PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Your Involvement Is the Key to the Academy’s Success

By Mindy Fain, MD

“The difference between commitment and involvement is like a breakfast of eggs and bacon. The chicken is involved. The pig is committed.”

—Unknown

Have you heard this saying before? It always gets a laugh, but the message isn’t as straightforward as it sounds. The pig certainly has made more of a sacrifice, but does the pig’s sacrifice represent the kind of participation we seek at the Academy?

The chicken, clearly an expert at laying eggs, is contributing her best skills and efforts to the cause. The pig’s contribution is—to borrow a phrase from college basketball—“one and done,” and we all could argue about whether the outcome (the ultimate sacrifice) was the best use of the pig’s life.

So, what is the message for the field of home care medicine and our Academy?

We are on the map today because of the passion and vision of our legacy leaders and dedicated academy membership over the past several decades. We have continued to grow because of a remarkable board of directors, Executive Director Suzanne Simons, and the Association Management Center. As a result, in this changing environment we are in the position to truly transform healthcare delivery to ensure that the needs of our most vulnerable patients and families are met. We are at the tipping point, and we need you to get involved!

On March 29, 2017, AAHCM News detailed volunteer opportunities, and we actively recruited volunteers for the following committees: Advocacy and Public Policy, Awards, Finance, and Membership. Many thanks to those of you who responded to our call and applied to be a member of a committee that fits your knowledge, skills, and interests. Although the deadline for applying to these four committees has passed, there will be several more opportunities for future participation in committees such as Workforce/Education, Nominations, and others.

I strongly encourage you to learn more about the many upcoming volunteer opportunities through our newsletter, e-mails, and the Annual Meeting in October 2017 and to reach out with any questions you may have.

As you know, there are a lot of changes in the field of home care medicine, bringing with them many opportunities. At the Academy, we believe strongly that “if you are not at the table, you are on the menu!” We all benefit when we have an active and engaged membership working together at many tables with great ideas that advance the field.

Although commitment is great, for now please consider getting involved!

AAHCM empowers you to serve patients who need health care in their homes through public advocacy, clinical education, practice management support, and connections to a network of more than 1,000 professionals in home care medicine.
Easily Find Information at the Redesigned AAHCM.org!

The Academy is excited to introduce our newly updated and responsive website! Our redesigned website launched in April and features many new benefits for all everyone.

**New look and feel**—aligned with AAHCM’s new branding, the site not only reflects the strong brand but is much brighter, warmer, and better conveys the work of the members.

**Clean**—both design and new navigation aim to make the site as clean and user friendly as possible.

**Responsive design**—easy to read on your desktop, tablet, or mobile device, you can easily get the information you need no matter how you access it.

The redesign focused on making the search for information on the website easy and efficient, and we hope the website is a resource for all home care medicine workers. We took this opportunity to update all the information on the site to give you more up-to-date resources, educational opportunities, and industry and academy news.

Thank you to the AAHCM Website Redesign Task Force for their excellent insight into making the site the best it can be:

Eric DeJonge, MD  
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Barbara Sutton, APRN  
Norman E. Vinn, DO, MBA  
Elise Worley

We hope you are pleased with the outcome. If you have any questions, AAHCM Member Services is available to help at 847.375.4719 or info@aahcm.org. If you haven’t had a chance to explore the new site yet, visit www.aahcm.org today!
VA PERSPECTIVES

Above All, Do No Harm: The Need to Continue Essential Federal Social Supports for Veterans

By Robert M. Kaiser, MD MHSc FACP AGSF
HBPC Medical Director, Washington DC VA Medical Center
Associate Professor of Medicine, George Washington University School of Medicine

The arrival of a new administration after a presidential election inevitably results in a fresh start, with new priorities and new directions.

In January 2017, after the inauguration, it appeared that the Veterans Health Administration (VA) would quickly be heading toward a system in which the private sector would play an increasing, and perhaps dominant, role. But with the appointment of new Secretary of Veterans Affairs David Shulkin, there are indications that he will concentrate on addressing and fixing the system’s underlying problem of access to health care, while maintaining an option for care in the private sector for veterans who need it.

Shulkin has asked for and been granted a waiver from the federal government’s hiring freeze to enable him to fill 45,000 open clinical positions. He has identified his number one goal as reducing the number of suicides in the veteran population, a pressing and worthy objective. The budget for the VA is projected to increase by 6% in the next fiscal year, avoiding the significant cuts that are projected for other federal agencies.

Having worked in the VA for nearly 25 years, I still feel very fortunate to work here. The VA continues to honor its commitment to care for those who have served the nation honorably by their military service, and this longstanding social contract has remained inviolate. The VA values its ongoing and indispensable role in training the nation’s physicians, nurses, and other medical professionals as well as its role in conducting health research.

As a practicing medical director in the Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) Program, I, along with a talented interdisciplinary team, am able to serve some of the sickest patients in our healthcare system. The VA continues to provide essential adjunct support for veterans and their families in the HBPC Program through home health aide, respite, telehealth, community hospice, and Medical Foster Home programs.

These positive developments have been offset by the concern that other federally supported programs on which veterans depend may be cut back or eliminated.

We operate in a healthcare system that is interconnected and interdependent. A reduction of housing vouchers or Section 8 housing by the Department of Housing and Urban Development would have a negative impact on homeless and low-income veterans who need affordable housing. The end of community development block grants would jeopardize Meals on Wheels and homebound, elderly veterans who require nutritional assistance. The transformation of Medicaid from a defined benefit to a block grant based on per capita criteria likely would endanger the option for long-term care for middle-class and impoverished veterans who do not qualify for long-term care based on their service connection.

Because of the social consequences, not all legislators are ready to embrace such changes. Let us hope the funds can be found to keep essential programs that do so much good for the most vulnerable communities. We have a responsibility to do so and, above all, to do no harm.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and have not been expressed by, nor endorsed by, the Department of Veterans Affairs.
New Frontiers Editorial Board to Bring Multidisciplinary Content to the Newsletter

Frontiers is getting an upgrade! The Academy recently chose five AAHCM member volunteers to form the new Frontiers Editorial Board. The editorial board, led by Dr. Robert Kaiser, will be responsible for creating content for each issue of the newsletter in seven new categories: Models of Care, Clinical Care, Education, Ethics, Caregiving, Health Policy, and Quality Improvement.

Frontiers also has become a quarterly, electronic publication to provide you with more content per issue that is timely and helpful to you in your home care medicine work.

The Academy is pleased to introduce you to the multidisciplinary team of editors who make up the 2017 Frontiers Editorial Board. Look for their first issue in summer 2017!

Robert Kaiser, MD MHSc FACP AGSF
Editor in Chief
Dr. Robert M. Kaiser received his bachelor's degree in history and political science from Duke University and his doctorate from The Medical College of Pennsylvania. Dr. Kaiser joined the VA Healthcare System in 1993 and has served as medical director in the Home Based Primary Care Program since 2003. He is associate professor of medicine at The George Washington University School of Medicine (GWU), associate director of the fellowship in geriatric medicine at GWU, a member of the GWU Division of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine, and on the faculty of GWU’s Center on Aging, Health, and the Humanities. He also is an attending physician in geriatrics and extended care at the Washington, DC, VA Medical Center. Dr. Kaiser has been an active member of AAHCM for many years, serving on the AAHCM Program Committee since 2008, speaking and moderating symposia at national meetings, writing for Frontiers, and currently serving on the board of directors. He has published peer-reviewed articles in many journals, and his writing on clinical care and health policy has appeared in several prominent newspapers.

Helen Horvath, MS RN ANP
Section Editor, Education
Helen Horvath is a nurse practitioner (NP) and a faculty member at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). She teaches in the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care NP Program and sees primary care patients (often with NP students) through the UCSF Housecalls program. Ms. Horvath has spent many years caring for patients in their homes. She was a firefighter-paramedic in the San Francisco Fire Department for 14 years before changing careers to become an NP. She also has worked as a hospice nurse. Ms. Horvath attended UCSF’s accelerated master’s degree in nursing program for her nursing and NP education, which she finished in 2011. She is an active member of AAHCM and the Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA), where she serves as the chair of the GAPNA Housecalls special interest group.

Katherine Lawson, PhD LMSSW OTR
Section Editor, Ethics
Katherine Lawson graduated from New Mexico State University in 1984 with a bachelor’s degree in social work, the University of Texas at Arlington in 1987 with a master’s degree in social work, and the University of Texas Medical Branch/UTEP in 1994. Dr. Lawson has more than 29 years of experience as a social worker and 19 years of experience working in the health field as an occupational therapist. She recently was provided an endowment to fund a Senior Wish Foundation through Hospice of El Paso to grant final wishes for terminally ill patients. She has served on the American Occupational Therapy Association Ethics Committee since 2014 and has had several articles published in prominent journals.

June Leland, MD MBA
Section Editor, Models of Care and Health Policy
June Leland earned a doctorate of medicine from the University of South Florida College of Medicine in 1989 and a master’s in business administration in 2003. She is the medical director of the James A. Haley VA Home Based Primary Care Service, which provides primary care to a large population of homebound, frail, and elderly veterans. Within this program, she has developed a Home Based Transitional Care Service as well as one of the first VA Medical Foster Care Programs in the nation. Dr. Leland is a certified medical director of subacute and long-term care and board certified in geriatric medicine and hospice and palliative medicine.
Maureen Ryan, MSW LCSW  
Section Editor, Caregiving  
Maureen Ryan earned a master's degree in social work from Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois, Chicago in 2008. She is a community palliative care social worker at Amita Health in Chicago. She previously worked as a hospice social worker, admission coordinator, and home care social worker. She is a licensed clinical social worker in Illinois.

Michele Severson, MS RD  
Section Editor, Clinical Care and Quality Improvement  
Michele Severson is a registered dietitian who has been working in the nutrition field for the past 15 years. The majority of her career has been spent with people in their home or place of residence. She has spent the past 9 years with the Department of Veterans Affairs' Home Based Primary Care Program; her expertise is working with older adults and providing primary nutrition care services to medically complex veterans in collaboration with the transdisciplinary team. As a subject matter expert on enteral nutrition, Ms. Severson provides nutrition care to clients receiving home tube feeding and administers training and technical assistance to providers who work with these clients. She has earned a master's of science in food science and nutrition from Colorado State University and a bachelor's of science in human nutrition from the University of Illinois, Chicago. She also has a graduate certificate in gerontology from the University of Northern Colorado.

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Advocating for Public Policies that Support You in 2017

By Eric DeJonge, MD

AAHCM President Dr. Mindy Fain’s message regarding “involvement and commitment” rings true for our Public Policy Committee (PPC) work as well. In 2017, the PPC continues the legacy of prior great leaders, such as Drs. Gresham Bayne, Peter Boling, and George Taler.

At this moment, Academy public policy work is more important than ever to ensure that providers receive fair reward for their time and efforts as we serve society’s most ill and disabled patients.

Fortunately, we also now have more human and financial resources to seek policy reforms for home care medicine.

I’d like to highlight some exciting recent events:

- In March 2017, the Home Centered Care Institute (HCCI), led by Thomas Cornwell, MD, and their board, gave the Academy a generous grant of $250,000 to fund critical public policy initiatives.
- We have engaged Healthsperien, a top-notch advocacy firm in Washington, DC, to work with us on our overall strategy. Led by Tom Koutsoumpas and Gary Bacher, Healthsperien is advising us on how to expand the Independence at Home (IAH) Act, participate in Alternative Payment Models (APMs), and optimize performance under the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS).
- We thank the West Health Foundation, which is providing guidance and funding for data analytics to help IAH become a national program.
- In March, we launched a new monthly public policy e-briefing to provide members with a cutting-edge view of current policy issues and information that will assist with fee-for-service (FFS), MIPS, and APM performance and provide resources to benefit members’ practices.

Changing Landscape for Public Policy

The Academy policy work occurs in a constantly changing payment and regulatory landscape. These changes include:

- public and private payors quickly moving to value-based payment
- continued changes for the documentation and use of both old and new CPT-10 codes
- opportunities for home care medicine providers to play the role of quarterback by managing all aspects of care for high-need, high-cost patients across settings.

Public Policy Initiatives for 2017

- IAH expansion—In March 2017, the U.S. Senate introduced S. 464, a bipartisan bill to convert the IAH demonstration to a national part of the Medicare program. As that moves ahead, we are seeking an expansion of the IAH demo to more sites in the United States.
- MIPS and APMs—The PPC and Healthsperien team are working on guidance for providers seeking to meet the MIPS criteria to receive future fee-for-service bonuses and qualify for an APM that pays for meeting quality and cost reduction targets.
- Accurate risk-adjustment—We are advocating directly to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to ensure that payments adjust for social, function, and severity of illness in the care of frail patients.
- Home health certification—The PPC supports efforts to allow nurse practitioners and physician assistants to sign Home Health Agency certifications.
- Audit issues—PPC members and staff are working to advise and reduce burden for practices in the arena of Office of Inspector General audits.

Support from the HCCI, West Health Foundation, and Healthsperien enables us to “raise our game” and make faster progress on the policy and payment issues that affect our field.

The PPC works to improve access to care for patients and improve the sustainability of home care medicine practices.

We Want Your Input!

“Compared with other professional organizations 10 times our size, this committee is pound for pound the most knowledgeable and passionate in all of health care. We can leverage this amazing strength in new, creative, and exciting ways.”

—William Mills, MD, AAHCM Board Member

Led by indomitable Chair Robert Sowislo, MBA, the PPC meets monthly to plan strategy and actions to advance the field. Our work needs your input so we can advocate based on what is happening in the real world.

We want to thank the committee members who devote so much extra time and effort.

Linda DeCherrie, MD
Eric DeJonge, MD
Thomas Edes, MD
Bruce Kinosian, MD
Tom Lally, MD
Steve Landers, MD
William Mills, MD
Steve Phillips, MD
Robert Sowislo, MBA (chair)
Gary Swartz, JD MPA (senior public policy advisor)
Norman Vinn, DO, MBA

Please send questions or comments related to this work to Gary Swartz, gary.swartz@aahcm.org; Robert Sowislo, rsowislo@usmmlc.com; or Eric DeJonge, karl.e.dejonge@medstar.net.
Bipartisan Legislation Introduced to Make Independence at Home (IAH) a Permanent Program

AAHCM applauds the introduction of the Independence at Home (IAH) Act (S. 464, 2017) that would convert the highly successful IAH demonstration project to a permanent, nationwide program. This bipartisan legislation, introduced on March 2 by Senators Ed Markey (D-MA), Rob Portman (R-OH), Michael Bennet (D-CO), and John Cornyn (R-TX), would extend service of home-based primary care services to all chronically ill and disabled elders who need it, thereby reducing emergency room visits and hospitalizations and their related costs.

AAHCM is a leading advocate for the IAH model, which involves mobile teams that provide coordinated primary care and social services in the home for elders with severe chronic illness and disability.

"IAH successfully fills a critical gap in health care for our frail and elderly that few programs have been able to achieve," said Dr. Mindy Fain, AAHCM president. "It improves patient satisfaction and health outcomes, while simultaneously saving money. We are delighted that a bipartisan group of U.S. senators has introduced this legislation."

The IAH team model has rigorous quality measures, provides a better patient and family experience by enhancing dignity and independence at home, and reduces total Medicare costs. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) collects the first 5% of savings and distributes further savings to programs that meet major quality measures and save more than 5%. IAH has saved more than $32 million in the first 2 years of the demonstration. Evaluation of years 3 through 5 of the demonstration is underway and expected to reflect tens of millions of dollars in savings for the Medicare program, in addition to improved care.

Key points of the IAH legislation include:

• transitioning from a small demonstration of 17 practices to nationwide Medicare implementation
• benefiting up to 2 million high-cost Medicare beneficiaries with severe chronic illness and disability
• providing home-based primary care with a financially sound model for growth.

Support of the IAH Act has grown steadily since its introduction. Senators Bill Cassidy (R-LA), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), and Angus King (I-ME) are now cosponsors. In addition to AAHCM, 28 prominent health and social welfare organizations also are supporting the bill, including the AARP, American Nurses Association, National Council on Aging, Alzheimer’s Foundation of America, American Psychological Association, and American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Watch for updates on the progress of this bill in future issues of Frontiers and our e-newsletter.

Reference

Stay Educated on VTE with Our New Webinar and Booklet!

Venous thromboembolism (VTE) is a serious illness that can develop in the patients we treat, especially those with decreased mobility. In 2016, AAHCM received a $20,000 educational grant from Bristol-Myers Squibb to develop a webinar and patient education resource on VTE and secondary risk reduction in the home setting. Presented by Namirah Jamshed, MD, and Crystal Burkhardt, PharmD MBA BCPS BCOP, the webinar is available for members at https://aahcm.site-ym.com/page/vte. A patient booklet also was developed for AAHCM members to share with their patients. Download your copy from https://aahcm.site-ym.com/page/vte. You can earn 1 hour of CME for this educational activity.
Nominate an Outstanding Physician, Educator, or Clinician for an AAHCM Member of the Year Award

The Academy is accepting nominations for the AAHCM House Call Physician, Clinician, and Educator of the Year. These awards recognize members who have made significant contributions to the advancement of the home care medicine profession.

**House Call Physician of the Year**
This award recognizes a home care physician who provides the highest quality of services and innovative programs and demonstrates excellent and continued dedication to the field of home care medicine. You must be an AAHCM member to be considered for this award.

**House Call Educator of the Year**
This award recognizes an educator who mirrors the highest standards of excellence in teaching home care medicine, has made significant educational impacts on the academic advancement of students studying home care medicine, and has made long-standing contributions to the profession in the academic setting. You must be an AAHCM member to be considered for this award.

**House Call Clinician of the Year**
This award recognizes an outstanding nonphysician clinician who has made significant contributions to the delivery of quality health care to homebound patients and demonstrates the important value of clinicians in the field of home care medicine. You must be an AAHCM member to be considered for this award.

Each recipient will receive:
- a 1-year AAHCM membership
- recognition at the 2017 AAHCM Annual Meeting, October 13–14, 2017, in Rosemont, IL
- a personalized plaque.

Award winners will be notified in September 2017.

To be eligible, nominees and nominator(s) must be AAHCM members in good standing. Current members of the AAHCM Board of Directors and AAHCM Awards Committee are not eligible for these awards.

To submit a nominee for consideration, please follow these steps:
1. Fill out a nomination form—Physician Form, Educator Form, or Clinician Form (available on www.aahcm.org).
2. Include a copy of the nominee’s CV and three reference letters.
3. Submit all materials to Sarah Tiwana at stiwana@aahcm.org by **August 31, 2017**.

Nominate your colleagues today!

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**2016 Award Winners**

**2016 House Call Clinician of the Year**
Helena Ross, LCSW-R

**2016 House Call Educator of the Year**
Carla M. Perissinotto, MD MHS

**2016 House Call Physician of the Year**
Cameron R. Hernandez, MD
Welcome, new members!

The Academy welcomes the following new members, who joined between December 2016 and March 1, 2017.

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If you are a job seeker or an employer, take advantage of the career center today!

The newly enhanced site now includes job postings from a larger network, granting you access to a community of possibilities far beyond AAHCM’s job postings. The Career Center pulls from a network of allied home care organizations and institutions nationwide. Job seekers can enjoy advanced job searching capability, simple résumé uploads, and the ability to create customized job alerts. Employers will find affordable and customized posting options and a searchable résumé database.

Whether you are an employer or a job seeker, you will find the AAHCM Career Center offers user-friendly search functionality and services. AAHCM members receive one free 90-day job posting per membership and discounts on additional posts! Job seekers can use this site free, so check it out today at www.jobs.aahcm.org!

If you are interested in buying a bulk package, AAHCM offers special pricing for members—just contact Member Services for more information. Be sure to take a look at the Resource Center, which provides vital job hunting tips and tricks.
Join Us for the Home Care Medicine Event of the Year

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The AAHCM Annual Meeting is now a stand-alone meeting, enabling us to focus our content on the topics that matter most to home-based primary and palliative care providers.

Independent and Inclusive
Focus on the issues and challenges faced by the broad spectrum of home care medicine professionals.

Education Designed by You
Sessions focus on the clinical, legislative, and financial topics most important to you.

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Small-group sessions focus on specific topics, enabling you to connect with colleagues while discussing challenges and solutions.

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Register now at www.aahcm.org/2017AnnualMeeting
Join AAHCM and make home-based primary care a reality for all in need.

Since 1984, AAHCM has been the premier professional association for healthcare professionals who deliver or manage comprehensive primary care services to patients in the home by removing barriers, setting standards, providing education, facilitating networking opportunities, and fostering the development of legislation to facilitate growth.

Home care medicine is one of the most rapidly expanding areas of health care. These changes are occurring because

- changing demographics demand a responsive healthcare system
- technology is becoming more portable
- home care medicine is a cost-effective and compassionate form of health care
- most people prefer being treated at home.

Who should join?
AAHCM represents all members of the interdisciplinary home care medicine team, including

- Physicians
- Medical Directors
- Nurse Practitioners
- Physician Assistants
- Nurses
- Social Workers
- Practice Administrators
- Residents/Students
- VA Professionals
- Home Care Agencies

Member Benefits

- Public policy representation, revenue-related regulations, and legislative representation such as IAH
- Members-only discounts on Annual Meeting registration, publications, and webinars
- All-new Career Center (members receive one free 90-day posting)
- Newly updated educational booklets
- Information on clinical, administrative, regulatory, and technology issues, and academic literature through Frontiers and the e-newsletter
- Consulting and networking through our members-only AAHCM Forum
- Clinical guidelines and communication templates
- For house call providers, listing in our online Provider Locator Directory
- Technical assistance to help with your practice management and other issues

Are You Passionate About Improving the Care of Patients in the Home?

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