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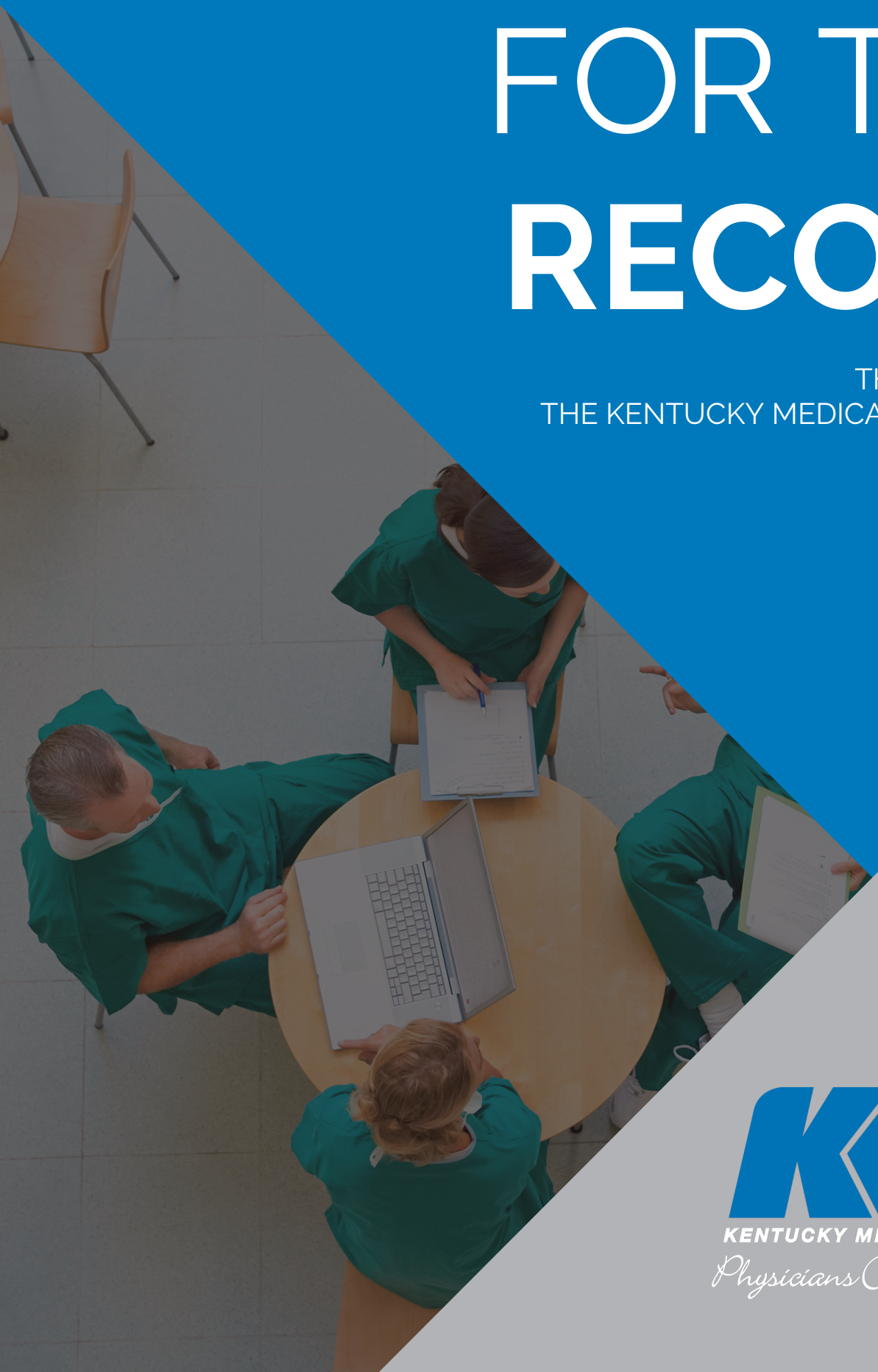

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EMPHASIZING THE "K" IN KMA

By R. Brent Wright, M.D., 2019-2020 KMA President

In September, it was an honor to be installed as the 169th President of the Kentucky Medical Association. During my inauguration remarks, I was able to share my respect for the dignity of human life that is part of our profession, the promise of our collective efforts, and my belief that we need to focus on the Kentucky of the KMA.

My reasoning for this approach is simple. We are a state made up of multiple regions and 120 unique counties. This diversity leads to differences of opinion, differences in goals, and differences of geography. Now rather than let those unique aspects drive us apart, I am a firm believer that we share more in common than that which divides us.

As I have stated, I intend to make my way across our state to highlight the multiple efforts and accomplishments of our association. My travels throughout the state have started in earnest, promoting our association and gaining insight into the challenges that our physicians address every day. During my travels thus far, I have been received graciously within numerous physician offices, hospitals, and educational institutions. In all of these encounters, there is a sense of humility to be in the presence of individuals who are committing their lives to the lives of others.

Every day, the physicians of our state work diligently to transform lives, lives that are often challenged by geography, poverty, education, nutrition, substance use, and social support. With so many issues at play, we are fortunate to have the men and women of medicine who dedicate themselves to the lives of others. Because of this, I see our state's physicians as champions for pursuing this life of service.

During a visit to Hazard, Kentucky I met with Dr. Jyotin Chandarana, 14th District Trustee, and his wonderful wife, Bhanu. Dr. Chandarana has served the region for decades as a nephrologist with expert care that would be well received in the most prestigious of institutions throughout our country. Dr. Chandarana helped arrange a reception at my hotel and invited leaders from within the community to meet and share their ideas. During our reception, Bhanu asked me if I liked Indian food and my answer was a resounding, "yes." Before I knew it Dr. Chandarana and I were driving to their home for what would become a most memorable experience. Bhanu prepared a delicious meal that helped set the stage for a wonderful evening of fellowship. We shared a time of friendship and respect that was centered on our common dedication to humanity through medicine. I want to share a sincere thank you to Dr. Jyotin and Bhanu Chandarana for their hospitality and dedication to medicine.

Our Commonwealth is full of immense opportunity in the midst of multiple challenges and I know that the only way to help advance us forward is to work together more effectively. Our patients, our profession and our state need to benefit from our collective strengths through teamwork rather than lose focus through occasional differences.

The KMA is our association, our platform, and our team to help advance our collective goals. While we represent such unique aspects, I hope that you will join me in working with our medical association as we address issues that range from administrative burdens to public health challenges. As I shared in the closing of my inaugural address, we are millions of citizens, thousands of doctors, hundreds of communities, and one KMA fighting for the moments that matter most, delivering care to those we serve.

Thank you for the privilege to serve and I look forward to seeing you around the state.

DR. BRENT WRIGHT CELEBRATES THE CHAMPIONS OF MEDICINE

MEET KMA PRESIDENT
R. BRENT WRIGHT, M.D.

R. Brent Wright, MD, MMM, a Glasgow Family Medicine physician, was installed as the 169th President of the Kentucky Medical Association on Sept. 21 at the organization's Annual Meeting in Louisville. During his remarks, he recognized those in attendance who have played an important role in his life as well as communities and organizations that have helped to form his career. During his year as President, Dr. Wright will travel the state, meet with local physicians, and highlight them as champions of medicine.

A lifelong Kentuckian, Dr. Wright grew up on his family farm in Larue County where he learned many of the qualities that are important to medicine: hard work, dedication, and teamwork. After graduating from Larue County High School in Hodgenville, he attended the University of Kentucky on a music scholarship. During college he made a decision to forego the obvious career in music and dedicate his life towards a career in medicine. Such an abrupt change was not easy; however, it has been one he has never regretted.

During medical school, Dr. Wright was active in Phi Delta Epsilon medical fraternity where he served as the Phi Chapter President before receiving back-to-back national service awards. During medical school, he rotated at the Mud Creek Clinic in Floyd County and spent time interviewing the legendary Eula Hall. Medical school instilled in him the commitment to a lifetime of service and the commitment to Family Medicine as his specialty.

Dr. Wright choose to train within the first residency class of the University of Louisville/Glasgow Family Medicine Residency to not only learn the discipline of Family Medicine, but to help lead a new program that, if successful, would contribute to the health and well-being of far more patients than could ever be served individually. "Even before choosing medicine as a pathway, I loved to teach," said Dr. Wright "Residency education has fulfilled my passion for teaching, caring, and service in a way I could have never imagined."

Prior to being selected as President-Elect, Dr. Wright served as the 6th District Trustee and as Chair of the KMA Board of Trustees from 2013-2015, during which time KMA developed and embarked upon on a bold new strategic plan. He has also held executive leadership positions with many of the state's most active stakeholder groups, including the Kentucky Academy of Family Physicians, the Kentucky Rural Health Association, and the Foundation for a Health Kentucky.

Dr. Wright serves as the Associate Dean for Rural Health Innovation at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, where he collaborates with numerous parties both in and outside the university. Particular areas of interest include: healthcare delivery for aging and rural populations as well as applied technology for unique populations. Dr. Wright's creativity and innovative approach are in constant demand on multiple levels. His greatest roles, however, are husband and father. He is married to the love of his life, Jerrica Ann, and is a proud father to Drake, Brycen, and Ann Katherine.

Dr. Wright is humble when it comes to his interests and accomplishments. "I would prefer to spend my time making a difference, rather than relate to you what I have done as that is in the past. What excites me is thinking about the future and the future is what people choose to make it." Dr.Wright does not believe in singular accomplishment and is quick to give praise to the community of Hodgenville and Larue County, the University of Louisville and the University of Louisville School of Medicine, and the community of Glasgow and Barren County, especially T. J. Samson Community Hospital for helping to influence his life and career.

During his inauguration speech at the KMA Leadership Dinner, Dr. Wright indicated the importance of collaboration with multiple stakeholders. A classic example of Dr.Wright's skill in bringing groups together is the collaboration between the KMA and Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky. Both groups have collaborated to produce signage that will be presented to schools throughout our Commonwealth to recognize school districts that have chosen to be tobacco-free. This leadership builds on the success of both organizations in advocating for health policy that makes a difference throughout our Commonwealth.

"Our KMA is becoming more diverse, diverse in its membership, diverse in its leadership, diverse in its advocacy and diverse in its collaborations. As people look at the scope and quality of our efforts, they will see that this diversity translates into a renewed strength for our association."

The family of Dr. Brent Wright. At left, daughter, Ann Katherine, Dr. Wright, son, Drake, wife, Jerrica Ann, and son, Brycen with their Miniature Schnauzer, Penny. At right, Jerrica Ann, Brycen and Ann Katherine with Dr. Wright during the KMA Leadership Dinner.

2018-19
REPORT TO THE
MEMBERSHIP

The Kentucky Medical Association's committees and commissions have been active over the past year. This report was presented to delegates at the KMA 2019 Annual Meeting, held in September.

Commission on Legislative and Political Advocacy
Donald J. Swikert, M.D., Chair

The Commission on Legislative and Political Advocacy (COLPA) coordinated with the KMA Legislative Quick Action Committee to organize and oversee the state and federal advocacy activities of the Association, which included identifying the legislative priorities for the 2019 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly. The Committee's work paid great dividends as the 2019 legislative session will likely be remembered as one of the most successful 30-day sessions for the KMA in recent years. Several pieces of legislation were enacted that will improve the practice of medicine and the overall health of Kentuckians.

Prior Authorization: Senate Bill 54, KMA's top legislative priority in 2019, will take effect on Jan. 1, 2020. The law, which was introduced by Sen. Ralph Alvarado, M.D., will address a number of prior authorization issues, including establishing one-year approvals for chronic disease medications, enhancing the review process, standardizing review times, increasing access to electronic prior authorizations and requiring insurers to post prior authorization procedures on their website and maintain a complete list of services for which prior authorization is required. KMA President Bruce Scott, M.D., traveled to Frankfort several times during the session to provide expert testimony on the bill, which was well-received by lawmakers. Upon its passage, Dr. Scott also published an op-ed that appeared in newspapers across the state.

Tobacco-Free Schools: An exciting finish to the session was made possible by the last-minute passage of another top KMA priority, House Bill 11, which will enact a statewide tobacco-free schools law. The bill was sponsored by Rep. Kim Moser and enjoyed backing by many organizations, including the Smoke-Free Tomorrow Coalition, of which KMA is a steering committee member. House Bill 11 will prohibit use of tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, by students, school personnel, and visitors in schools, school vehicles, properties, and activities by the 2020-2021 school year. The bill is estimated to protect 275,000 children and teens from cigarette smoke and vapor from e-cigarettes.

Screening and Genetic Testing: Another win for Kentucky physicians and patients came with the passage of Senate Bill 30, sponsored by Sen. Ralph Alvarado, M.D. The bill will require health benefit plans to cover any genetic tests for cancer risk that are recommended by certain providers if the recommendation is consistent with specific genetic testing guidelines published by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network or any other criteria or guidelines published by national medical societies that are determined to be relevant and reliable by the Kentucky Department of Insurance. It will also amend current state law by lowering the age eligible for colorectal cancer examination and testing coverage from 50 to 45. The law will take effect on Jan. 1, 2020.

Medical Licensure Compact: Senate Bill 22, also sponsored by Sen. Ralph Alvarado, M.D., passed favorably from both chambers and was signed by the Governor on March 25. The legislation will allow Kentucky to enter the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact and provide an expedited, multistate licensure procedure for physicians who qualify. Due to KMA advocacy, the final bill language did not contain the unfriendly amendments KMA opposed that were attached at one point by the Kentucky Coalition of Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Midwives. The amendments were intended to expand advanced practice registered nurses' (APRN) scope of practice by phasing out a requirement for APRNs to have a collaborative agreement (CAPA-CS) with a physician in order to prescribe controlled substances.

In addition to the APRN issue, KMA spent much of the 2019 session working to oppose and successfully defeat several bills that posed threats to the public and the practice of medicine, including a measure that would have legalized the use of marijuana for "medicinal" purposes. However, KMA expects many of these issues to resurface in 2020.

The highlight of the 2019 legislative session occurred when more than 90 physicians from across the state traveled to Frankfort on Feb. 21 for KMA's 2019 Physicians' Day at the Capitol (PDAC), making it the most well-attended PDAC in recent years. KMA stood out among a number of other groups who were also in Frankfort that day, and the Association received positive feedback from members of the General Assembly on the impact of meeting face-to-face with physicians.

Throughout 2019, KMA engaged in advocacy on the national stage as well. In February, KMA representatives attended the annual AMA National Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C. and met with members of the Kentucky federal delegation, many of which hold key committee positions. Topics for discussion included the state's opioid epidemic, prescription drug pricing and transparency, and unanticipated medical bills, also known as "surprise billing." Discussion regarding surprise billing continued to intensify, so KMA representatives returned to Washington, D.C. in July to meet with lawmakers about how to protect patients from the financial impact of unanticipated medical bills while simultaneously establishing a fair and balanced mechanism for arriving at the appropriate rate for those providers who do not have a contract with a given insurer.

The Commission would like to thank the entire KMA membership for contributing to what has been another successful year. Many members signed up for KMA's new Legislative Texting Service, which allowed them to stay informed and engaged with happenings in Frankfort and Washington, D.C., and countless more sent messages of support through legislative message lines or through direct contact with their state and federal legislators. Several other members testified in front of legislative committees, spoke publicly regarding priority issues or generally went "above and beyond" to assist with KMA advocacy efforts. The "Advocacy in Action" initiative highlights this type of work, and the complete listing of 2019 Advocacy in Action recognition is available on the KMA website at www.kyma.org/advocacy-in-action. These collective efforts advanced the priorities of physicians and patients across the Commonwealth and allowed the Association to continue moving the practice of medicine in Kentucky forward.

Commission on Long Range Planning
LaTonia R. Sweet, M.D., Chair

The Commission on Long Range Planning took action on Resolution 2018-1 passed by the KMA House of Delegates. The resolution called for the KMA to review its governance structure and consider possible revisions that might include adding the graduates of the various KMA leadership programs into that structure and considering the distribution of the Rural Caucus.

The Commission's meetings throughout the year focused exclusively on this.

The Commission has looked at this issue in the past and made recommendations for changes, which most recently included the discontinuation of the KMA Nominating Committee. This year, the Commission decided to work through the KMA governance structure from the bottom up, beginning with the commissions and committees.

The Commission made recommendations to the KMA Board of Trustees for several specific changes. These recommended changes included the discontinuation of the KMA Young Physicians Commission because there was limited participation and members of that commission expressed a desire to serve on other policy-making commissions. Since commissions are appointed by the KMA Board of Trustees, a recommendation was made to the Board, and it discontinued the work of that commission.

The Commission also reviewed the need for a KMA Judicial Council. The Judicial Council was established to take action against a physician member based on grievances filed with the Association. Over the years, however, the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure has taken over the role of investigating complaints against physicians due to the complexity of the issues involved. The KMA Judicial Council has not taken such action (or met) in nearly a quarter century, partly because of the KBML's work, and partly because of potential legal liability to the KMA. KMA is also limited in any investigative action because it has no subpoena power and any information it might gather must be turned over to a court or other investigative body. The complexity of investigations was also considered and given the limited administrative resources of the KMA, any such investigation would also be extremely limited. For these reasons, as well as the simple fact that the Judicial Council has not met in twenty-three years, discontinuing it by amending the bylaws would do away with a governmental structure that does not fit with modern administrative structures.

The Commission also reviewed the structure of the Kentucky Physicians Political Action Committee (KPPAC), which bases board membership on restrictive criteria such as geography and party affiliation. The Commission, along with the KMA Board, made a recommendation to the KPPAC board to review and possibly change its restrictive structure in order to modernize its governance and explore including graduates of KMA's various leadership programs. Since KMA does not have any authority to make such changes, however, this was simply a recommendation.

Reviewing the KMA's commissions and committees, along with the structure of the KPPAC board, constituted the extent of the work that could be done on this issue. The Commission will continue to review the rest of KMA's governance structure in the years ahead, including the continuation of the Kentucky Physicians Leadership Institute and the form it might take in the future.

Resident & Fellow Section
Lauren P. Dyer, M.D., Chair

Resident membership in KMA continues to grow with new resident membership increasing by 33% in 2018. This growth in membership is due to both the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville paying dues for all first-year residents who applied for membership.

KMA continues to provide education to residents on issues related the business and advocacy side of medicine. KMA staff made several presentations to the psychiatric and pediatric residency programs at the University of Kentucky on topics such as healthcare in Kentucky, personal finance, health policy, and political advocacy.

KMA also participated in the 2019 New Resident Orientations with David Bensema, M.D., addressing first year residents and fellows at the University of Kentucky on June 17 and July 1, respectively, and Robert Couch, M.D., addressing new residents at the University of Louisville on June 28. These speeches highlighted KMA's public health initiatives and vibrant social media presence and encouraged residents to become active in their professional societies.

Commission on Physician Licensure and Workforce
Eric F. Lydon, M.D., Chair

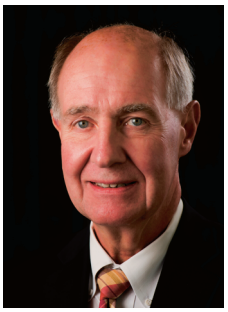
The Commission on Physician Licensure and Workforce reviewed legislation passed during the 2019 General Assembly related to the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (Senate Bill 22) and followed the progress of regulations related to the telehealth measure (Senate Bill 112) which was passed during the 2018 legislative session.

Senate Bill 22 was signed by the Governor on March 25, 2019, and allows Kentucky to enter the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC),which provides an expedited pathway to licensure for qualified physicians who wish to practice in multiple states. Due to KMA advocacy, the final bill did not include unfriendly amendments intended to expand scope of practice by phasing out a requirement for advance practice registered nurses to have a collaborative agreement (CAPA-CS) with a physician in order to prescribe controlled substances. While the effective date of the legislation was June 27,2019, there is currently no projected date as to when the compact will be fully operational in Kentucky. The Commission will continue to follow the implementation of the IMLC in the state.

William Thornbury, M.D., provided the Commission with an update on the telehealth bill (Senate Bill 112) that passed during the 2018 General Assembly. One of the major provisions of legislation is payment parity for services delivered via telehealth. The law requires the Department of Medicaid Services (DMS), Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs), and commercial health plans to cover medical services provided via telehealth to the same extent they cover medical services provided in-person. KMA continues to serve as a resource for members who have questions about the new telehealth law.

The Commission also reviewed the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure renewal statistics for 2019, noting that a total of 17,484 physicians hold a medical license in Kentucky with 10,652 of those physicians having a practice address in the state.

Commission on Public Health
John M. Johnstone, M.D., Chair



The Commission played a significant role in the implementation of the highly successful "Focus on Flu" campaign while also partnering with the Department of Insurance (DOI) and other stakeholders to highlight another KMA public health priority—the importance of colorectal screenings to prevent colon cancer.

KMA and the Kentucky Foundation for Medical Care (KFMC) partnered with the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky for its 2018 public health campaign, "Focus on Flu." The campaign kickoff press conference in Frankfort in the Capitol Rotunda was covered by every television news station in the state. Several state dignitaries, including Cabinet Secretary Adam Meier, Public Health Commissioner Jeffrey Howard, and Personnel Cabinet Secretary Thomas Stephens, received their flu shots as part of the event. KMA leaders also appeared throughout the fall and winter on local television morning and midday shows to encourage flu vaccination and prevention. The campaign also incorporated numerous other elements, including a social media campaign, op-eds, radio and TV ads, the distribution of more than 4,000 "Focus on Flu" band-aids, an online video series, and in-person events held in communities throughout the state.

The Focus on Flu campaign also led KMA to a partnership with the Madison County Health Department (MCHD). KMA and MCHD have begun working towards identifying solutions to barriers impacting smoking, diabetes, obesity, drug abuse and flu/pneumonia. These issues are the focus areas for KMA's AIM for Better Care: Administrative Improvements in Medicine initiative.

The Commission continues to be instrumental in identifying administrative burdens and barriers that interfere with patient care through the AIM initiative. Data collected through the AIM initiative indicate one such barrier to patient care is confusion concerning cost-sharing for screening and diagnostic colonoscopies. The Department of Insurance has received similar complaints, which lead to a series of seminars jointly presented by the KMA and the DOI throughout the state. The sessions discussed coverage, coding and reimbursement for screening colonoscopies and explained how Kentucky law differs from Medicare. The Commission provided both clinical and operational guidance in the development of a one-page screening colonoscopy infographic that was shared online and in physician offices.

With the passage of the tobacco-free schools bill at the end of the 2019 Kentucky General Assembly, the Commission looks forward to assisting in the launch of a new tobacco cessation initiative directed at Kentucky schools, in partnership with the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky.

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

The CME Committee and Council continued its efforts to support 19 KMA accredited CME providers in a variety of ways.

Documents and forms related to CME accreditation have been streamlined and modified to be completed electronically to aid in the submission of reaccreditation materials. The Committee and Council also held calls for comment from providers to seek input into their needs for documents used to implement CME activities. Staff is currently working on finalizing these documents, which will be provided to all KMA accredited providers for their use in planning and implementing CME.

In an effort to educate and engage C-suite leaders, CME Committee Chair John Roberts, M.D., offered to meet with CME provider leadership and share information about how CME can be a catalyst in improving patient outcomes, increasing patient satisfaction and compliance, and increasing revenue for healthcare systems. At the time of submission of this report, several organizations have requested this service.

Joint providership programming continues to grow and new strategic partners are continually being identified. These relationships create non-dues revenue for the organization and opportunities for collaboration on a wide range of clinical topics. This service allows non-accredited organizations to provide CME to local audiences. In 2018, the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure contracted with KMA to provide CME accreditation and meeting services for three events on House Bill 1, reaching hundreds of physicians across the state.

The KMA Professional Development for CME Professionals program has active participation in over 90% of CME providers. During the 2019 CME Coordinator Conference, professional development was implemented in every session provided. Education centers on communication, time management,continuing medical education accreditation requirements and professional development. A new provider training, "Roadmap to CME," offers an introduction to the CME process and requirements and has been very successful in training and engaging new CME staff.

KMA Director of Education Miranda Mosley was featured as a speaker at the 2018 Midwest Regional CME Symposium in Indianapolis attended by CME professionals from several states. She will also be a featured speaker at the 2019 Midwest Conference.

Budget Committee
David J. Bensema, M.D., Chair

The Budget Committee dealt with issues concerning KMA's finances and administrative operations. The Committee worked with new KMA Finance Director Jenny Parks, CPA, who has been on staff as the Accounting Manager for nearly eight years. The Committee reviewed the fiscal year 2019 financial audit and proposed expenditures and income for KMA's coming fiscal year (2020), which the KMA board approved. The Committee also did extensive work reviewing the KMA employee pension plan and recommended changes to the plan in order to save costs over time. Given the ongoing issues that both private and public pension plans face, plan termination may position KMA to be relieved of such financial burdens for the future. The process for plan termination, however, takes over a year given its complexity and will be dependent on many factors including interest rates.

Committee on Physical Education and Medical Aspects of Sports
Phillip B. Hurley, M.D., 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, which gained several new members, had significant input on matters related to the state's student athletes due to its long-standing, strategic partnership with the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA). The following list of issues were addressed by the Committee:

- exertional heat illness and core temperature measurement;
- athletic trainer scope of practice;
- concussions and return-to-play procedures;
- dental trauma;
- medical time-outs;
- pre-participation physicals; and
- electronic cigarettes and other vaping devices.

The Committee also received regular updates regarding recent activity of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) from Committee Chair, Phillip Hurley, M.D., who is also a member of NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.

Finally, the Committee, in cooperation with the KSHAA, finalized the update to the online sports safety course. This course is mandatory for all high school and middle school coaches in the Commonwealth, and is a valuable resource that helps ensure the safety of student athletes.

Medicaid Physician Technical Advisory Committee
William C. Thornbury Jr., M.D., Chair

Over the past year, the Medicaid Physician Technical Advisory Committee has worked to quickly identify and resolve issues related to the telehealth transition. As of July 1, 2019, the telehealth law passed during the 2018 General Assembly requires the Department of Medicaid Services (DMS), Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) and commercial health plans to cover medical services provided via telehealth to the same extent they cover medical services provided in-person. Due to the advocacy work of the Committee, the Medicaid reimbursement rate for telehealth services will be 100 percent of the fee schedule instead of an earlier proposed 85 percent.

The Committee also intervened in a recent proposal by Kentucky Medicaid that outlined the use of origin and destination modifiers reserved for use by ambulance providers as a way to capture the location of both the telehealth provider of service and the location of the recipient. The Committee explained that the modifier combinations were neither HIPAA compliant nor the industry standard, and as a result of the Committee's quick response, Kentucky Medicaid rescinded the policy.

The Committee continues to be an invaluable resource for both physicians and insurers by providing much needed clinical and operational guidance on how telehealth services can be used in primary care to aid in the prevention and management of chronic diseases such as diabetes.

Kentucky Foundation for Medical Care
Shawn C. Jones, M.D., President

The Kentucky Foundation for Medical Care (KFMC) continues to focus its mission on promoting public health and educating physicians and medical students on aspects of modern leadership. On the public health front, KFMC partnered with the KMA and the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky on a very successful "Focus on Flu" campaign. The campaign kicked off with a press conference in Frankfort that received widespread media coverage and continued throughout the campaign with appearances by various KMA leaders, board members, Community Connectors and Kentucky Physicians Leadership Institute (KPLI) graduates in various media outlets. Preliminary statistics show the campaign was successful through increasing the percentage of Kentuckians who got a flu shot—54% during the current year compared to 38% two years ago.

WDRB-TV anchor Candace Clifft receives her flu shot during a Focus on Flu segment with KMA 2018-2019 President Bruce Scott, M.D. and Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky President and CEO Ben Chandler.

KFMC also funded the KPLI and it was a great success, graduating nine physicians who participated in four weekends of instruction and activities. It is also significant that after only two cohorts of KPLI, many of the graduates have moved into leadership positions, participated in political and public health advocacy, or have been active participants in organized medicine. The program, along with KMA's other leadership programs funded by KFMC, were recognized at the 2018 KMA House of Delegates meeting through a resolution calling on KMA to create new avenues for the graduates of these programs to participate in the governance of the Association.

2019 KPLI participant Rishi Kumar, M.D.

KMA Community Connector Leadership Program

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The KMA Community Connector Program also continues to attract practicing physicians and has led to a new avenue of involvement for them that did not exist previously. Those who completed the program have become involved in many of KMA's activities, and a few past graduates participated in KMA's flu campaign. The Medical Student Outreach and Leadership Program (MSOL) continues to grow and be a very effective way for students to engage with KMA. The 2019 MSOL graduating class was the largest to date. This program has reached hundreds of medical students since its inception and has helped to generate new passion among medical students for organized medicine. KFMC also funded presentations to various residency programs and offered to provide educational sessions on health policy, financial planning and advocacy that were well-received.

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

- Achieving Recovery Together, which built a training facility for those in recovery from addiction;
- Coalition for the Homeless, which held training sessions with their youth committee; and
- Suit Up and Get Hired's career clinic in Lexington, which assists those in addiction with interview and job placement skills.

PHYSICIANS "MOVE MEDICINE" DURING 2019 KMA ANNUAL MEETING

Russell Coleman, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky.

Physicians from across the state convened in Louisville the weekend of Sept. 20-22 for the 2019 Kentucky Medical Association (KMA) Annual Meeting. The theme of this year's meeting, "Moving Medicine: Together for Tomorrow" celebrated and encouraged the unification of physicians around issues of importance, particularly public health advocacy.

Friday evening's VIP Board Dinner honored graduates of two of KMA's leadership programs, the Community Connector Leadership Program (CCLP) and the award-winning Kentucky Physicians Leadership Institute (KPLI). Receiving recognition as CCLPs were Bruce Scott, M.D. of Louisville, Sarah Moyer, M.D. of Louisville and Khalil Rahman, M.D. of Lexington. Eleven physicians completed the 2019 KPLI program: Mark Brockman, M.D. of Louisville, Lee Dossett, M.D. of Lexington, Lara Fakunle, M.D. of Louisville, Franklin Fannin, M.D. of Louisville, Michael Fletcher, M.D. of Crestview Hills, Heidi Koenig, M.D. of Louisville, Rishi Kumar, M.D. of Louisville, Charles Papp, M.D. of Lexington, Khalil Rahman, M.D. of Lexington, Mark Schroer, M.D. of Newport and Brian Sosnin, D.O. of Louisville. The evening also included a special "fireside chat" between 2018-2019 KMA President Bruce Scott, M.D. and current American Medical Association (AMA) President Patrice Harris, M.D.

On Saturday morning, attendees heard from a dynamic array of speakers during the Kentucky Physicians Leadership Academy (KPLA). United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky Russell Coleman discussed the federal response to the state's opioid epidemic, accompanied by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Stephanie Zimdahl and Bill Campbell. Ben Chandler, President and CEO of the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, gave members an update on Kentucky's public health issues, and was also presented with KMA's Advocacy Award for his work addressing solutions to issues such as tobacco use and influenza. The KPLA concluded with a discussion on social media and advocacy led by KMA Communications Director Emily Schott.

Ben Chandler, President and CEO of the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, presented on the public health status of Kentucky during the 2019 Kentucky Physicians Leadership Academy.

Following lunch, attendees were invited to attend the taping of "Prescription for Health: A KET Forum" which featured physicians, public health officials and policymakers discussing some of the state's most pressing public health issues. The first-of-its-kind special, which premiered on KET on Oct. 7, was moderated by Emmy award-winning Connections host Renee Shaw with Kentucky Health host and KPLI graduate Wayne Tuckson, M.D. interviewing additional physicians in the audience. Participants were also asked to share their stories encountering barriers to care their patients face related to these health issues using KMA's new patient advocacy website, AIMforBetterCare.com.

The annual KMA Leadership Dinner on Saturday evening brought together physicians, family members and special guests to celebrate the installation of KMA's 169th President, R. Brent Wright, M.D. of Glasgow, as well as recognize recipients of KMA's awards program and graduates of the Medical Student Outreach and Leadership (MSOL) Program. Patrick Withrow, M.D., of Paducah, received the KMA Community Service Award, students and leadership of Johnson County Middle School received the Debra K. Best Outstanding Layperson Award, and Keri Remmel, M.D., PhD, of Louisville received the KMA Educational Achievement Award. Sen. Max Wise of Campbellsville will be presented with the KMA Advocacy Award at a later date. Gordon Tobin, II, M.D., of Louisville received the KMA Distinguished Service Award, the Association's highest professional honor.

2018-2019 KMA President Bruce Scott, M.D. interviewed AMA President Patrice Harris, M.D. during the VIP Board Dinner on Sept. 20.

On Sunday, members reconvened to elect physicians to its Board of Trustees and AMA delegation as well as set Association policy during the House of Delegates. Louisville emergency room physician Robert Couch, M.D. was selected as KMA President-Elect, Dale Toney, M.D. was elected Vice President, and Frank Burns, M.D. was selected Secretary-Treasurer. Danesh Mazloomdoost, M.D., and Monalisa Tailor, M.D. were elected Speaker and Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates, respectively.

Throughout the weekend, physicians also engaged in opportunities for networking and socializing with colleagues from around the state. Members enjoyed a luncheon on Saturday, as well as two evening receptions, which included a photo booth and a KMA "Tech Connect" desk where attendees could update their contact information and sign up for KMA's legislative text alerts. Entertainment for Saturday's Leadership Reception was provided by Bluegrass artists the Hillhouse Band.

MOVING MEDICINE
TOGETHER FOR TOMORROW

Patrick Withrow, M.D. Receives KMA Community Service Award

The Kentucky Medical Association presented its Community Service Award to Patrick Withrow, M.D., of Paducah during the Leadership Dinner at the 2019 KMA Annual Meeting on Sept. 21.

The award recognizes a physician who has made significant contributions to his or her community. Dr. Withrow was selected for his tireless dedication to addressing two public health issues plaguing Kentucky—substance abuse and smoking. As the Outreach Director for Baptist Health, Dr. Withrow has spoken in eleven counties to over 15,000 students about the dangers of e-cigarettes and the negative effects of substance abuse on brain development. His innovative presentations engage students by allowing them to examine brain tissue and participate in exercises to demonstrate how the brain works. He has also been a passionate advocate for statewide tobacco-free schools. During the 2019 legislative session, he testified before several committees and was named a 2018 Healthy Kentucky Policy Champion by The Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky.

Dr. Withrow practiced interventional cardiology for more than 25 years and previously served as Chief Medical Officer at Baptist Health Paducah. He is a graduate of KMA's Community Connector Leadership Program.

Keri Remmel, M.D., PhD, Receives KMA Educational Achievement Award

The Kentucky Medical Association presented its Educational Achievement Award to Keri Remmel, M.D., PhD, of Louisville during the Leadership Dinner at the 2019 KMA Annual Meeting on Sept. 21.

The award is presented to individuals who have made outstanding contributions and achievements in the area of continuing medical education. Dr. Remmel is a Professor of and Chair of the Department of Neurology at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. She received her Doctorate in Communications Disorders and Linguistics from Louisiana State University and her medical degree from the University of Louisville. Upon joining the University of Louisville faculty in 2000, Dr. Remmel assumed various leadership roles, rising to Chair of the Department of Neurology. One of her passions is in research, and she has served as a Principle Investigator on over 20 clinical trials and grants. Dr. Remmel is also a highly regarded teacher, with many of her students eventually pursuing fellowships in stroke and becoming stroke and critical care leaders around the country.

Dr. Remmel also worked to establish the University of Louisville Hospital Stroke Center, regarded as one of the most prestigious stroke centers in the country. According to one letter of support, the center "is a mecca for training fellows in stroke and critical care" and because of her leadership, it is a participant in "every single cutting-edge clinical trial in stroke."

Students and Leaders of Johnson County Middle School Receive KMA Debra K. Best Outstanding Layperson Award

The Kentucky Medical Association presented its Debra K. Best Outstanding Layperson Award to students and leadership of Johnson County Middle School during the Leadership Dinner at the 2019 KMA Annual Meeting on Sept. 21.

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. Several students, with support from school leadership, created a task force called "Juul Breakers" to address the issue of vaping and led a campaign titled "juulsnotkuul" to bring awareness and education to students about the dangers of e-cigarette use. The students also testified during the 2019 Kentucky General Assembly before the Senate Health and Welfare Committee on Senate Bill 218, which addressed student smoking and vaping prevention. Their tireless efforts drew the attention of numerous community leaders and state legislators."

At an age and a time in their lives when it is easy to be influenced by peers, pressured to fit in and "be cool," these students have taken the courageous step to help address this significant public health battle, even at times facing bullying and hateful comments, in an effort to protect the health of their generation." said Middlesboro Independent Schools Instructional Supervisor Anthony Maxwell, who nominated the group for the award.

Sen. Max Wise to Receive KMA Advocacy Award

The Kentucky Medical Association will present its 2019 Advocacy Award to Sen. Max Wise of Campbellsville.

The award is presented to individuals who have effected positive change in the healthcare space through their advocacy efforts. Sen. Wise is chairman of the Education Committee and a member of a number of others, including Health and Welfare. In 2014 he defeated a Republican Senate Candidate in the primary by differentiating himself on one issue – tort reform. He has since become a strong advocate for policies that support physicians and patients across Kentucky. Sen. Wise has had an open-door policy for KMA, voting in favor of legislation improving the prior authorization process and establishing tobacco free schools, as well as cracking down on pharmacy benefit managers, serving as a champion for the issue in the Senate.

Sen. Wise will be presented with the award at a later date.

Gordon R. Tobin, II, M.D., Receives KMA Distinguished Service Award

The Kentucky Medical Association presented its Distinguished Service Award to Gordon R. Tobin, II, M.D., of Louisville during the Leadership Dinner at the 2019 KMA Annual Meeting on Sept. 21.

This award is presented annually to a KMA member who has provided outstanding service to patients, organized medicine and the community at large. Dr. Tobin is a Past President of KMA and has been a passionate champion for public health throughout his career. He is actively involved in the Supplies Over Seas program, providing desperately needed equipment and supplies to underserved populations around the world. Dr. Tobin also serves on the Board of Directors of The Healing Place, a nationally recognized addiction recovery center. He has spoken nationally at the American Medical Association Advocacy Conference about the importance of rural clinical care and the need for funding additional residency positions. He has also given generously of his time, serving on clinical mission trips and working to bring pediatric patients to Kentucky to receive charitable reconstructive surgery, often providing this care himself.

Dr. Tobin has also served as President of the Greater Louisville Medical Society and on the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Foundation for Medical Care. Receiving many humanitarian, service and teaching honors throughout his career, Dr. Tobin was also named the 2017-2018 Ephraim McDowell Kentucky Physician of the Year.

Ben Chandler Receives KMA Advocacy Award

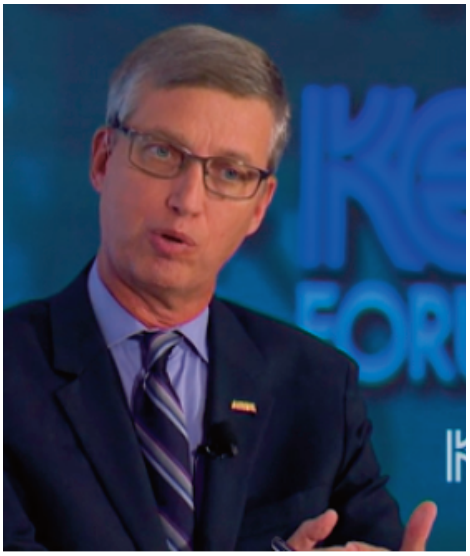
The Kentucky Medical Association presented its Advocacy Award to Ben Chandler, President and CEO of the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, during its 2019 Annual Meeting on Sept. 21 in Louisville.

The award is presented to individuals who have effected positive change in the healthcare space through their advocacy efforts. In 2001, Chandler established the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky with a goal of addressing the unmet health needs of Kentuckians by developing and influencing health policy, improving access to care, reducing health risks and disparities, and promoting health equity.

Through his work with the Foundation, Chandler has been a tireless supporter of public health education and has partnered with numerous outside organizations, including the KMA and Kentucky Foundation for Medical Care (KFMC). In 2018 the groups launched the successful "Focus on Flu" campaign, which sought to mitigate the effects of another deadly flu season in Kentucky. Chandler also serves as Chair of the Coalition for a Smoke Free Tomorrow, a group made up of various stakeholders from across the state who seek to speak with policymakers with a single voice on tobacco-control issues. In 2018 the Coalition successfully secured a $.50 increase in the state's tobacco tax, and in 2019 helped pass Kentucky's first tobacco-free schools law. Chandler's Foundation and the KMA and KFMC have since partnered once again to offer campus signage at no cost to schools who comply with the new law with its Tobacco-Free for Students program. Flu prevention and smoking cessation are two of the focus areas of KMA's "AIM for Better Care: Administrative Improvements in Medicine" initiative.

"PRESCRIPTION FOR HEALTH: A KET FORUM"

Among the highlights of this year's KMA Annual Meeting was the filming of the special "Prescription for Health: A KET Forum," which featured KMA physicians, public health and policy makers discussing some of the state's most pressing public health issues. Hosted by Emmy award-winning "Connections" host Renee Shaw as well as Kentucky Physicians Leadership Institute graduate and "Kentucky Health" host Wayne Tuckson, attendees became part of the conversation on topics including substance abuse, obesity and diabetes. The special premiered on KET on Oct. 7. Additional airtimes are available at ket.org.



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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: 2019 KPLI graduate Charles Papp, M.D., and KMA Vice President Dale Toney, M.D.; Nancy Swikert, M.D.; Vaughn Payne, M.D.; William Monnig, M.D. and 2018-2019 KMA Secretary-Treasurer Robert Couch, M.D.; AMA President Patrice Harris, M.D. and 2019 KPLI graduate Lara Fakunle, M.D.; Shawn Jones, M.D. and 2019 KPLI graduate Mark Schroer, M.D.; KMA members attend the 2019 KMA House of Delegates reference committee meeting, and Elizabeth Lehto, D.O, Emily Miller, M.D., and Ariel Carpenter pose for a social media photo op.

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: AMA President Patrice Harris, M.D., Rep. Kim Moser, Angela Dearinger, M.D., and Sarah Moyer, M.D.; Donald Swikert, M.D., LaTonia Sweet, M.D. and Theodore Miller, M.D., PhD; Mamata Majmundar, M.D.; KMA members at the 2019 House of Delegates; Marianne Miller, William Monnig, M.D. and Theodore Miller, M.D., PhD; Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky President/CEO Ben Chandler, Jennifer Chandler, Robert Couch, M.D., Brian Sosnin, D.O., Lee Dossett, M.D., Bruce Scott, M.D., and Frank Burns, M.D. attend the 2019 KMA Kentucky Physicians' Leadership Academy.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES ROLL CALL

The 2019 KMA House of Delegates meeting was held September 22 as part of the Association's Annual Meeting.

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The Kentucky Medical Association House of Delegates met September 22 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.

01-2019: Judicial Council Discontinuation – Adopted as Amended
(KMA Board of Trustees)

RESOLVED: The KMA Judicial Council be discontinued and the KMA by-laws be amended by striking wording as outlined in the attached strikethrough version of the current by-laws:

02-2019: Networking Opportunities for Young Physicians – Adopted as Amended
(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association and the Kentucky Medical Association Alliance utilize the Lexington Medical Society Physician Wellness Program events as an example and explore more family friendly networking opportunities to encourage better membership and involvement for young physicians.

03-2019: Physician Owned Hospitals – Adopted
(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association study available data and educate physicians about the benefits and consequences of legislation which would allow a pathway to physician owned hospitals.

04-2019: Confidential Physician Reporting via Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure – Referred to the Board of Trustees for Decision
(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

1st RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association encourage the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure to acknowledge a pathway for anonymous reporting for physicians if substantiated by sufficient evidence; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association discourage licensees from contacting or taking action against a complainant, provided the grievance is filed in good faith.

05-2019: Anonymous Reporting of Licensees to the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure – Not Adopted
(Naren James, MD)

1st RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association take a policy position against such an anonymous reporting all physicians; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED: The KMA advocate before the legislature for statutory protection for physicians from this current policy.

06-2019: Support for the Stop the Bleed Campaign and Increased Availability of Bleeding Control Supplies – Adopted
(Jessica Geddes, Grant Austin, Curtis Bethel, Stuart Jones, Kaitlyn Kasemodel, Pat Osterhaus, and Samantha Ruley-University of Kentucky College of Medicine; Rachel Safeek, MPH - University of Louisville School of Medicine)

1st RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association promote the national public health educational campaign Stop the Bleed within the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED: The KMA support the increased availability of hemorrhage control supplies (including pressure bandages, hemostatic dressings, tourniquets and gloves) in schools, places of employment, and public buildings.

07-2019: Increasing Standards for Childhood Nutrition in Schools – Adopted
(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association supports measures that encourage all food items, especially those provided by schools, but also including food brought by families for celebration and extracurricular activities to meet the USDA Nutrition standards for foods that compete with healthy school lunches, as well as provide families with evidence-based nutritional education, and encourage its members to promote healthy nutritional choices based on the USDA Dietary Guidelines for America.

08-2019: Promotion of Vaccine Education and the Elimination of the Non-Medical Exemption – Adopted as Amended
(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

1st RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association (KMA) holds that nonmedical exemptions from immunizations endanger the health of the unvaccinated individual and the health of all people; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED: The KMA (1) supports the immunization recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for all individuals without medical contraindications; (2) supports legislation eliminating nonmedical exemptions and; (3) supports public education efforts to address vaccine hesitancy and refusal.

09-2019: Requirement of Helmet Usage Amongst the Youth of Kentucky While on a Bicycle or Powered Cycle – Adopted as Amended
(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association support and encourage the development of public education campaigns for helmet usage by children.

10-2019: Protection of Minors from Risks of Indoor Tanning - Reaffirmed Current Policy in Lieu of Adopting Resolution 2019-10
(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical advocate that the Kentucky General Assembly pass legislation to prohibit tanning bed use in individuals under the age of 18.

11-2019: Educate Families about Gun Safety – Adopted as Amended
(Lexington Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association encourages and endorses the development and presentation of safety education programs that will engender more responsible use and storage of firearms.

12-2019: Education on the Prevention of Firearm-Related Injuries and Deaths – Adopted as Amended
(Rachel Safeek, MPH, Jerome Soldo, Suzanne McGee, M.D. - University of Louisville School of Medicine)

1st RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association work with the Kentucky medical schools and residency programs to support evidence-based training for medical students, resident physicians, and teaching physicians to reduce firearm-related morbidity and mortality; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association encourage physicians, when appropriate, to counsel patients on firearm safety.

13-2019: Protecting Our Patients Amidst a Changing Climate - Adopted Resolution 2019-14 in Lieu of Resolution 2019-13
(Jerome Soldo, Nolan Smith, and Jacob Shpilberg - University of Louisville School of Medicine; Alexander Thebert and Patrick Osterhaus - University of Kentucky College of Medicine)

1st RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association acknowledge the deleterious effects that climate change has on health; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED: The KMA support educating the medical community about the adverse effects of climate change on health; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, The KMA endorse the Consensus Statement of the Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health, thereby becoming an affiliate member of the Consortium; and be it further

4th RESOLVED: The KMA establish an ad-hoc committee, which will be tasked with reporting back at the 2020 KMA Annual Meeting, to investigate the ways climate change is affecting Kentuckians and to develop a strategy for best communicating these findings to members, patients, and the Kentucky legislature.

14-2019: Climate Change – Adopted as Amended
(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association educate members and the public on the possible medical and health care aspects of climate change.

15-2019: Regulation of the Marketing, Packaging, and Sale of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems in Kentucky – Adopted as Amended
(Katherine Whitehouse, Brooke Barrow, and Rachel Safeek, MPH - University of Louisville School of Medicine; Alexander Thebert, Bill Jessee, Kaitlyn Kasemodel, Pat Osterhaus, Sarah Thomas, Nicholas White, and Douglas Hayden Wilson - University of Kentucky College of Medicine)

1st RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association supports regulation of marketing and packaging of electronic nicotine delivery systems, in a way that mirrors the regulation of traditional cigarettes; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association supports a ban on electronic nicotine delivery systems use in locations where tobacco use is prohibited; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association supports the extension of laws prohibiting tobacco advertising to electronic nicotine delivery systems; and be it further

4th RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association supports federal and state bans on flavoring for electronic nicotine delivery systems; and be it further

5th RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association support legislation to tax electronic nicotine delivery systems and associated products at a minimum at rates similar to conventional, combustible cigarettes; and be it further

6th RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association educate the public, especially youth, of the dangers of using electronic nicotine delivery systems, and so discourage the use of them.

16-2019: Support for the Establishment of a Program for Wholesale Importation of Prescription Drugs – Adopted as Amended
(Alexander Thebert, Mia Macdonald, and Patrick Osterhaus - University of Kentucky College of Medicine)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association support the legalized importation of prescription drug products by wholesalers and pharmacies only if: (a) all drug products are Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved and meet all other FDA regulatory requirements, pursuant to United States laws and regulations; (b) the drug distribution chain is "closed," and all drug products are subject to reliable, "electronic" track and trace technology; and (c) the Congress grants necessary additional authority and resources to the FDA to ensure the authenticity and integrity of prescription drugs that are imported.

17-2019: Preventing Medication Assisted Treatment Facilities from Opening in High Populated Areas and Around Churches, Schools, Playgrounds, and Areas Where Children Play – Not Adopted
(Bell County Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association neither supports the growth of these medical assisted treatment facilities as it is currently structured, and that until further review of the impact MAT clinics create in the communities they are located in, the KMA does not support further growth and expansion of these and that the KMA recommends these clinics be at least confined to the more rural or lessor populated areas within our state.

18-2019: Preventing Medication Assisted Treatment Facilities from being Owned and Operating within a For-Profit Clinic – Not Adopted
(Bell County Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association (KMA) feels that no doctor, nurse practitioner, clinic, dentist, administrators or owners of Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT) clinics should profit directly from prescribing opiates including methadone, suboxone, and buprenorphine and that these clinics must be owned and operated independently from those who actually prescribe the medication. Such an example would be ownership by the state of Kentucky or within public universities where all the stakeholders are salaried and not rewarded with incentives or profit sharing. The KMA also recognizes that these newly reorganized MAT centers will be very busy due to their exclusivity and restricted service centers, and that all profits beyond the operating budget be placed in a special account earmarked for enhancing rehabilitation, education, and law enforcement for reducing drug addiction.

19-2019: Affirming the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act is Federal Law and Insurers and Providers Must Abide by the Law with Enforcement from the State – Adopted
(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

1st RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association requests the state Department of Insurance and Commissioner to take action to determine if insurers are in compliance with the federal parity law through primary enforcement authority including establishing reporting requirements for insurers to demonstrate how they design and apply their managed care tactics; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED: The KMA request the state Department of Insurance and Commissioner perform market conduct examinations of insurers and use of nonquantitative treatment limitations when addressing the matters of pre-existing conditions, length of treatment, insurance coverage, dosage limitations, network adequacy, and requirements for counseling frequency based on patient history and need; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED: The KMA support federal efforts to achieve mental health parity compliance through federal legislation and regulation.

20-2019: Substance Use Disorder Treatment in Correctional Facilities – Adopted as Amended
(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

1st RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association advocate that Kentucky correctional facilities provide all inmates screening for substance use disorders and co-morbid psychiatric conditions to identify inmates who would be candidates for treatment; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association advocate that Kentucky correctional facilities provide inmates evidence-based treatment for substance use disorders and co-morbid psychiatric conditions, including evidence-based pharmacotherapy for opioid use disorder; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED: The KMA support the inclusion of all FDA approved pharmacotherapeutic modalities as treatment options for substance use disorders in correctional facilities.

21-2019: Mitigate Criminal Legal Barriers Which are Preventing Kentuckians Who are Struggling with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) from Acquiring Gainful Employment – Adopted as Amended
(Lexington Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association supports efforts to mitigate criminal legal barriers which are preventing Kentuckians who are struggling with substance use disorder (SUD) from acquiring gainful employment.

22-2019: Nicotine Delivery Device Tax - Adopted Resolution 2019-15 in Lieu of Resolution 2019-22
(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

1st RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association arrange introduction and support legislative statutes to tax electronic nicotine delivery devices (e-cigarettes, JUUL and vaping devices, etc.) and supplies at rates proportional to nicotine levels delivered by conventional, combustible cigarettes; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED: The KMA support application of all revenues so generated to funding Expanded Medicaid in the Kentucky State budget; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED: The KMA create a strong educational program to inform the public, especially youth, of the dangers of using these devices, and so discourage use of such devices by youth.

23-2019: National Tort Reform – Adopted as Amended
(Lexington Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association formally advocate for a national cap on non-economic damages stemming from medical liability claims and solicit congressional support for such improvement in the medical practice environment.

24-2019: Removing Opposition to a Single-Payer Healthcare System – Not Adopted
(Sarah Parker and Erik Seroogy, MPH - University of Louisville College of Medicine; Alexander Thebert, Mia MacDonald, and Patrick Osterhaus - University of Kentucky College of Medicine)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association revise existing policy to remove opposition to single-payer systems while preserving the principles of pluralism, freedom of choice, freedom of practice, and universal access for patients.

25-2019: Association Health Plans – Adopted as Amended
(Frank Burns, M.D.)

RESOLVED, that the Kentucky Medical Association explore options for their independent small business members to offer health insurance, including Association Health Plans as long as the plan is comprehensive (45 CFR 156 compliant) and prohibits discrimination based on pre-existing conditions and health status.

26-2019: Patient, Physician and Market Protection from Association Health Plan Effects – Adopted as Amended
(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

RESOLVED, The KMA request the AMA to develop and legislatively advance programs that allow small businesses to provide their employees with health insurance that is both comprehensive (45 CFR 156 compliant) and affordable, including options for Exchange Policies that receive graduated tax credits or increased deductions scaled according to resources and profitability of the small business.

27-2019: Requiring Workers Compensation Companies to Develop Processes for Electronic Prior Authorization – Adopted as Amended
(Bell County Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association support applying the requirements of 2019 Senate Bill 54 to workers' compensation plans.

28-2019: Status of Physician Provider Tax Proposal – Adopted
(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association determine the status of the hospital executive organization (Balanced Health Kentucky) proposal to enact a physician provider tax for funding Kentucky Expanded Medicaid, or any similar provider tax proposal, and report the findings to the KMA House of Delegates.

29-2019: Support for the Equality Act – Adopted as Amended
(Greater Louisville Medical Society)

RESOLVED: The KMA oppose discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, disability, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

30-2019: J-1 Visa Waiver Program – Adopted
(Northern Kentucky Medical Association, Greater Louisville Medical Society, and Sen. Ralph Alvarado, M.D.)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association support federal and state legislation to support a revision of immigration policy to expedite the immigration process for international medical graduate physicians.

31-2019: Pediatric Cancer Research Funding – Adopted
(McCracken County Medical Society)

1st RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association supports the utilization of state budget appropriations to increase funding of childhood cancer research; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED: In an effort to raise awareness and expand knowledge during the 2020 legislative session, the Kentucky Medical Association, through its communication vehicles, educate physician members and the public regarding the prevalence of childhood cancer in Kentucky and the current lack of necessary funding for childhood cancer research.

32-2019: Maternal Mortality Rates – Adopted as Amended
(Monalisa Tailor, M.D.)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association collaborate with relevant stakeholders to advocate for ways to reduce maternal mortality rates in the state of Kentucky in the context of state and federal laws.

33-2019: Support Legislation Requiring Explicit Consent Before Pelvic Examinations Performed Under Anesthesia - Referred to the Board of Trustees for Further Study
(Jessica Geddes, Kaitlyn Kasemodel, Pat Osterhaus, Samantha Ruley, Lincoln Shade, Lexi Sunnenberg, and Cody Sutphin - University of Kentucky College of Medicine)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association support legislation that would require explicit patient consent before pelvic examinations performed under anesthesia.

34-2019: Rights of Minors to Consent for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis for HIV – Adopted as Amended
(Connor Smith, Rachel Safeek, MPH, Jerome Soldo, and Taylor Hood - University of Louisville School of Medicine)

RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association support legislation permitting minors to consent for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis under the supervision of a qualified medical professional.

35-2019: Health Care Decision-Making for the Unbefriended. Two Physicians Rule for withdrawal of non-beneficial treatment of the Incapacitated and Alone - Referred to the Board of Trustees for Further Study
(Aneeta Bhatia, M.D.)

1st RESOLVED: The Kentucky Medical Association requests Kentucky state legislative authority to authorize two attending physicians or a hospital ethics committee to withdraw non beneficial treatment when it has been determined that there is no discernable medical benefit, and that any intervention only postpones the imminent moment of death without serving the integral good; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED: That a process be in place that provides the important safeguards of expertise, neutrality, and careful deliberation.

KPLI GRADUATES THIRD CLASS

2019 KPLI graduates include (from top, left to right): Mark Schroer, M.D. of Newport, Michael Fletcher, M.D. of Crestview Hills, Franklin Fannin, M.D. of Louisville, Charles Papp, M.D. of Lexington, Brian Sosnin, D.O. of Louisville, Lee Dossett, M.D. of Lexington, Mark Brockman, M.D. of Louisville, Heidi Koenig, M.D. of Louisville, Lara Fakunle, M.D. of Louisville, Khalil Rahman, M.D. of Lexington, and Rishi Kumar, M.D. of Louisville.

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

This was the third class of KPLI participants, an initiative with the Kentucky Foundation for Medical Care (KFMC) 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 graduates studied personal and business aspects of leadership, and also spent a weekend in Frankfort learning about the legislative process and the importance of advocacy. Several class members participated in a discussion at the Leadership in Action event on Sept. 21 on utilizing social media to advance advocacy and public health efforts as well.

"I am grateful for the invaluable relationships that were formed with the leaders, other students and instructors from the KPLI. The deep and thoughtful wisdom and incredibly insightful knowledge that was shared with us was amazing and could not have been passed down through a book alone. It has already made a profound and significant difference in my personal and professional life," said 2019 KPLI graduate Brian Sosnin, D.O, Family Medicine Physician with Baptist Hospital Medical Group, Louisville.

"Thank you to everyone involved in the KPLI for helping shape me into someone who will make an even bigger difference at home, at work and in my community. If you are considering participating in KPLI, please do it! I have no doubt that you will be very glad you did."The 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.

KPLI AWARDED AAMSE PROFILES OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Kentucky Physicians Leadership Institute (KPLI) was awarded the American Association of Medical Society Executives (AAMSE) Profiles of Excellence Award for Leadership during the AAMSE Annual Meeting in July 2019.

The AAMSE Profiles of Excellence recognize outstanding achievements by medical societies in various arenas. The Leadership category honors the development and implementation of member leadership programs that create pathways for physician leadership at the county, state or national level and/or develop leadership competencies to meet the challenges of medicine.

The KPLI was selected for its innovative approach to physician leadership training. According to comments from the selection committee, "The development of the KPLI had a significant impact on the medical society and strengthened its relationship with key KMA members. It is designed to provide physicians with lifelong learning that they are not receiving from other sources." This is the second award for the KPLI. In October 2018, the program was honored with the MediStar A.O. Sullivan Excellence in Education Award.

KMA Education Director Miranda Mosley accepts the AAMSE Profiles of Excellence Leadership Award on behalf of the KPLI.

LEON SOLOMON, M.D. MEMORIAL MEETING

The Kentucky Medical Association is proud of the legacy of Dr. Leon L. Solomon, M.D., and dedicated the 2019 Annual Meeting to his honor.

By Gordon R. Tobin, M.D.

As the 20th century opened, Leon Leopold Solomon, M.D. (1871-1959) of Louisville, achieved national influence by applying and promoting the era's most advanced knowledge and skills. He advocated and taught science-based therapies and public health engagement through leadership of local, state and national organizations, including chairing the AMA Council on Materia Medica, Pharmacy and Therapeutics, and Section Directorships of the Kentucky Board of Health and U.S. Public Health Service. Highly acclaimed throughout his career, he pioneered the emerging specialty of Internal Medicine, and served our profession nobly.

Early Life
In 1871, Leon was born in Louisville to Joseph and Eva Bach Solomon, who immigrated in 1863 from Reformed Jewish communities in Alsace, Germany. Beginning as a country store clerk, Joseph established several country stores across Kentucky. The prospering Solomon family chose residence in Louisville and Leon excelled academically. He graduated from Male High School, which then offered an optional AB college degree that he achieved.

Medical Education
In 1892, Leon entered the University of Louisville Medical Department, then a two-year, fall/winter school, and he graduated first in his 1894 class. This won him the prized, one-year Resident Physician (Intern) position at Louisville City Hospital. Seeking the most advanced knowledge available, he then took two years of post-doctoral studies in Berlin, Vienna, Heidelberg and Prague. These universities led the world in medical science, which drew excellence-seeking physicians worldwide. Returning in 1896, his European-acquired knowledge in therapeutics and pathology placed him at the forefront of American expertise.

Academic Positions and Clinical Practice
In 1896, Dr. Solomon began practice in Louisville, and also became Lecturer in Diseases of Children, and Director of the Chemical Laboratory at Louisville's Kentucky School of Medicine. In 1898, a new Louisville school, the Kentucky University Medical Department, was established. There he became Professor of Materia Medica, Pharmacy and Therapeutics, his principal expertise. His pathology expertise also brought appointment as Louisville City Hospital Pathologist. He supported the 1907 merger of Kentucky University into the University of Louisville, and there became Professor of Theory and Practice of Medicine,which continued to 1921. In 1917, he founded Louisville's busy Solomon Clinic,which pioneered comprehensive care through group practice.

Family and Community Life
In 1899, Leon married Alma Brown of Mobile, Alabama. She died prematurely, and he remarried to Georgia Fredrick of Louisville in 1922. Extensive community service included participation in founding Jewish Hospital in 1903-5. In 1926, charity care deficits nearly closed the Hospital, and Solomon was credited with saving it by securing philanthropic support from community connections. As manager or the estate of wealthy Louisville distiller, Charles Moorman, he established in 1926 the Moorman Home for Women, a refuge for elderly women.

Leon Solomon in 1897, upon return from European studies

Leon Solomon in later years, a medical leader and statesman

Over time, he became a respected medical and civic statesman. His young grand-nephews, Allan and Morris Weiss, fondly called him "Uncle Doc." Now, Allan is a respected attorney, and Morris is a leading cardiologist and advocate for medical humanitarianism and ethics. Leon Solomon died in 1959, leaving an admirable life's legacy.

Medical Society and Public Health Leadership
From career onset, Solomon's talents brought leadership. In the Jefferson County Medical Society and Kentucky State Medical Association, he led condemnation of proprietary drug manufactures and their dangerous nostrums. Louisville physicians were then leading the American Medical Association. They recognized his expertise and appointed the young doctor to the newly formed AMA Council of Materia Medica, Pharmacy and Therapeutics. He became Secretary in 1897 and Chair in 1899. His 1900 Chairman's Report summarizes clearly state-of-art vaccine, serum and antitoxin therapies, and delivers forceful attacks against proprietary drug makers. When J.N. McCormack, M.D. strengthened the State Board of Health, he appointed Solomon Head of Venereal Disease Control. With onset of WWI, Solomon became Director of the Bureau of Venereal Diseases in the U. S. Public Health Service, rising to the rank of Major.

Dedication
Leon Solomon was an acclaimed practitioner, educator, leader and pioneer of Internal Medicine. Although highly honored, he was described as, "genial, courteous, unassuming and popular," and an "inspiration to all who aspire to the highest level of human service." The Kentucky Medical Association proudly dedicates the 2019 Annual Meeting to Dr. Solomon and his legacy.

KENTUCKY BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

KBML CONTRIBUTES TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

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

As most physicians are aware, rapid changes in technology and science are permanently changing the face of health care in Kentucky. The development of innovative medical products and procedures are vastly improving the quality of life for many Kentuckians and are revolutionizing the practice of medicine throughout the Commonwealth and the nation. At the same time health care is witnessing these rapid advancements, Kentucky patients are also becoming better informed and empowered. Patients are active participants in their medical care and demand accountability for the quality of care received.

It is this environment that the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure contributes to public safety of the Commonwealth by ensuring that medical and osteopathic physicians abide by acceptable standards of professional conduct. The Board also is responsible to the public safety of the Commonwealth for other health care professions such as physician assistants, athletic trainers, surgical assistants, acupuncturists, and genetic counselors.

The Board is presently made up of fifteen members,consisting of seven medical physicians who are in private practice, one osteopathic physician, three consumer at large representatives, the deans of the state's three medical/osteopathic schools and the Commissioner of Public Health for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Physician appointees serve four year terms and are nominated by the Kentucky Medical Association and Kentucky Osteopathic Association, who submit a list of three potential nominees to the Governor for consideration.

In recent years, the Board has received several new members and in September welcomed its two newest members, Mark A. Schroer, M.D., and William A. Webb, D.O. Dr. Schroer, who practices Internal Medicine in Newport, was appointed by Governor Bevin to fill the position previously held by Dale E. Toney, M.D., whose term expired. Dr. Webb, who practices Family Medicine in Pikeville, was also appointed by Governor Bevin to fill the vacancy left by Randal C. Gibson, D.O., whose term expired. The Board would like to take this opportunity to express its deepest appreciation to Dr. Toney and Dr. Gibson for their years of service to the citizens of the Commonwealth and for their roles for serving in leadership positions on the Board. In addition, the Board would also like to offer a special acknowledgement to Dr. Gibson for his 24 years of exemplary service. With changes in membership, the Board recently elected a new slate of officers to serve in leadership positions for the current year. In September, the Board elected Sandra R. Shuffett, M.D., of Nicholasville, to serve as Board President. Richard Whitehouse, Esq., of Louisville, was selected as Vice President and serves as Chair of the Board's Inquiry/Hearing Panel B. Kenneth J. Payne, M.D., of Louisville, was elected to serve as Secretary and also serves as Chair of the Board's Inquiry/Hearing Panel A. A listing of the Board's current membership is as follows: ·

- Sandra R. Shuffett, M.D., Nicholasville – President·
- Richard Whitehouse Esq., Louisville, (Consumer) – Vice President·
- Kenneth J. Payne, M.D., Louisville – Secretary·
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- Robert S. DiPaola, M.D., Dean, University of Kentucky College of Medicine· ·
- Michael E. Fletcher, M.D., Crestview Hills
- Mary Nan Mallory, M.D., Vice Dean of Clinical Affairs,University of Louisville School of Medicine

- Dana C. Shaffer, D.O., Dean, University of Pikeville-Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine·
- Mark A. Schroer, M.D., Newport·
- Kristin Ann Turner, Esq., Alexandria (Consumer)·
- David W. Wallace, M.D., Shelbyville·
- William A. Webb, D.O., Pikeville·
- Phillip D. Williamson, Esq., Ft. Thomas·
- One Vacant Medical Physician Position

Over the past year, the Board has been involved in a host of issues ranging from its focused attention on contributing in the fight against prescription drug abuse, streamlining its licensure processes to beginning the process of implementing the concept of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (ILMC). The Board would like to offer its appreciation to Sen. Ralph Alvarado, M.D. on the IMLC legislation, which will create a voluntary expedited pathway to licensure for qualified physicians who wish to practice in multiple states. The IMLC mission is to increase access to health care for patients in underserved or rural areas and allow them to more easily connect with medical experts through the use of telemedicine technologies. While making it easier for physicians to obtain licenses to practice in multiple states, the Compact strengthens public protection by enhancing the ability of states to share investigative and disciplinary information. The application process is expedited by leveraging the physicians existing information previously submitted in their state of principal license (SPL). Once the Board is ready to begin officially participate in this exciting licensure measure, information will be provided to physicians across the state.

In closing, the Board would like to thank the KMA for its continued support and assistance throughout the year and looks forward to continued collaboration throughout the next year on issues such the developmentof educational programs.

DECEASED KMA MEMBER PHYSICIANS AS OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

James E. Anderson, M.D., 2/15/2019, Daviess County
William B. Anderson III, M.D., 7/15/2019, Trigg County
Billy F. Andrews, M.D., 3/15/2019, Jefferson County
Jose P. Ante, M.D., 11/29/2018, Jefferson County
Ben M. Birkhead, M.D., 8/12/2018, Jefferson County
Donald E. Blair, M.D., 12/2/2018, Rowan County
Charles F. Bowlds, M.D., 6/25/2019, Jefferson County
R. Kendall Brown, M.D., 4/18/2019, Scott County
William D. Bushong, M.D., 10/12/2018, Daviess County
Stanley W. Collis, M.D., 10/20/2018, Jefferson County
John L. Creech Jr., M.D., 8/27/2018, Jefferson County
Donne O. DeMunbrun-Harmon, M.D., 8/26/2018, Jefferson County
Charles E. Dobbs, M.D., 12/16/2018, Jefferson County
Fred Z. Ferris, M.D., 1/15/2019, Jefferson County
Paul A. Fleitz, M.D., 5/25/2019, Jefferson County
Richard D. Floyd, M.D., 8/10/201/, Fayette County
David Ray French, M.D., 5/31/2019, Shelby County
Gilbert H. Friedell, M.D., 10/10/2018, Fayette County
Salem M. George, M.D., 10/15/2018, Marion County
Lawrence P. Green Jr., M.D., 7/19/2019, Warren County
George M. Gumbert, M.D., 8/3/2018, Fayette County
William H. Hanking, M.D., 7/8/2019, Jefferson County
Herbert N. Harkleroad, M.D., 9/4/2018, Warren County
Don L. Harmon, M.D., 10/12/2018, Jefferson County
Siegfried L. Hausladen, M.D., 10/15/201/, Kenton County
Richard F. Hench, M.D., 6/23/2019, Fayette County
Kenneth C. Henderson, M.D., 6/28/2019, Jefferson County
Donald E. Howard, M.D., 3/17/2019, Franklin County
Lawrence F. Jelsma, M.D., 8/8/2018, Jefferson County
Raymond H. Johnson, M.D., 7/15/2019, Jefferson County
Virginia T. Keeney, M.D., 5/29/2019, Jefferson County
Paul R. Kleykamp Sr., M.D., 12/4/2018, Boyd County
Robert D. Lindberg, M.D., 3/9/2019, Jefferson County
Graydon A. Long, M.D., 3/31/2019, Fayette County
Paul F. Maddox, M.D., 7/18/2019, Jessamine County
Dan A. Martin, M.D., 8/8/2018, Hopkins County
Michael W. McCall Sr., M.D., 10/29/2018, Jefferson County
Arthur D. Meyer, M.D., 2/25/2019, Jefferson County
Walter R. Morris, M.D., 8/2/2019, Jefferson County
Donald H. Mosley, M.D., 11/1/2018, Jefferson County
Joseph C. Parker Jr., M.D., 5/3/2019, Jefferson County
Sara J. Parks, M.D., 6/10/2019, Daviess County
David Jeffrey Partin, M.D., 12/31/2018, Whitley County
D. Geraldine Paxton, M.D., 6/8/2019, Jefferson County
Michael D. Perkins, M.D., 7/5/2019, Whitley County
Bernard I. Popham, M.D., 11/25/2018, Jefferson County
James W. Ramey, M.D., 12/10/2018, Boyle County
John J. Ryan Jr., M.D., 6/5/2019, Jefferson County
Ralph M. Scot , M.D., 8/15/2019, Jefferson County
Edward W. Shertz, M.D., 2/5/2019, Pulaski County
Arthur J. Shulthise, M.D., 6/22/2019, Jefferson County
Ben C. Stigall, M.D., 1/19/2019, Fayette County
Charles E. Terry, M.D., 4/7/2019, Estill County
Mario V. Ulfe, M.D., 11/28/2018, Jefferson County
Martha B. Ulfe, M.D., 11/11/2018, Jefferson County
Donna M. Volk, M.D., 3/5/2019, Jefferson County
William D. Weitzel, M.D., 8/1/2018, Fayette County

ROBERT H. COUCH, M.D., MBA

As the 2019 edition of "For the Record" went to print, KMA was saddened by the loss of its 2019-2020 President-Elect, Robert Couch, M.D. Dr. Couch served in a number of leadership roles in the KMA through the years, including as Secretary-Treasurer (2017-2019), delegate to the American Medical Association (2016-2019), Treasurer of the Kentucky Physicians Political Action Committee (KPPAC) (2018-2019) and KPPAC Chair (2017). He was also involved in several KMA commissions and committees, including the Budget Committee, the Commission on Legislative and Political Advocacy and the Commission on Medical Economics. Dr. Couch served as President of the Greater Louisville Medical Society in 2016 and was a 2017 graduate of KMA's Community Connector Leadership Program.

Dr. Couch will be remembered as a champion for healthcare, a passionate advocate for patients and a respected leader in the medical community. His impact on the KMA is evident through the many photos he appears in throughout this report, and he will be greatly missed.

WALLY OLSON MONTGOMERY, M.D.

KMA was saddened by the loss of its former president, Wally Montgomery, M.D., in November 2019. While serving as KMA President from 1985-86, Dr. Montgomery received a Presidential Citation from President Ronald Reagan for his work on developing the Kentucky Physician's Care Program. He also served as chairman of the KMA Board of Trustees and was chairman of the Committee on State Legislative Activities for 15 years. Dr. Montgomery served on Kentucky's American Medical Association delegation for 24 years, leading the delegation for eight years. He served as President of the McCracken County Medical Society in 1981 and received the KMA Distinguished Service Award in 1990.

Dr. Montgomery will be remembered as a true advocate for physicians and patients and a leader in healthcare for the Commonwealth, and he will be greatly missed..

50 YEARS AND COUNTING

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

S. Eric Bergman, M.D., Louisville
William E. Blackburn Jr., M.D., Lexington
Robert A. Blair, M.D., Frankfort
Bhagwant B. Borkar, M.D., Louisville
Theodore Borodofsky Jr., M.D., Paducah
John E. Boso, M.D., Lexington
William H. Brooks, M.D., Lexington
Philip T. Browne, M.D., Louisville
Robert B. Bux, M.D., Lexington
Noel D. Canlas, M.D., Henderson
Stanley S. Chmiel, M.D., Louisville
Jack E. Cody, M.D., Danville
Jerry W. Conners, M.D., Fort Thomas
Roberto P. Corpus, M.D., Madisonville
Joseph A. Creevy, M.D., Lakeside Park
Jahangir Cyrus, M.D., Louisville
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James M. Donley, M.D., Madisonville
Moises Dreszer, M.D., Louisville
Edward R. Elicker, M.D., Fort Mitchell
Hossein Fallahzadeh, M.D., Somerset
Javier Alonso Felipe-Morales, M.D., Newport
Larry D. Florman, M.D., Louisville
W Sterrett Foster Jr., M.D., Washington Island, WI
Stanley R. Frager, M.D., Louisville
Lovegildo Garcia Jr., M.D., Elizabethtown
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