Fairfield County Medical Association’s Report on the 2015 CSMS House of Delegates

This year, the Fairfield County Medical Association introduced eight of the twelve resolutions for consideration by the Connecticut State Medical Society’s House of Delegates. Actions concerning these resolutions plus four others are as follows:

**Resolutions:**

Resolution 101: *Medical Board Certification / establish dialogue with the AMA to make board certification more relevant to clinical practice* (Litchfield County) **Not Adopted**

Resolution 102: *Oppose the Use of MOC as Condition for Medical Licensure* (Fairfield County) **Adopted**

Resolution 103: *Timely Physician Credentialing/ 45 days to render a decision on a new application/ 30 days to render decision when there is a change in a physician’s profile/ allow for retroactive billing once an application has been approved* (CT Orthopedic Society) **Referred to the Legislative Committee for inclusion in the 2015 Legislative Agenda**

Resolution 104: *Mandatory Health Insurance Coverage of Screening Tests / CSMS seek legislation that any mandatory screening tests required by the State of Connecticut be appropriately and adequately reimbursed by health insurance plans to physicians who provided the service.* (Fairfield County) **Adopted with Amendments**

Resolution 105: *Any Willing Provider / CSMS seek legislation that will grant network participation to any physician willing to join and meets the network requirements and, prohibit healthcare insurers from terminating “without cause” any physician from a the insurer's network provider panel.* (Fairfield County) **Referred to the Legislative Committee for inclusion in the 2015 Legislative Agenda**

Resolution 106: *Eliminate Face-to-Face Medicare Home Care Forms / CSMS to ask the AMA to study the burden of the Affordable Care Act face-to-face form requirement and report back to CSMS House of Delegates in 2015* (Fairfield County) **Adopted with Amendments**

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Resolution 107: Connecticut APRNs / CSMS seek legislation requiring that APRNs maintain the equivalent of a full-time practice in a collaborative agreement over a three years before the APRN may work independent of a physician, that APRNs clearly identify [their professional credentials] to patients when they are practicing outside of a collaborative agreement with a physician, and that all medical professionals be required to report their impaired colleagues to the proper authorities for investigation and treatment. (Fairfield County) **Adopted with Amendments**

Resolution 108: Prejudgment Remedies in Medical Liability Cases / CSMS endeavor to achieve passage in the next Legislative session legislation that would protect a physician’s personal assets in cases of medical liability actions. (Fairfield County) **Adopted with Amendments**

Resolution 109: Use of the Word “Provider” in Place of Physician / CSMS no longer use the word “provider” synonymously with a medical doctor with an MD or DO degree and, the CSMS Council make recommendations on how to educate the public as to the education and training of medical doctors. (Fairfield County) **Adopted with Amendments**

Resolution 110: The Day-To-Day Bombardment of Paperwork “Hassle Factor” / CSMS conduct a study which would document physicians’ experience with the time expended completing required paperwork which is necessary for the delivery of medical services. (Fairfield County) **Referred to the CSMS Council**

Resolution 111: Physician Assistants Applicants for Associate Membership (CSMS Council) **Approved**

Resolution 112: The Future of Organized Medicine / CSMS no longer mandate a unified membership structure with the Component Societies. (John Foley, MD, as an individual, past president of CSMS) **Not Adopted**

**Voting:**

Dr. Robert Russo (Fairfield) was elected president.
Dr. Robin Oshman (Westport) lost her bid for the treasurer’s position.
Dr. Randy Trowbridge (Danbury) lost the nomination for vice-speaker.
Dr. Burt Rubin (Greenwich) did not win a position on the bylaws committee.

The Connecticut State Medical Society will provide a more detailed report in the near future.