation on June 29.

Commission on Long Range Planning

Michael K. Kuduk, M.D., Chair



The Commission on Long Range Planning formulated, discussed and recommended to the Board of Trustees a long-term project called “Administrative Improvements in Medicine” or “AIM.” The passage of Senate Bill 89 regarding smoking cessation in 2017 led to this initiative. Before the 2017 session, KMA met with physicians who pointed out that insurers did not adequately cover smoking cessation products, including counseling and medications. Based on information gathered by KMA, Senate Bill 89 was passed by the General

Assembly due to the fact that legislators on both sides of the aisle were appalled that smoking cessation was not being adequately addressed. The commission sought to build on that work and learn how administrative issues impact overall health in Kentucky. AIM focuses on five areas where Kentucky stands as an outlier compared to the rest of the nation: smoking, drug abuse, obesity, diabetes and flu/pneumonia. The goal of the initiative is to gather information to identify possible administrative, regulatory, legal or public education impediments that might be addressed. KMA is tackling its first barrier with a public health campaign centered on the flu called “Focus on Flu.”

The 2013 KMA Focus Forward strategic plan that fundamentally changed the organization and created the Long Range Planning Commission received great exposure through a special edition of the statewide healthcare publication *Medical News*, which highlighted the success of the changes made through that effort.



Commission on Physician Licensure and Workforce

Eric F. Lydon, M.D., Chair



The Commission on Physician Licensure and Workforce worked with the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure (KBML) to review several pieces of legislation considered by the General Assembly during the 2018 session. These included the potential reorganization of the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure (House Bill 465), Telehealth (Senate Bill 112), and the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (Senate Bill 153).

House Bill 465 was introduced in the 2018 Kentucky General Assembly to reorganize over 40 boards and commissions, including the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure (KBML), and place them under the oversight of the Public Protection Cabinet. Although it did not pass during the 2018 session, there is a possibility that some of the changes outlined in the legislation could be carried out by executive order during the interim session or new legislation could be introduced for 2019.

Commission members also discussed the recently passed telehealth bill (Senate Bill 112), a measure that requires, with some exceptions, health plans

and Medicaid Managed Care Organizations to reimburse providers at the same rates for services delivered in person or via telehealth.

William Thornbury, M.D., served as a physician advocate for the telehealth measure and provided the Commission with a thorough overview of the legislation. Telehealth continues to be of interest to the Commission for its potential to help physicians increase efficiencies and ease the provider shortage problems in the state.

Senate Bill 153, if passed, would have entered Kentucky in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC). The IMLC is an agreement between states and the Medical and Osteopathic boards in those states to offer an expedited pathway to licensure for qualified physicians who wish to practice in multiple states. Although not currently a member of the compact, a recent focus of the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure has been to streamline the licensure process and make it more efficient. The Commission will continue to monitor this issue as it is likely to be revisited by the General Assembly as the number of physicians participating in telehealth across state lines increases.

Commission on Public Health

John M. Jonhstone, M.D., Chair



Smoking cessation and drug addiction remained focus areas of the Public Health Commission. While these two issues will continue to be top priorities for the upcoming year, the Commission will also aid in the implementation of KMA's “Focus on Flu” initiative, a patient-focused public health campaign to raise awareness regarding how to avoid or mitigate the effects of the flu virus.

The very effective “Commit to Quit” campaign, a smoking cessation effort introduced by KMA in 2016, will continue as a new 50 cent tobacco tax begins to take effect. The Commission will also look for ways to integrate tobacco cessation coverage into the recently passed telehealth bill (Senate Bill 112), legislation which for the first time provides improved telehealth coverage and payment parity requirements for Kentucky Medicaid, Medicaid managed care organizations, and commercial health plans.

The Public Health Commission was also instrumental in identifying administrative burdens and barriers that interfere with patient care. This feedback will be the central focus of KMA's new “Administrative Improvements in Medicine” (AIM) initiative, an effort to tackle administrative issues, laws, and regulations that are detrimental to the health of Kentuckians. AIM will center specifically on five key issues that currently plague Kentucky residents: smoking, drug abuse, obesity, diabetes, and flu/pneumonia. The Commission looks forward to playing a critical role in the AIM Initiative.

As insurers continue the transition to “value based health care,” a delivery model in which providers, including hospitals and physicians, are paid based on patient health outcomes, the Public Health Commission has supported a common, limited measurement set of meaningful quality measures that can be used by all insurers in Kentucky. Clinical comments from the Commission ensured that all health priorities were represented as part of the core set of fifty measures.

CME Committee and CME Council

John L. Roberts, M.D., Chair

James L. Borders, M.D., Chair



The Continuing Medical Education (CME) Committee and the CME Council expanded their support of providers and educational offerings during the last year.



The KMA Professional Development for CME Professionals program enjoyed a very successful first year. Over 90% of KMA CME providers are participating in this program. Education centers on communication, time management, continuing medical education accreditation requirements and professional development. This innovative platform is provided in an on-demand format at no cost to providers. A new provider training, "Roadmap to CME," offers an introduction to the CME process and requirements and has been very successful.

KMA Director of Education Miranda Mosley was featured as a speaker at the Midwest Regional CME Symposium in Indianapolis attended by CME professionals from several states. In April, Miranda also presented at the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education's annual meeting. This event was attended by several hundred CME representatives from around the country. Her presentation featured personality differences and communications techniques to improve and support effective professional relationships.

Nineteen health systems receive accreditation through the KMA and, over the last 12 months, two CME providers from 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. Joint providership accreditation also continued its substantial growth in this reporting period.

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 on Physical Education and Medical Aspects of Sports 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). The following list of issues were addressed by the Committee:

- concussions and return-to-play procedures;
- injury data collection;
- energy drink guidelines;
- pre-participation physicals;
- performance-enhancing supplements;
- softball face masks;
- mental health issues among school-age student athletes;

- KHSAA transgender guidelines;
- daith piercing;
- co-ed wrestling;
- skin issues in wrestling; and,
- evaluation and treatment of heat stroke.

The Committee will submit recommendations, if any, on these matters to the KMA Board of Trustees and the KHSAA for their consideration.

Budget Committee

David J. Bensema, M.D., Chair



The Budget Committee had a very busy year dealing with issues that impact KMA's finances. The committee reviewed proposed expenditures and income for KMA's coming fiscal year (2019) and prepared a budget that was approved by the KMA Board of Trustees. The budget for 2018 is expected to finish in the black for the first time in many years thanks to both a reduction in costs and continued diversification in revenue, including administrative services provided to other associations and state agencies.

The committee also recommended, and the board approved, the promotion of Cory Meadows to Deputy Executive Vice President/Director of Advocacy. In addition to managing KMA's advocacy efforts, Cory will assume new administrative duties within the organization.

The committee also recommended, and the board approved, freezing employees' ability to continue earning a benefit in the organization's defined benefit pension plan. Only a few employees remain in this plan as most have been transitioned to a defined contribution 401K plan. The committee is also exploring the costs associated with terminating the defined benefit pension plan, something that could take up to two years to complete.



Budget Chair David Bensema, M.D. recognizes retiring KMA Director of Finance Marsha Harrington for her service to the organization during the KMA Board of Trustees meeting in May.

Finally, the committee celebrated the outstanding work of Marsha Harrington, KMA's Director of Finance, who retired in June. Marsha was instrumental in modernizing KMA's financial systems—developing unmatched financial and administrative controls—and streamlining aspects of the organization that allowed KMA to function much more efficiently.

Commission on Young Physicians and Physicians In-Training

Sarah E. Parsons, D.O., Chair



The Commission on Young Physicians and Physicians In-Training elected Suzanne McGee, M.D., to represent KMA at the AMA Young Physicians Section (AMA-YPS) Annual Meeting in June. Three resolutions from the AMA-YPS were considered by the AMA House of Delegates on the topics of advancing gender equality in medicine, advocating for equal pay for women physicians, and advocating for inclusion of younger physicians in the American Board of Medical Specialties and its member boards. During the YPS luncheon, delegates learned

about the basics of contract negotiation and termination, financial planning, and starting a private practice.

The Commission applauds the continued success of the Medical Student Outreach and Leadership Program (MSOLP), which was developed to promote community involvement and to teach students more about the political, social, and economic issues in the health

care system. Fifty-eight medical students completed the program in 2018. Based on the Commission's recommendation, KMA now highlights each student who graduates from the program in KMA's bi-monthly electronic newsletter, *Kentucky Health eNews*. These feature stories are routinely some of the most read articles in the newsletter.



KMA honors graduates of the Medical Student Outreach and Leadership (MSOL) Program during its Annual Meeting in August.

KMA continues to look for opportunities for increased outreach to in-training physicians through presentations on legislative advocacy and the business of medicine.

Medicaid Physician Technical Advisory Committee

William C. Thornbury Jr, M.D., Chair



The Medicaid Physician Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) provided critical input on Senate Bill 112, telehealth legislation which for the first time provides improved telehealth coverage and payment parity requirements for Kentucky Medicaid, Medicaid managed care organizations, and commercial health plans. The TAC is actively involved with other key stakeholders, including the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, in the implementation of the telehealth bill. The legislation took effect on July 1, 2019.

The TAC continues to work directly with staff from the Department of Medicaid Services and the Department of Public Health on a number of projects, including diabetes prevention, provider enrollment, and the development of more meaningful quality measures that address KMA health priorities.

Throughout the year, the TAC has focused heavily on the transition to and implementation of Kentucky HEALTH, Kentucky's 1115 Medicaid Waiver Demonstration Project. The TAC will monitor the rollout of the program and will be prepared to offer recommendations to rectify any issues that develop with the delivery of care to the Medicaid population.

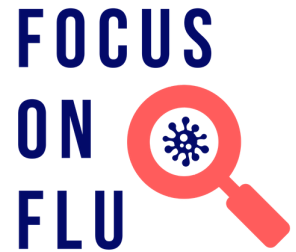
Kentucky Foundation for Medical Care

Shawn C. Jones, M.D., President



The KFMC continues to focus its mission on promoting public health and educating physicians and medical students on aspects of modern leadership. KFMC partnered with the KMA to begin its "Administrative Improvements in Medicine" (AIM) initiative and funded the Focus on Flu public health campaign. The Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization with a mission to make Kentuckians healthier, has partnered with KFMC for the Focus on Flu campaign.

KFMC also provided a grant to support an opioid education event in June sponsored by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure, with over 150 physicians attending the event. This represented another opportunity for the KFMC to promote education on opioids following the KFMC's sponsorship of KMA's 2017 "Meet the Mandates" education program that included more than 500 attendees.



The KFMC also awarded three grants to organizations that have a relationship with a KMA Community Connector:

- The Kentucky Commission for Women Foundation, which funded a study and targeted wellness program for women at the University of Kentucky;
- The Lexington Medical Society Foundation for hosting a Women Physician Leadership program attended by nearly 40 female physicians in Lexington; and,
- Hand-in-Hand Ministries for building wheelchair ramps at homes in Eastern Kentucky.

KFMC also provided funding for the 2018 KMA Leadership Conference held at the KMA Annual Meeting. This year's conference featured Frank Abagnale Jr., the subject of the book and film *Catch Me If You Can*, who discussed how physicians can prevent personal identity and financial fraud.

The KMA Medical Student Outreach & Leadership Program (MSOLP) had 356 medical students participate this year. Since its inception, it has reached over 1,000 medical students and provided information and experience to help prepare them for the modern medical marketplace. KFMC funds that program and believes it to be a great investment for the future of medicine.

The KMA Community Connector Program also continues to attract practicing physicians and has created an avenue for involvement that did not exist previously. Those who completed the program are eligible for grants from the KFMC and assisted with various projects such as the "Focus on Flu" campaign.

The Kentucky Physicians Leadership Institute (KPLI) was funded by the KFMC, along with a grant from The Physicians Foundation. Nineteen individuals have completed the program since its inception.

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for Medical Care

PHYSICIANS GATHER TO "FORWARD FOCUS" AND CELEBRATE MEDICINE

FORWARD FOCUS

THE PATH TO PHYSICAL AND FISCAL HEALTH

The 2018 KMA Annual Meeting, held Aug. 24-26 at the Louisville Marriott East, featured three days of education, policymaking and networking. The meeting's theme, Forward Focus: The Path to Physical and Fiscal Health, both examined and celebrated the changes occurring in medicine and

included world-renowned speakers and guests from across the Commonwealth and the country.

Keynoting the Kentucky Physicians Leadership Academy on Aug. 25 was Frank Abagnale, Jr., subject of the 2002 Steven Spielberg film *Catch Me If You Can*, starring Tom Hanks and Leonardo DiCaprio. His life story has also been written as a book and produced as a successful Broadway musical. Abagnale detailed his life as a trickster for attendees, as well as how he has attempted to redeem himself through his work with the FBI and other organizations as an expert on forgery, embezzlement and cybercrimes.

"I was very fortunate because I live in a great country where everybody gets a second chance, so you can make a mistake, pay your dues, get up, brush yourself off and start all over again. I am most proud that I've been married to my wife for 38 years, brought three beautiful children into world and been a great father and husband. My proudest moment was probably when my oldest boy finished law school and went on to become an FBI agent. It was just beyond my imagination that – with my background – my own son would become an FBI agent," he said.



Kentucky Physicians Leadership Academy speakers Frank Abagnale, Jr., (left) and Shawn C. Jones, M.D., FACS (right).

Other speakers at the 2018 Leadership Academy included KFMC President Shawn Jones, M.D., FACS, whose book, *Finding Heart in Art: A Surgeon's Renaissance Approach To Healing Modern Medical Burnout*, struck a cord with many physicians who battle burnout and stress related to their position. Jones' book also served as the inspiration for another highlight of the KMA Annual Meeting: the Beyond the White Coat gallery, which featured the hobbies and talents of more than 30 KMA physicians from across the state. Additional information about Beyond the White Coat is available on page 11.

Kurt Mosley, Vice President of Strategic Alliance for Merritt Hawkins, also gave a presentation called "The Problem is Poverty," which addressed waste and inefficiency in today's healthcare and how poverty is at the core of America's high healthcare spending.

KMA Executive Vice President Pat Padgett was also joined by 2018 graduates of the Kentucky Physicians Leadership Institute (KPLI) for a discussion on Kentucky's public health issues and KMA's "AIM for Better Care: Administrative Improvements in Medicine" initiative.

KMA also recognized the graduates of the 2018 KPLI program during the meeting. They included Susan Bushelman, M.D., of Florence, Michael Kuduk, M.D., of Winchester, Angela Dearing, M.D., of Lexington, Vaughn Payne, M.D., of Louisville, Theodore Miller, M.D., PhD, of Erlanger, Joseph Hill, M.D., of Lexington, Jiapeng Huang, M.D., of Louisville, Suzanne McGee, M.D., of Louisville and Wayne Tuckson, M.D., of Louisville.

In addition to the KPLI, KMA honored seven individuals who completed the Community Connector Leadership Program (CCLP). The CCLP is an opportunity for physicians to enhance their leadership skills through education and direct community involvement. Community Connectors are physicians who are engaged in their communities in an effort to promote KMA policies and the practice of medicine in Kentucky by working with business, government and civic leaders.



2018-2019 KMA President Bruce Scott, M.D. addresses attendees to KMA's 2018 House of Delegates meeting on Aug. 26.

Finally, the Annual Meeting gave KMA the opportunity to recognize 58 students from the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville who completed the Medical Student Outreach and Leadership program (MSOL). The MSOL program promotes community involvement and allows students to learn more about the political, social and economic issues at play in the healthcare system.

Louisville otolaryngologist Bruce Scott, M.D. was sworn in as the 2018-2019 KMA President at the Leadership Dinner on Aug. 25. Dr. Scott has been a member of the KMA Board of Trustees for more than 15 years and currently serves as Vice Speaker of the American Medical Association (AMA) House of Delegates.

Wayne Tuckson, M.D., Receives KMA Community Service Award



The Kentucky Medical Association presented its Community Service Award to Wayne Tuckson, M.D., of Louisville during the Leadership Dinner at the 2018 KMA Annual Meeting on Aug. 25.

The award recognizes a physician who has made significant contributions to his or her community. Dr. Tuckson was selected for the creation of his Kentucky Educational Television (KET) television show *Kentucky Health*, a program that he also hosts. Dr. Tuckson communicates a wide range of health education topics, including various diseases, treatments, health challenges and health policy to the population of the Commonwealth. *Kentucky Health* consists of Dr. Tuckson leading a discussion with a variety of guests and has been on the air for 15 years. It has received national awards for its excellent content. Dr. Tuckson is a natural in front of the camera and puts his guests and the audience at ease with his calm demeanor and ability to explain complicated medical concepts. He exudes a passion for improving the health of his community and eliminating disparities among minority populations.

"What Dr. Tuckson really tries to do, and I think he succeeds, is to make Kentucky Health feel like you have the chance to sit down with a doctor and pick his brain on any issue you are interested in," said Laura Krueger, KET Health Producer and Outreach Coordinator. "These guys really go into detail on each topic, so you feel like you're better educated. What's amazing is that Dr. Tuckson is a practicing physician and has been this whole time. He's stuck with this because he believes it's an important service."

Dr. Tuckson is a colorectal surgeon with KentuckyOne Health and is the current president of the Greater Louisville Medical Society. He is also a graduate of KMA's Community Connector Leadership Program and the Kentucky Physicians Leadership Institute, the premier leadership training program for physicians in Kentucky.

Bradon Wilhelmi, M.D., Receives KMA Educational Achievement Award

The Kentucky Medical Association presented its Educational Achievement Award to Bradon Wilhelmi, M.D., of Louisville during the Leadership Dinner at the 2018 KMA Annual Meeting on Aug. 25.

The award is presented to individuals who have made outstanding contributions and achievements in the area of continuing medical education. Dr. Wilhelmi is a professor of plastic and reconstructive surgery at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. He received his medical degree from Rush University Medical College in Chicago, graduating in the top ten percent of his class. He was recognized for his efforts to revitalize UofL's Plastic Surgery Residency program. Since joining the faculty in 2007, Dr. Wilhelmi worked to revamp the program, and since his changes were implemented, the program's annual in-service scores have improved by 200% and the board pass rate has been 100% since his leadership began. His mentorship of students involved in research projects has culminated in 100 scientific research publications and 25 textbook chapters. He was lauded by colleagues for having a passion and dedication to teaching and has mentored more than 25 residents and 75 medical students.

"Dr. Wilhelmi carries substantial teaching responsibilities, which he fulfills in an outstanding manner," said colleague and KMA past-president Gordin Tobin, M.D. "The formal teaching programs and quizzes he organizes are most effective in keeping our residents broadly informed and up-to-date, as demonstrated by our residents' high performance level on in-service and Board examinations, as well as in clinical skill evaluations."



Rep. Kim Moser Receives KMA Debra K. Best Outstanding Layperson Award



The Kentucky Medical Association presented its Debra K. Best Outstanding Layperson Award to Representative Kim Moser of Taylor Mill during the Leadership Dinner at the 2018 KMA Annual Meeting on Aug. 25.

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. Rep. Moser has worked to support the medical community for many years. She recently concluded her term as President of the American Medical Association (AMA) Alliance, and was the first non-physician chair of a state association medical PAC in history when she chaired the Kentucky Physicians Political Action Committee (KPPAC) in 2014-2015. In 2015, Rep. Moser was awarded AMA's prestigious Belle Chenault Award for Political Participation for assisting friends of medicine in their quest for elected office at the state and federal levels. Upon her election in 2017 as state representative for the 64th district, she immediately got to work sponsoring and supporting legislation of importance to the medical community, along with workforce and economic development. In only two years she has become a noted expert on healthcare issues within the General Assembly. Rep. Moser notably co-sponsored Senate Bill 89 with Sen. Ralph Alvarado, M.D., which requires insurance companies to cover smoking cessation programs and was a priority issue for KMA during the 2017 session.

Rep. Moser has also worked diligently to combat the state's opioid abuse epidemic, serving as Director of the Northern Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy and as the Legislative Liaison for the Heroin Impact Task Force. She has also sponsored several bills on heroin and opioid use.

"Rep. Moser sets the example for what an individual can do to make a difference in health care policy. Her knowledge, talents and commitment continue to make a difference at many levels," said KMA 2017-2018 President Maurice J. Oakley, M.D.

David J. Bensema, M.D., Receives KMA Distinguished Service Award



The Kentucky Medical Association presented its Distinguished Service Award to David J. Bensema, M.D., of Lexington during the Leadership Dinner at the 2018 KMA Annual Meeting on Aug. 25.

Dr. Bensema served as the KMA President from 2014-2015, a year in which the KMA underwent substantial internal changes when it implemented a year-long strategic plan known as "Focus Forward." The KMA honored him for his work implementing the changes, noting that "implementation can often be more difficult than planning, but [he] made sure that the changes were integrated into the KMA with minimal disruption and maximum effect." For the last three years, Dr. Bensema has served as Chair of the Budget Committee, and his attention to the health of the organization and his efforts to present a balanced budget have taken extensive work and commitment. Having taken over the position at a time that the KMA used reserve funds to make changes outlined in its strategic plan, Dr. Bensema was the architect of a financial path for the organization that led to a stronger financial position and improved financial reserves. The KMA noted that his financial work "will be little noticed by [KMA] members, but should be memorialized in the history of the organization as a singular unparalleled success." His longstanding service to the Association made him an ideal and deserving candidate.

Dr. Bensema has also served as President of the Lexington Medical Society and currently serves as a Delegate to the American Medical Association, where he has on numerous occasions provided his expertise on policy related to electronic health record usage and adoption.

"Dave has been a major supporter of organized medicine and has taken on some of the most demanding jobs within KMA," said colleague and former KMA President Preston Nunnelley, M.D. "His advocacy within the association and at national events, along with his unique timing of being in the right place at the right time make him a logical choice as the recipient of the KMA Distinguished Service Award."

Paducah Mayor Brandi Harless Receives KMA Advocacy Award

The Kentucky Medical Association presented its inaugural Advocacy Award to Mayor Brandi Harless of Paducah during the Leadership Dinner at the 2018 KMA Annual Meeting on Aug. 25.

The award is presented to individuals who have effected positive change in the healthcare space through their advocacy efforts and was established by the KMA House of Delegates in 2017. Mayor Harless has a background in global health, which includes HIV research in Sierra Leone, West Africa. As Mayor of Paducah, she has also been instrumental in expanding the smoke-free ordinance and in working to bring the "Blue Zones" project of improving community health to Paducah. The project was highlighted at the KMA Annual Meeting in 2016 with a presentation by Blue Zones Project Manager Tony Buettner.

"Mayor Harless has certainly led the way among local leaders to ensure that her community lives healthier, longer lives," said KMA Past President Maurice Oakley, M.D.



Sen. Ralph Alvarado, M.D., Receives KMA Advocacy Award



The Kentucky Medical Association presented also its inaugural Advocacy Award to Sen. Ralph Alvarado, M.D. of Louisville during the House of Delegates at the 2018 KMA Annual Meeting on Aug. 26.

The award is presented to individuals who have effected positive change in the healthcare space through their advocacy efforts. Sen. Alvarado witnessed over the years how government impacted the practice of medicine, and he wanted to do something about it, deciding to run for political office. He was elected to the State Senate in 2014, defeating the incumbent senate minority leader and becoming the first Hispanic member ever elected to the Kentucky General Assembly.

During his time in the Senate, Sen. Alvarado has since earned a reputation for working with both sides of the aisle. He serves on a number of legislative committees, and because of his diverse medical background, has focused heavily on public health, protecting the physician-patient relationship, and healthcare finance. He has sponsored numerous bills relating to these issues, including many KMA legislative priorities. In 2017 he co-sponsored Senate Bill 89, which requires insurance companies to cover smoking cessation programs, and in 2018 he sponsored Senate Bill 112, which includes provisions that requires, aside from some exceptions, health plans and Medicaid Managed Care Organizations to reimburse providers at the same rate for services delivered in-person or via telehealth.

"Sen. Alvarado will do what needs to be done for his profession, his patients, his local community, and his state," said KMA President Bruce Scott, M.D. "His work in such a short period of time has made a lasting impact on the entire Commonwealth."

BEYOND THE WHITE COAT

The 2018 KMA Annual Meeting featured a unique, interactive gallery celebrating the talents and hobbies that physicians engage in to reduce stress and combat burnout.

The Beyond the White Coat gallery contained exhibits from more than 30 physicians from across the state. Submissions on display included a hot air balloon, woodworking, pottery, handmade jewelry, photography, painting, music, dance, horticulture, beekeeping, martial arts, and the published works of three physician authors. A 'theater' area previewed the work of physician film producer David Ciochetti, M.D., and attendees also enjoyed live performances by physician rock band The Fabulous Goatmen and pianist James Borders, M.D.

Beyond the White Coat was inspired by the work of Paducah surgeon Shawn Jones, M.D., FACS, whose book, *Finding Heart in Art: A Surgeon's Renaissance Approach To Healing Modern Medical Burnout*, uses Renaissance paintings as a framework to explain how medical professionals can manage fatigue. Dr. Jones was a featured speaker during the Kentucky Physicians Leadership Academy on Aug. 25.



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Greater Louisville Medical Society (GLMS) Executive Vice President and CEO Bert Guinn, KMA Secretary-Treasurer Robert Couch, M.D. and GLMS President Wayne Tuckson, M.D. pose in front of Dr. Couch's Beyond the White Coat submission, a hot air balloon. Mamata Majmundar, M.D. poses with her photography submission. Raymond J. Orthober, M.D. plays bass guitar for physician band the "Fabulous Goatmen" during the Leadership Dinner Reception on Aug. 25. Attendees to the Leadership Dinner mingle throughout the gallery. Film producer David Ciochetti, M.D., discusses his film's trailer with attendees. The martial arts uniform of Jiapeng Huang, M.D., is displayed in the gallery. James Borders, M.D., entertained guests with classical and contemporary piano selections during the KMA Leadership Dinner. Photographs from the medical mission trips of Owensboro orthopedic surgeon Philip Hurley, M.D. are featured as part of the Beyond the White Coat gallery.



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Attendees to KMA's Kentucky Physicians Leadership Academy hear from keynote speaker Frank Abagnale, Jr. Graduates of the Medical Student Outreach and Leadership Program. From left: Fred Williams, Jr., M.D., Maurice Oakley, M.D. and Archbishop of Louisville Joseph E. Kurtz at the KMA Leadership Dinner. KMA Executive Vice President Pat Padgett presents outgoing Board of Trustees member and former KMA President Nancy Swikert, M.D. with a clock. Khalil Rahman, M.D., enjoys the Kentucky Physicians Leadership Academy. From left: David Brabon, M.D., John Roberts, M.D. and Missouri Medical Association President Joseph Corrado, M.D. KMA President Bruce Scott, M.D., interviews AMA President Barbara McAneny, M.D.



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: KMA Alliance members and supporters celebrated Physician Family Day at the KMA Annual Meeting. Shawn Jones, M.D. and his wife, Evelyn Jones, M.D. KMA outgoing President Maurice Oakley, M.D. and his wife, Judy Oakley. KMA Board of Trustees members, from left: Carolyn Watson, M.D., K. John Yun, M.D. and Neil Moser, M.D. William Thornbury, M.D., center, and Donald Swikert, M.D., right, talk with Philip Hartman, M.D., President-Elect of the Southern Medical Association. KMA MSOL graduates Sarah Gottesman (left) and Yomna Amer (center) talk with Community Connector Lori Caloia, M.D.



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: KMA Executive Vice President Pat Padgett presents outgoing Board of Trustees member John R. Potter, M.D. with a clock. KFMF President and Leadership Academy speaker Shawn Jones, M.D. and his wife, Evelyn Jones, M.D. talk with former AMA President Steve Stack, M.D. 2018 KMA Distinguished Service Award recipient David Bensema, M.D. and his family. James Borders, M.D. and his wife, Karen Borders. Leadership Academy speaker Kurt Mosley.



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: John L. Roberts, M.D. Nancy Swikert, M.D., AMA President Barbara McAneny, M.D., and Don Swikert, M.D. 2018-2019 KMA Board Chair Michael Kuduk, M.D. Manoocher Mazloomdoost, M.D. 2018 KPLI graduates Angela Dearing, M.D. and Susan Bushelman, M.D. KMA Board of Trustees member K. John Yun, M.D. and his wife, Hannah Yun.

The 2018 KMA House of Delegates meeting was held Aug. 26 as part of the Association's Annual Meeting.



2018-2019 KMA President Bruce Scott, M.D. addresses the House of Delegates.

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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 for details on full proceedings of the House.

01-2018: KMA Governance – Adopted as Amended

(Fred Williams, M.D. and David Bensema, M.D.)

1st RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association (KMA) prepare a comprehensive report on KMA's current governance structure, and to consider possible revisions including the incorporation of graduates of KMA's leadership programs into its overall governance structure including committees, commissions, and Board of Trustees, and that the report and any recommendation for changes be presented to the 2019 House of Delegates; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association consider the geographical distribution of the Rural Caucus in its final decision.

02-2018: Opposition to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity “Conversion Therapy” – Adopted as Amended

(Meghamsh Kanuparth, Jacob Shpilberg, and Jerome Soldo - University of Louisville School of Medicine)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association opposes the use of “reparative” or “conversion” therapy for sexual orientation or gender identity.

03-2018: Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis to Prevent HIV Transmission – Adopted as Amended

(Meghamsh Kanuparth, Jacob Shpilberg, and Jerome Soldo - University of Louisville School of Medicine)

1st RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association supports educating physicians and the public about the effective use of Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for human immunodeficiency virus prevention and encourages physicians to consider prescribing PrEP when clinically indicated; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association supports removing barriers to prescribing Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and advocating that individuals not be denied any insurance coverage on the basis of PrEP use.

04-2018: Support for the Implementation of an Electronic Tracking System for Sexual Assault

Evidence Kits – Adopted

(Jessica Geddes, Travis Combs, Mia MacDonald, Katherine Stockham, Cody Sutphin - University of Kentucky College of Medicine)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association support the implementation of a secure and confidential electronic tracking system for sexual assault evidence kits.

05-2018: Qualified Medical Interpreters for Patients with Limited English Proficiency - Rejected In Lieu of Resolution 2018-6

(Amanda Beering and Jerome Soldo - University of Louisville School of Medicine)

1st RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association advocates for the use of face-to-face qualified medical interpreters whenever possible, and strongly opposes the use family members, unqualified bilingual staff, and providers without adequate language skills (as determined by standardized, validated oral and written examination) as a primary language resource in medical encounters; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association supports continuing medical education for healthcare providers, as well as the incorporation of curriculum in Kentucky's allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, regarding effective use of medical interpreters to communicate with Limited English Proficiency patients; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association urges the Kentucky legislature to make professional language services a mandatory covered benefit under the state's Medicaid, Medicare, and Children's Health Insurance Programs.

06-2018: Expense of Complying with the ADA – Adopted as Amended

(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association supports requiring that the Department for Medicaid Services, Medicaid Managed Care Organizations, and commercial health plans operating in the Commonwealth of Kentucky make language interpretive services a covered benefit.



Students from Moore Traditional High School served as the color guard at KMA's 2018 House of Delegates.

07-2018: Gun Violence as a Public Health Epidemic – Adopted as Amended

(Northern Kentucky Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association support efforts that:

- Label violence caused by the use of guns as a public health epidemic;
- Fund appropriate research at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to evaluate the causes and evidence-based remedies of this epidemic;
- Increase funding for school-based mental health services related to trauma and violence prevention; and
- Evaluate in concert with law enforcement, educators and social services, the most appropriate responses to this epidemic.

08-2018: A Resolution to Educate Families about Gun Safety - Rejected In Lieu of Resolution 2018-7

(Khalil U. Rahman, M.D., MBA)

RESOLVED: Kentucky shall administer a one-time education course regarding gun storage and safety around the home to all parents and guardians of all children who attend Kentucky public schools. Kentucky shall mandate that every parent or guardian of a student have a Commonwealth of Kentucky Gun Safety Certificate to attend school. The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall oversee the program in conjunction with the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet who shall administer the program.

09-2018: Health Risks of Recreational Fireworks - Adopted

(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association partner with Kentucky Department for Public Health to advocate for public education initiatives that promote awareness of the health risks associated with recreational firework use including physical injury and death, mental health disorders including Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, as well as promote best practices for safer use of fireworks for those who choose to use recreational fireworks.

10-2018: Sunscreen Use in Public Schools – Adopted as Amended

(Lydia Livas - University of Kentucky College of Medicine)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association supports allowing students to freely bring and apply sunscreen to sun exposed areas while at school without physician authorization or a permission slip from his or her parents.

11-2018: Food Deserts - Adopted

(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association collaborate with local public health departments and other stakeholders to improve access to healthy foods and work to reduce food deserts in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

12-2018: Medication Education – Adopted as Amended

(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association partner with relevant stakeholders to promote a public health campaign to promote reliable sources of medical information.

13-2018: Affirming Methadone Maintenance Therapy is Evidence-Based Treatment to be Reimbursed by Third-Party Payers – Adopted as Amended

(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association supports the use of Methadone Maintenance Therapy as a part of evidence-based addiction treatment that should be reimbursed by third-party payers.



14-2018: Removing Prior Authorization for Medication-Assisted Treatment for Substance Use Disorders – Adopted as Amended

(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association supports the prohibition of third-party payers from applying a prior authorization requirement for a prescription drug that contains methadone, buprenorphine, or naltrexone used for the treatment of an opioid use disorder.

15-2018: Opioid Use Disorder Education– Adopted as Amended

(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

1ST RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association supports increasing physician awareness that opioid use disorder is a chronic medical illness and destigmatizing the biases associated with it; and be it further

2ND RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association support increasing student and physician knowledge and education about opioid use disorder.

16-2018: Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder in Hospitals – Adopted as Amended

(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

1st RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association work with relevant organizations to identify best practices that are being used by hospitals and others to treat opioid use disorder as a chronic illness, including identifying patients with this condition; initiating or providing opioid agonist, partial agonist, or antagonist therapy in inpatient, obstetric and emergency department settings; providing cognitive and behavioral therapy as well as other counseling as appropriate; establishing appropriate discharge plans that incorporate education about opioid use disorder; and participating in community-wide systems of care for patients and families affected by this chronic medical illness; and be it further



2ND RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association support collaboration among state agencies and other relevant organizations to evaluate programs that coordinate care for patients with the chronic illness of opioid use disorder.

17-2018: Encourage Hepatitis A Vaccination – Adopted as Amended

(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association work with the public health departments and relevant stakeholders to encourage and promote Hepatitis A vaccination.

18-2018: Physician Supervision and Authority Over Non-Physician Prescribing – Adopted as Amended

(Truman Perry, M.D.)

1st RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association 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: The Kentucky Medical Association 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: The Kentucky Medical Association 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.

19-2018: Support for the Delegation of Informed Consent Procurement – Adopted as Amended

(Andrew Wodrich, Patrick Keller, Lincoln Shade, TJ Libecap, Marcus Rommelman, and Rachel Whittaker - University of Kentucky College of Medicine)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association support allowing a treating physician to delegate aspects of the task, but not the responsibility nor liability, of obtaining informed consent from a patient to a qualified and supervised patient care team member consistent with accepted standards of medical practice.

20-2018: Training for Clinical Ethics Committee Members – Adopted as Amended

(Greater Louisville Medical Society)



FROM TOP: Reference Committee Chair Mamata Majmundar, M.D., District 12 Delegates William Stafford, M.D. and Rebecca Chatham, M.D., GLMS President and District 5 Delegate Wayne Tuckson, M.D.



Attendees to the 2018 KMA House of Delegates.



AMA Delegate J. Gregory Cooper, M.D.

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association work with relevant stakeholders to encourage the availability of training, including the use of online modules, for members of Kentucky Clinical Ethics Committees (CECs) that cover basic medical ethics concepts including but not limited to familiarity with classic ethical theories, fundamental principles in medical ethics, familiarity with ethical reasoning and dialogue, familiarity with the processes of a CEC, and familiarity with relevant national law and policies pertaining to medical ethics.

21-2018: Addressing Impediments to Patient Referrals Patterns – Adopted as Amended
(Lexington Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association (KMA) study the barriers of employed physicians to make referrals based upon their expertise and best judgment with a report back at the 2019 KMA Annual Meeting.

22-2018: Continuity of Health Care in the Event of Disruptions in Medical Care – Adopted
(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association advocate for contingency plans to ensure the medical community is prepared to address disruptions in medical care affecting health care delivery systems and to recommend safeguards to protect patient continuity of care if health care systems fail in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

23-2018: Compassion is Good Medicine – Adopted
(Lexington Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association engage and support member physicians in the creative nurturing of acts of kindness, compassion, self-compassion, service and volunteerism for themselves, their co-workers, their staff, their patients, their families and their communities.

24-2018: Retaining Medical Students in Kentucky for Residency - Referred to the Board of Trustees for Further Study
(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

1st RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association communicate with the Kentucky Hospital Association and perform a benefit-cost analysis of Graduate Medical Education programs in the Commonwealth and report findings at the 2019 Annual Meeting; and be it further

2ND RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association encourages the Kentucky Legislature to consider options for adding new entry-level residency positions, such as by providing direct monetary incentives for hospitals to develop residency programs and/or increasing residency positions and funding established by KRS 164.927 and KRS 164.929 to programs already in existence.

25-2018: Community Health Workers – Adopted as Amended
(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

1st RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association recognize the role of Community Health Workers as non-clinical adjuncts to physician practices and educate on the use of Community Health Workers, when appropriate, by member physicians; and be it further

2ND RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association support efforts for the training of Community Health Workers in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and explore possible compensation models.

26-2018: State-Based Individual Mandate - Referred to the Board of Trustees for Further Study
(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association support a state-based individual insurance mandate as a way to improve access to health care, stabilize the insurance marketplace and lower the rate of rise for health insurance premiums, and to improve the financial health of rural and safety net hospitals.

27-2018: Advocacy of Emergency Departments – Adopted as Amended
(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association continue to advocate that third-party payers recognize the importance and value of emergency departments, adhere to the prudent layperson standard, and fairly reimburse for care provided in emergency departments without retrospective denials or undervalued payments.

28-2018: Living Organ and Bone Marrow Donor Protection – Adopted as Amended
(Lexington Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association supports providing organ donors with full access to the protections of the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and to assure donors will be shielded from denial of insurance coverage or escalation of premiums.

29-2018: Protection of Kentuckians with Organ Failure and Assuring Access to Transplantation - Referred to the Board of Trustees for Further Study
(Tom Waid, M.D.)

1st RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association will consider convening a task force to draft and support legislation to ensure retention of donated organs in our local communities and to ensure the ability of local transplant centers to provide care to the citizens of this Commonwealth suffering from organ failure; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association will propose and support potential legislation, including invoking the Doctrine of States Rights, declaring that donated organs are local gifts and resources intended to help the citizens of the Commonwealth.

30-2018: Provider Tax - First Two Resolveds Adopted as Amended Third Resolved - Referred to the Board of Trustees for Further Study
(KMA Board of Trustees)

1ST RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association opposes any health care financing plan that imposes a provider tax on physicians; and be it further

2ND RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association inform physicians and legislators of harm to physician recruitment and retention (especially in Kentucky's medically underserved areas) of a provider tax on physicians; and be it further

3RD RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association analyze and report back options for Medicaid funding based on other revenue sources that could also include those that discourage health-harming behavior.

31-2018: CMS Evaluation and Management Services – Adopted
(KMA Board of Trustees)

1st RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association opposes the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' proposed recommendation of a multiple procedure payment reduction for evaluation and management (E/M) visits when a procedure is performed on the same day as an office E/M; and be it further

2ND RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association supports physician input to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding the complicated issues surrounding the appropriate coding, payment, and documentation requirements for different levels of evaluation and management services so that concrete solutions can be provided to CMS in time for implementation in the 2020 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule.



FROM TOP: K. John Yun, M.D., Toni M. Ganzel, M.D., Sen. Ralph Alvarado, M.D. and Naren James, M.D., and House of Delegates Vice Speaker Monalisa Tailor, M.D.

KPLI GRADUATES SECOND CLASS



Nine physicians from across Kentucky joined the prestigious alumni of the Kentucky Physicians Leadership Institute (KPLI) this summer.

This was the Kentucky Foundation for Medical Care (KFMC)'s second class of KPLI participants, a program designed to enhance the leadership skills of physicians who can fill emerging leadership roles and influence health care policy in the ever-evolving world of medicine.

As part of their training, KPLI participants helped lead discussions at the Leadership in Action event during KMA's Annual Meeting on Aug. 25 on the administrative barriers to the five health conditions that are the focus of KMA's "Administrative Improvements in Medicine (AIM)" initiative.

"KPLI was a tremendous opportunity to enhance my skills in leadership, business, and advocacy," said KPLI graduate Angela T. Dearing, MD, MPH, FACP, FAAP, Assistant Dean of Accreditation, Graduate Medical Education, University of Kentucky College of Medicine and Associate Chief of Staff for Education, Lexington VA Medical Center.

"The learning opportunities were thought-provoking, relevant, and self-reflective. Participating in the program gave me a chance to reflect on areas where I could improve my leadership skills, and how to go about improving. It also helped me recognize my own strengths, and motivated me to step up and use the leadership skills that I have. The best part of the program, though, was working and learning with fabulous physician colleagues from across Kentucky!"

The Kentucky Physicians Leadership Institute (KPLI) is the premier leadership training program for physicians in Kentucky. Each year, this exclusive program selects up to 15 physicians to participate in a year-long series of learning events that cultivates the next generation of physician leaders across the state. The four primary events, culminating in the KMA Leadership in Action session at the KMA Annual Meeting, help address many of the challenges facing the physician community.



2018 KPLI graduates include (from left): Susan Bushelman, M.D., Florence, Michael Kuduk, M.D., Winchester, Angela Dearing, M.D., Lexington and Vaughn Payne, M.D., Louisville. Back row from left: Theodore Miller, M.D., PhD, Erlanger, Joseph Hill, M.D., Lexington, Jiapeng Huang, M.D., Louisville, Suzanne McGee, M.D., Louisville and Wayne Tuckson, M.D., Louisville.

KPLI AWARDED MEDISTAR'S A.O. SULLIVAN EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD



KMA Education Director Miranda Mosley (right) accepts the A.O. Sullivan Excellence in Education Award on behalf of the KPLI program from Sullivan University representative Jan Gordon.

The Kentucky Physicians Leadership Institute was announced in October as the recipient of the 2018 A.O. Sullivan Award for Excellence in Education. The award was presented on Oct. 30 during the twelfth annual MediStar Awards at the Muhammad Ali Center in Louisville.

The MediStar Awards honor healthcare professionals for their achievements in advocacy, innovation, education, leadership and aging, as well as announce the Physician and Nurse of the Year. The A.O. Sullivan Award is presented to the organization that takes creative approaches to developing and implementing programs, which enhance the level of knowledge, education and career opportunity in healthcare.

Nineteen physicians have completed the program since its inception in 2016.

"I have been using what I have learned (from KPLI) on an almost daily basis. Thank you for the opportunity to further my career development," said Michael Kuduk, M.D., a pediatrician from Winchester and a 2018 KPLI graduate.

WILLIAM HENRY FITZBUTLER, M.D. AND SARAH MCCURDY FITZBUTLER, M.D. MEMORIAL MEETING

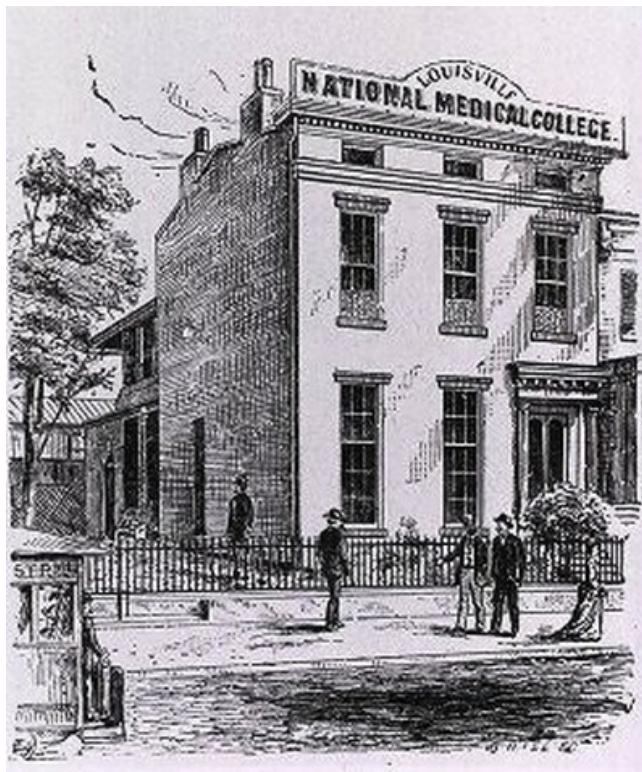
Dr. William Henry and Dr. Sarah McCurdy Fitzbutler are shining examples of pioneering vision and courageous achievement in medicine, education, compassion and human equality. The Kentucky Medical Association is proud of their legacies, and dedicated the 2018 Annual Meeting to their honor.

By Gordon Tobin, M.D.

William Henry Fitzbutler, M.D. (1842-1901), known as Henry, and his wife Sarah Helen McCurdy Fitzbutler, M.D. (1847-1922) stand among the finest of Kentucky physician-educators. William Henry became Louisville's first African-American physician and established Kentucky's first medical school open to African-American students, while his wife Sarah became the first female African-American physician in the state. The Fitzbutlers dedicated themselves to championing the underserved in Kentucky.

Origins and Education

Henry Fitzbutler was born December 22, 1842 in Virginia, where his enslaved father was a coachman, and his mother was an indentured servant from England. In the early 1840s, his parents fled by the Underground Railroad to Amherstburg in Essex County, Canada, a welcoming community. In preliminary education Henry exhibited outstanding scholarship. He became interested in medicine, and Daniel Pearson, M.D., a former slave, gave Henry access to his extensive medical library. Henry read intensively, and impressed Dr. Pearson, who provided Henry with a medical preceptorship. Henry then entered Adrian College in 1864 to take preparatory courses. In 1866, he married Sarah Helen McCurdy, daughter of a prominent Essex County livestock farmer, and granddaughter of a successful African-American farmer in Pennsylvania. Henry became the first African-American graduate of the Detroit Medical College in 1869, and he studied further at the University of Michigan School of Medicine, becoming its first African-American graduate in 1872. His intellectual skills were displayed in a graduation thesis on cardiology.



An illustration depicting the Louisville National Medical College.



William Henry Fitzbutler, M.D. and Sarah McCurdy Fitzbutler, M.D.

Kentucky Years

After graduation, the Fitzbutlers and their children moved to Louisville, where there were 18,000 African-American citizens but no African-American physicians to serve them. Henry became the first, and his medical practice thrived. The Fitzbutlers soon became active in their new community, opposing segregated schools and promoting equal educational opportunities. The Fitzbutlers' intense involvement in social and political issues led Henry to found, edit and publish the *Ohio Falls Express*, a newspaper focused on African-American issues and causes. The publication was a relentless advocate of equality, human rights, and education for all, and he served as Editor-in-Chief until his death.

Medical School Founder

The four existing medical schools in Louisville were closed to African-American students, as were virtually all schools nationwide at that time. In 1888, Henry secured a charter from the Kentucky Legislature to organize the Louisville National Medical College, which would accept African-American students. He led the school as Dean and majority owner for the rest of his life. The school became the best African-American medical college in the United States at the time, and it provided physicians essential for service to African-American communities in Kentucky and beyond.

Sarah Enters Medicine and Excels

After their six children were raised, Sarah Fitzbutler entered the Louisville National Medical College and became the first African-American woman to receive a medical degree in Kentucky. She achieved an outstanding reputation, especially in Obstetrics and Pediatrics. She then became superintendent of the college's hospital on Madison Street, where she also supervised the nursing program. Her intellect, energy, and courage matched that of her husband, and together they became influential and effective progressive forces in medical care, education, and human rights. After Henry's death in 1901, she continued to provide leadership to the Louisville National Medical College and its hospital until their closure in 1912. In Abraham Flexner's historic 1909 inspection tour of medical schools and their facilities, he found her hospital to be one of the cleanest and best run in the country, which elicited praise rarely given by the critical Mr. Flexner. Simultaneously, Sarah pursued an exhausting medical practice which provided enormous amounts of charity care in West Louisville. After retirement she moved to be with family in Chicago, where she died in 1922.

KBML REMAINS COMMITTED TO PUBLIC PROTECTION AND QUALITY IN THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE

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

At a time when our country is seeing drastic changes being made to the health care system, the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure remains steadfast in its commitment to public protection and ensuring quality in the practice of medicine. Like most medical boards throughout our nation, the Board is facing these challenges in an environment with an increased focus on the practice of medicine and the delivery of health care services.

The Board's mandate continues to be the protection of the public's health, safety and welfare through proper licensing and disciplining of physicians and other allied health professionals. Great emphasis is placed on completing timely and fair investigations that result in appropriate action. In addition, the Board provides assistance and important guidance to physicians through the issuance of its opinions on a variety of health care issues.

As in years past, we must begin by discussing the Board's ongoing role in combating prescription drug abuse in Kentucky. The Board began 2018 by completing its work on the implementing the changes of 2017's HB 333, sponsored by Rep. Kim Moser, which required licensure boards to promulgate or amend their regulations limiting prescriptions for Schedule II controlled substances for acute pain to a three day supply with several exceptions. As a result, the Board completed its work on amending 201 KAR 9:260 to include this limitation. Physicians are strongly encouraged to review this information and become familiar with the changes in the regulation and the exceptions. You can review these changes along with an updated summary of the regulation and answers to some frequently asked questions by visiting the Board's website, www.kbml.ky.gov.

The Board took steps this year as part of its ongoing commitment to provide resources and education to address Kentucky's opioid epidemic, by holding its first ever continuing medical education event at Baptist Health Lexington in June. The focus of the education was on the requirements of House Bill 1 and House Bill 333 along with 201 KAR 9:260 and the critical components of opioid management. This in-depth course, which was approved for 7 Category I CME hours, also provided critical information on managing patients on opioids, interpreting urine drug screens, weaning opioids and recognizing and dealing with addiction. The course was offered at no cost to the participants and was approved for the HB 1 CME or the Board's current CME cycle. The response to this training was overwhelmingly positive and the Board plans to hold further events in Louisville and Northern Kentucky later this year. In thanks, the Board would like to express its appreciation to the Kentucky Foundation for Medical Care for covering the costs to accredit the course for Category I CME and to the Kentucky Medical Association for their assistance in planning the event.

While still on the topic of prescribing controlled substances, the Board wants to remind physicians that one of the best ways to help protect your practice is to review your personal KASPER Prescriber Report card on a regular basis. The Kentucky Health & Family Services Cabinet recently updated this resource and expanded the information that is available to help physicians monitor their controlled substances prescribing and actually compare your prescribing practices with physicians in same specialty throughout the Commonwealth. KASPER Prescriber Report Cards are available on a quarterly basis and annual (calendar year) basis. The Board strongly encourages all physicians who are authorized to prescribe controlled substances to take advantage of these useful tools.



This year, the Board also took steps to achieve its ultimate goal to increase the efficiency and streamlining of services involving its licensing procedures. First, the Board took action to cut some needless red tape by removing items on the application for initial licensure that were deemed to be redundant or not relevant to a physician's qualifications for licensure. The response to this action was almost immediate, as our staff noted that physicians have been able to obtain their initial license faster than ever before. In addition, the Board, during the deliberations of its June meeting, voted to support the adoption of joining the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, which will most likely be presented to the Kentucky General Assembly in 2019. Finally, the Board also began addressing the serious issue of physician wellness and burnout by voting to amend questions on its applications involving a physician's health conditions to the one recommended by the Federation of State Medical Board's Workgroup on Physician Wellness and Burnout.

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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 Elizabeth A. Amin, M.D., Louisville
 Jerry E. Anderson, M.D., Lexington
 James L. Bauer, M.D., Lexington
 Nonihal S. Chaudhri, M.D., Louisville
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 Philip F. Corbett, M.D., Nicholasville
 J. Randall Dennison, M.D., Maysville
 Walter R. Eiseman, M.D., Lakeside Park
 Sandra M. Elam, M.D., Louisville
 Robert J. Emslie, M.D., Bowling Green
 James A. Ewing, M.D., Campbellsville
 John M. Fox, M.D., Lexington
 Francis T. Gardner, M.D., Louisville
 Donald Gaynor, M.D., Fort Mitchell
 Ray A. Gibson, M.D., Glasgow
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 Chaisak Pengvanich, M.D., Louisville



These physicians, who have all been practicing medicine for 50 years or more, attended the 2018 KMA Annual Meeting in August. Pictured from left to right: Danny Strunk, M.D., David Karp, M.D., Emery Wilson, M.D. and David Seligson, M.D.

Sam Persad, M.D., Franklin
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 Emanuel H. Rader, M.D., Pineville
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 Emery A. Wilson, M.D., Lexington



DECEASED KMA MEMBER PHYSICIANS AS OF AUG. 1, 2018

Jesus O. Agomaa, M.D., 4/24/2018, Breathitt County
Erdogan Atasoy M.D., 10/19/2017, Jefferson County
S. Pearson Auerbach, M.D., 2/23/2018, Jefferson County
Waqar C. Aziz, M.D., 2/18/2018, Jefferson County
James W. Baker, M.D., 1/12/2018, Fayette County
W. Winston Barnard, M.D., 3/28/2018, McCracken County
Donald C. Barton, M.D., 4/7/2018, Whitley County
Richard M. Beaven, M.D., 10/11/2017, Warren County
Dwight L. Blackburn, M.D., 1/12/2018, Jefferson County
John P. Blackburn, M.D., 10/2/2017, Warren County
Robert M. Blake, M.D., 11/16/2017, Mason County
Carey Walton Campbell, M.D., 7/19/2018, McCracken County
Gaspar Carrasquer, M.D., 10/18/2017, Jefferson County
William S. Chapman, M.D., 11/5/2017, Daviess County
Robert D. Cox, M.D., 2/10/2018, Jefferson County
Kenneth A. Hafendorfer, M.D., 9/15/2017, Jefferson County
John N. Hafner M.D., 4/28/2018, Jefferson County
William B. Hamilton, M.D., 2/4/2018, Jefferson County
Robert E. Hemmer, M.D., 10/18/2017, Boone County
John P. Howard, M.D., 11/15/2017, Jefferson County
Robert S. Howell, M.D., 6/7/2018, Jefferson County
Esten S. Kimbel, M.D., 11/18/2017, Franklin County
James C. King Jr., M.D., 3/26/2018, Fayette County
Zollman Kommor, M.D., 1/3/2018, Jefferson County
Benjamin Kutnicki, M.D., 4/25/2018, Carroll County
James Marshall Mahan II, M.D., 7/19/2018, Jefferson County
Robert J. McGrath, M.D., 3/16/2018, Jefferson County
Charles B. Mercer, M.D., 8/15/2017, Jefferson County
Frank B. Miller, M.D., 12/23/2017, Jefferson County
Roy Joseph Moser III, M.D., 2/9/2018, Kenton County
James S. Rieser, M.D., 1/13/2018, Jefferson County
John H. Rogers, M.D., 8/2/2017, Jefferson County

R. John Sanders, M.D., 5/15/2018, Daviess County
George Randolph Schrodt, M.D., 8/9/2017, Jefferson County
Charles B. Spalding, M.D., 1/21/2018, Nelson County
Robert Steinberger, M.D., 9/26/2017, Fayette County
B. Preston Thomas, M.D., 11/30/2017, Jefferson County
Ron H. Tilford, M.D., 12/1/2017, McCracken County
Gary R. Wallace, M.D., 1/10/2018, Fayette County
Norton G. Waterman, M.D., 10/6/2017, Jefferson County
Max E. Wheeler, M.D., 12/12/2017, Boyd County



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