Report from the Advisory Committee on LGBTQ Issues
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As the YPS representative to the Advisory Committee on LGBTQ Issues, I am pleased to provide the following summary of committee initiatives and priorities.

Highlights from the 2023-2024 strategic plan:
- Identify AMA events, programs, and/or meetings in addition to the Annual and Interim meetings for which LGBTQ-focused community building events can be integrated.
- Identify intersex advocacy groups and convene meetings with stakeholders to develop opportunities for collaboration.
- Collaborate with WPS to ensure that reproductive rights advocacy and policy are inclusive of sexual and gender diverse populations.
- Engage LGBTQ-focused medical professional organizations in AMA membership recruitment efforts.

Top priority policy topics for I-23:
- Gender Affirming Care evidence and access to treatment.
- The Advisory Committee will continue to monitor regulations impacting telehealth and controlled medications to ensure that proposed regulatory changes are not unduly burdensome or otherwise adversely impact individuals receiving gender-affirming hormone therapy and that they are able to maintain access to care through telemedicine.
- Provide expert commentary and feedback regarding drafted World Medical Association (WMA) policies relevant to LGBTQ+ health, including comprehensive statements for inclusive and non-stigmatizing language.

Education topics for I-23:
The Advisory Committee is planning a panel event that would provide an update and overview on federal and state legislation impacting LGBTQ healthcare, most notably legislative activity on gender affirming care. We are hoping the panel will include speakers from the AMA advocacy team, as well as non-profits engaged in this LGBTQ policy and advocacy space.

Recent activities of interest:
- The Advisory Committee met with a rather new LGBTQ surgical association, the Association of Out Surgeons and Allies (AOSA), to learn more about the mission and work of the organization and to identify potential collaborative opportunities. The AC also met with a non-profit, GenderCool, which is a youth-led movement and organization. The Champions are helping replace misinformed opinions with positive experiences meeting transgender and non-binary youth who are thriving.
- The Advisory Committee Chair, Vice-Chair, and staff attended GLMA’s Annual Conference on LGBTQ+ Health. The conference is open to health care team members of all disciplines, researchers, academics, health administrators, policy experts, advocates, and all LGBTQ+ health supporters.
On The Horizon:

- The committee will continue to focus on the rapidly evolving public policy landscape and its substantial impact on LGBTQ populations. Particularly with regard to legislation impacting gender-affirming care, the committee has worked closely with the AMA litigation center to more comprehensively understand the reach of these laws and the strategies and resources that can be used to combat them.
- Native American and Indigenous sexual and gender diverse people face immense disparities in healthcare access, outcomes, opportunities, and holistic well-being. These populations deserve focused attention, and the committee is working toward efforts to achieve these goals.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or feedback regarding the activities and initiatives of the Advisory Committee on LGBTQ Issues as we continue working toward a better healthcare landscape for gender and sexual diverse people across the lifespan.

Respectfully submitted,

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