Women Physicians Section
2017 Interim Meeting Delegate's Report

The AMA Women Physicians Section (WPS) was an integral part of the AMA House of Delegates (HOD) meeting in Honolulu. The WPS authored two resolutions that were considered by the HOD during the 2017 Interim Meeting:

- Resolution 002: Intimate Partner Violence Policy and Immigration
- Resolution 910: Improving Treatment and Diagnosis of Maternal Depression through Screening and State-Based Care Coordination

The WPS also testified on several important items of business. The WPS position is listed parenthetically and the final action taken by the AMA HOD in bold.

Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws
- CEJA Report 3: Supporting Autonomy for Patients with Differences of Sex Development (DSD) (Resolution 3-A-16) (Active Support, Referred)
- Resolution 002: Intimate Partner Violence Policy and Immigration (Active Support, Adopted)
- Resolution 004: Tissue Handling (Active Support with Amendment, Adopted)

Reference Committee B (Legislation)
- Resolution 202: Sexual Assault Survivors’ Rights (Active Support, Adopted as Amended)
- Resolution 206: Defending Federal Child Nutrition Programs (Active Support, Adopted as Amended)
- Resolution 214: APRN Compact (Active Support, Adopted as Amended)

Reference Committee F (AMA Governance and Finance)
- Resolution 601: Physician Burnout and Wellness Challenges [Active Support, Resolutions 601, 604 (Physician and Physician Assistant Safety Net), and 605 (Identification and Reduction of Physician Demoralization) referred with report back at the 2018 Annual Meeting.]
- Resolution 804: Prior Authorization (Active Support, Existing Policy Reaffirmed)
- Resolution 821: Hormonal Contraception as a Preventive Service (Active Support, Existing Policy Reaffirmed)

Reference Committee K (science and public health)
- Resolution 902: Expanding Expeditied Partner Therapy to Treat Trichomoniasis (Active Support, Adopted as Amended)
- Resolution 906: Opioid Abuse in Breastfeeding Mothers (Active Support, Adopted as Amended with a change in title to read as follows: “Breastfeeding in Mothers Who Use Opioids”)
- Resolution 907: Addressing Healthcare Needs of Foster Children (Active Support, Adopted as Amended with a change in title to read as follows: “Addressing Healthcare Needs of Children in Foster Care”)
- Resolution 910: Improving Treatment and Diagnosis of Maternal Depression through Screening and State-Based Care Coordination (Active Support, Adopted)
- Resolution 911: State Maternal Mortality Review Committees (Active Support, Adopted)
- Resolution 952: Implicit Bias, Diversity and Inclusion in Medical Education and Residency Training (Active Support, Adopted as Amended)

Complete final actions on each of these can be found on the AMA HOD website at https://www.ama-assn.org/about/business-ama-house-delegates-2017-interim-meeting.

In addition, I would like to thank our volunteers who participated in the AMA-WPS Policymaking and HOD Handbook Review committees. The Policymaking Committee facilitates the development of resolutions
for the WPS. The HOD handbook review process lays the groundwork for our positions and makes sure that every issue is looked at for WPS relevance. I hope that everyone will consider volunteering some of your valuable time for these WPS functions. Our resolutions and positions as a Section are an important part of ensuring that AMA policy remains relevant for women physicians.

If you have any questions on the actions of the WPS or would like to become more involved in the WPS policy process, please do not hesitate to contact wps@ama-assn.org to find out more.

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