

COD Resolutions 2014- 2020

2020

Resolution 01-2020: Acknowledging the health disparities of essential workers in the United States during the COVID-19 pandemic and support policies, legislative and advocacy efforts intended to extend and expand Medicaid access to all people including undocumented immigrants

RESOLVED, That Latino Medical Student Association acknowledge the importance of Medicaid expansion to all undocumented essential workers, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Latino Medical Student Association support policies and legislative efforts that promote universal health care for all, such as Medicare For All Act of 2019. For example, consider using Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITIN) instead of social security numbers for state-funded Medicaid programs and expand unemployment insurance programs to ensure workers most at-risk during the COVID-19 pandemic are covered, and be it further.

RESOLVED, To encourage local chapter supports and service with federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) nationwide through LMSA chapters to provide increased access to occupational safety educational materials, workshops, and prevention methods to all undocumented essential workers, and be it further

RESOLVED, That Latino Medical Student Association support policies, legislative and policy efforts that encourage the development of statewide and federal financing for programs and services that seek to increase healthcare access for the undocumented community.

Resolution 02-2020: Ending Hyper-Criminalization of Black, Hispanic, and Latinx Students by Police

RESOLVED, That the Latino Medical Student Association acknowledges arrests made by police officers in high schools disproportionately affect and impact the mental health and academic performance of Black and Hispanic children and educates its own members, educational leaders, and government officials; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Latino Medical Student Association supports evidence-based alternatives to police in schools, such as Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) and restorative justice programs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Latino Medical Student Association develops partnerships with organizations, such as Black Lives Matter Syracuse, Black Lives Matter, CuseYouthBLM, and Dignity in Schools, that support ending the hyper-criminalization of Black, Hispanic and Latinx

children by school police officers by creating joint statements and promoting these organizations' missions through the Latino Medical Student Association's platform.

Resolution 03-2020: Support policy, legislative, and advocacy efforts for a universal COVID-19 vaccine

RESOLVED, That our Latino Medical Student Association support a universal COVID-19 vaccination when it becomes available for administration. "Universal" is to be interpreted as free of cost and accessible to everyone regardless of citizenship status, race, or income; and be it further

RESOLVED, That our Latino Medical Student Association advocate for legislation that designates a universal COVID-19 vaccine, such as writing open letters to state and federal legislators, including state governors, the Coronavirus Task Force, the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, and others; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Latino Medical Student Association organize opportunities for members to call their representatives in support of a universal COVID-19 vaccine. These efforts will be supported by creating a webinar to teach members how to call their local representatives, as well as providing a toolkit to prepare members to make these phone calls, which would include a script for members to use with an emphasis on the importance of free vaccination and push for a practical rollout plan that will ensure accessibility to the vaccine.

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Resolution 04-2020: Public Health Information Equity in Populations whose Main Language is not English

RESOLVED, The Latino Medical Student Association support efforts for each state to identify the three most spoken languages in their state other than English data from the latest Census in an effort to increase access to linguistically competent data and resources; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Latino Medical Student Association supports public officials working in each state to appoint a) personnel with experience in website creation, and b) management and appropriate personnel in health care and public health whose native language is one of the languages identified, or c) have reached proficiency at a native level in one of the languages identified in the first resolved clause to create websites in each of the three languages identified in the first resolved clause with the full capabilities and access to information as the existing English equivalent, while fulfilling the Websites Requirements Checklist established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and be it further

Resolution 05-2020: Improving Access to DACA Resources for Pre-health and Medical Students

RESOLVED, that the Latino Medical Students Association will create a public database through regional chapter networks that catalogue resources for DACA recipient pre-health students and current medical students; and be it further

RESOLVED, In an effort to create a more diverse healthcare workforce, this database will serve as a way to strengthen outreach to all pre-health and current medical students with a focus on resources aimed at mitigating the challenges faced by DACA recipients in accessing internships, finding mentorship, and receiving guidance from knowledgeable allies.

Resolution 06-2020: Support of Human Rights as they Relate to ICE Detention Centers

RESOLVED, That the Latino Medical Student Association issue a statement in support of this human rights treaty stipulated by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and recognize detention centers as a violation of children's human rights, which include freedom from arbitrary arrest and detention, special protections to asylum-seeking children, humane treatment of children in detention, and maintenance of family unity; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Latino Medical Student Association demand in an open letter the immediate release of the children that still remain held in detention centers during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the children to be reunited with their parents or available suitable sponsors within the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Latino Medical Student Association commit to providing opportunities for members to engage in advocacy for the human rights of the children detainees including

but not limited to promoting public access data and research of current detention center conditions, organizing virtual and in person advocacy rallies or protests, and meeting with elected officials.

Resolution 07-2020: Supporting Safe Voting Practices in the Era of Coronavirus Disease 2019

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association reaffirm Resolution 05-2016 to promote Latinx voter registration, mobilization, education, and protection; and be it further

RESOLVED, That our Latino Medical Student Association promote in conjunction with our online voter registration campaign of 2020, the adoption of online voter registration in the states that currently do not allow this practice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association support legislation and policies for fully automatic voter registration in all States; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association support legislation and policies for ubiquitous vote-by-mail practices in 2020 and future elections; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association promote policies for the maintenance of safe, sanitary, in-person voting practices, per CDC recommendations, for those who cannot vote by mail due to their current State regulations or who otherwise choose to vote in person.

2019

Resolution 01-2019: In support of an official LMSA list of mentors in different medical specialties

Title: In support of an official LMSA list of mentors in different medical specialties

Resolution Identification: 01-2019

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion at the COD.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, That a working group be formed to identify and contact potential physician mentors, preferably of Latino/Hispanic background, and be it further

RESOLVED, That said working create a list of mentors in a variety of medical specialties and subspecialties to share with LMSA members

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 02-2019: Public Charge final rule

Title: Public Charge final rule

Resolution Identification: 02-2019

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was voted on as presented by the Reference Committee for adoption as amended, as it was not extracted for discussion at the COD.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, in acknowledgement that LMSA supports the inalienable right of healthcare equity and its accessibility for all those who reside in the United States of America (Resolution 01-2018, Resolution 01-2014), and be it further,

RESOLVED, That our LMSA create statements and write an open letter to the community with the goal of advocating against the Public Charge Ground of Inadmissibility Final Rule and informing community members of the following: what changes are happening to public charge, whom these changes apply to, and the predicted negative impacts the changes will have on immigrant communities

RESOLVED, That our LMSA partner with organizations and institutions, including but not limited to, the National Immigration Law Center, medical-legal partnerships, and the American Academy of Pediatrics,⁶ so that they may educate our future generations of physicians on how to understand and provide appropriate care under the public charge rule, and be it further

RESOLVED, That our LMSA continue to educate our elected officials on the negative impacts of the Public Charge rule.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 03-2019: In support of increasing the number of URM in non-primary care medical specialties

Title: Public Charge final rule

Resolution Identification: 03-2019

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion at the COD.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, in acknowledgement that LMSA supports the inalienable right of healthcare equity and its accessibility for all those who reside in the United States of America (Resolution 01-2018, Resolution 01-2014), and be it further,

RESOLVED, That our LMSA create statements and write an open letter to the community with the goal of advocating against the Public Charge Ground of Inadmissibility Final Rule and informing community members of the following: what changes are happening to public charge, whom these changes apply to, and the predicted negative impacts the changes will have on immigrant communities

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RESOLVED, That our LMSA continues to educate our elected officials on the negative impacts of the Public Charge rule.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 04-2019: Affirming Inclusivity for LMSA Members of All Genders

Title: Affirming Inclusivity for LMSA Members of All Genders

Resolution Identification: 04-2019

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion at the COD.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, That LMSA National on behalf of its membership explicitly supports, via open letter to regional organizations and chapters, efforts to embrace and be inclusive of members of all gender identities, by allowing for the official use of “—x” in words apart from national organizational branding of “Latino Medical Student Association”, including but not limited to regional conference or event titles (e.g., Juntxs Podemos, Juntxs tenemos poder, Gender Affirming Care for Trans/Gender Non-Conforming Latinxs), based on regional and local discretion and be it further

RESOLVED, That our LMSA re-affirms Resolution 13-2016 and emphasizes the importance of competency training to assist LMSA members and their colleagues in providing and advocating for high quality, gender affirming care for all our patients, including those who are trans or gender non-conforming (e.g., education on terminology and pronouns, creating a supportive clinical environment, approach to physical exam)

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 05-2019: In support for Implementation of a Sugar Tax

Title: In support for Implementation of a Sugar Tax

Resolution Identification: 05-2019

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion at the COD.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that the LMSA acknowledges the great impact high sugar consumption has on the greater population, particularly the Latino community.

RESOLVED, that the LMSA support legislation at the local, state, and federal levels that aim to implement a sugar tax, specifically by the gram rather than by the volume of SSBs, in order to effectively reduce sugar consumption.

RESOLVED, that the LMSA engage with legislators, interdisciplinary team of healthcare workers and experts in public health to help push forward sugar tax implementation aimed at reducing the incidence of T2DM, and furthermore,

Congressional Action: TABLED

Resolution 06-2019: In support for the elimination of US criminal penalty for border-crossing

Title: In support for the elimination of US criminal penalty for border-crossing

Resolution Identification: 06-2019

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion at the COD.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that the LMSA should seek to educate its members on the ramifications of section 1325 and 1326 of the United States Code, which criminalizes the crossing of the border by migrants with penalties including imprisonment up to twenty years, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the LMSA support the creation of events at local chapters that seek to educate its members through the invitation of speakers knowledgeable in this topic, creation of spaces for discussion, and the continued support of vulnerable members of the migrant community

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 07-2019: In support for Access to Buprenorphine

Title: In support for Access to Buprenorphine

Resolution Identification: 07-2019

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was voted on as presented by the Reference Committee for adoption as amended, as it was not extracted for discussion at the COD.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that the LMSA recognize the X waiver as a barrier to physicians prescribing life saving treatment that disproportionately affects communities of color, including the Latinx community, low income communities, and rural communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the LMSA advocate for legislation that reduces the burden of obtaining an X waiver for all practitioners and/or advocates for its removal, this includes but not limited to House bill H.R. 2482 "Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment Act of 2019," submitted by Rep. Paul Tonko, which calls for "eliminating separate registration requirement for dispensing narcotic drugs in schedule III, IV, and V for maintenance or detoxification treatment."

RESOLVED, that the LMSA advocate for legislation that reduces the burden of obtaining an X waiver for all practitioners and/or advocates for its removal; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the LMSA support the House bill H.R. 2482 "Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment Act of 2019," submitted by Rep. Paul Tonko, which calls for "eliminating separate registration requirement for dispensing narcotic drugs in schedule III, IV, and V for maintenance or detoxification treatment."

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 08-2019: LMSA RISE Resolution to Improve Student Experience

Title: LMSA RISE Resolution to Improve Student Experience

Resolution Identification: 08-2019

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was voted on as presented by the Reference Committee for adoption as amended, as it was not extracted for discussion at the COD.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association endorse urgent efforts to address the mental health crisis that impacts the physician and medical student community as acknowledged by Resolution 18-2016 through advocacy to leaders within the healthcare community, and be it further

Submitted language: RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Organization address the importance of student well-being through the creation of digital spaces within its website and social media presence that help students locate available resources and appropriate outlets to improve upon their own mental health, and be it further

Submitted language: RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Organization endorse actions by its members to identify the severity at which the mental health crisis is impacting the student body of medical schools around the country, including and not limited to the distribution of surveys and subsequent publication of reports that identify areas for improvement within institutions of medical education.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

2018

Resolution 01-2018: LMSA Supports Firearm Legislation to Reduce Gun Violence in the U.S.

Title: LMSA Supports Firearm Legislation to Reduce Gun Violence in the U.S.

Resolution Identification: 01-2018

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that the LMSA acknowledges the destructive role of gun violence in the U.S., particularly in Latino and other vulnerable minority communities, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Latino Medical Student Association support firearm legislation and engage with legislators at the federal, state, and local levels to reduce gun violence in the U.S. and be it further

RESOLVED, That the LMSA develop a Gun Violence Reduction Task Force whose role will include coordinating the LMSA's advocacy efforts regarding reduction of gun violence and establishing an online resource for gun control advocacy, such as a repository containing information such as policy memos, letter templates, OP-ED templates and statistics for the use of LMSA chapters nationwide, and be it further

RESOLVED, That our Latino Medical Student Association develop partnerships with organizations to support their work to reduce gun violence, especially in vulnerable minority communities.

Resolution 02-2018: Acknowledging disparities in health-care access among seasonal farmworkers in the United States

Title: Acknowledging disparities in health-care access among seasonal farmworkers in the United States

Resolution Identification: 02-2018

Final Content:

RESOLVED, in acknowledgement that equity in access to health care is an inalienable right to all those who reside in the United States of America (Resolution 01-2014), and be it further

RESOLVED, That our LMSA acknowledges there is a disparity in access to preventative healthcare for exposures unique to the seasonal farmworker population in the United States and advocates against legislative measures impeding their and their families' ability to access high quality preventative healthcare, and be it further

RESOLVED, LMSA will work with relevant stakeholders, such as the AMA, to increase awareness of seasonal farmworkers and to ensure better health outcomes.

Resolution 03-2018: Promoting LMSA student publications

Title: Promoting LMSA student publications

Resolution Identification: 03-2018

Final Content:

RESOLVED, That our Latino Medical Student Association write an open letter to our membership highlighting the importance of publishing by Latino medical students in academic journals and opinion editorials, and be it further

RESOLVED, That our Latino Medical Student Association recommend that regional LMSA conferences have a workshop on how medical students can write and submit work for publication, and be it further

RESOLVED, That our Latino Medical Student Association seek professors and physicians as a resource for students in regards to writing and submitting work for publication, and be it further

RESOLVED, That our Latino Medical Student Association maintain a list of all LMSA student publications per year so that we can have data on total publications, types of submissions, and how efforts by LMSA affect these numbers.

Resolution 04-2018: Support of an official LMSA resource list of specialty diversity and inclusion programs for URM medical students

Title: Support of an official LMSA resource list of specialty diversity and inclusion programs for URM medical students

Resolution Identification: 04-2018

Final Content:

RESOLVED, That a working group be formed to research programs across the nation that offer specialty clinical and research experiences and opportunities for underrepresented minority (URM) medical students

RESOLVED , That said committee create and manage webpage on the national LMSA website to publish aforementioned clinical and research opportunities.

Resolution 05-2018: Categorization and Outcome Evaluation of Medical Spanish Programs in US Medical School Curricula

Title: Categorization and Outcome Evaluation of Medical Spanish Programs in US Medical School Curricula

Resolution Identification: 05-2018

Final Content:

RESOLVED, That the LMSA follow up with a representative sample of medical schools offering a medical Spanish curricula to compile a detailed description of programs, including program objectives and methods of evaluation, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the LMSA use the collected information to develop a set of standardized efficacy assessment tools by stratifying the programs based on similar characteristics and using their evaluation methods as guide, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the LMSA assess the efficacy of medical Spanish curricula using our standardized tools to establish best practices for developing and evaluating curriculum, and be it further

RESOLVED, to represent our finding and suggestion of best practices via scientific publication in an academic journal, and be it further

RESOLVED, to propose the formation of a working group dedicated to conduct the research on medical Spanish curricula at multiple schools represented at the LMSA.

Resolution 07-2018: Supporting low-income and first generation students to pursue medicine and other health professions. Support for pipeline programs that aim to increase diversification of health professionals

Title: Supporting low-income and first generation students to pursue medicine and other health professions. Support for pipeline programs that aim to increase diversification of health professionals

Resolution Identification: 07-2018

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Students Association support policies and programs that increase the diversity in college/medical school programs.

RESOLVED, that LMSA continue expanding the current mentorship programs in place with an emphasis on low-income/first-generation college students.

Resolution 08-2018: Undocumented immigrants and organ transplants

Title: Undocumented immigrants and organ transplants

Resolution Identification: 08-2018

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that that our Latino Medical Student Association release a statement, acknowledging that the financial burden should not limit access to organ transplant.

RESOLVED, that the Latino Medical Student Association release a statement acknowledging the obstacles and issues undocumented immigrants face when an organ transplant is needed.

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association support legislation advocating for equal access to organ transplants regardless of immigration status or insurance status.

Resolution 09-2018: Need for more recruitment and retention of URM faculty in medical education

Title: Need for more recruitment and retention of URM faculty in medical education

Resolution Identification: 09-2018

Final Content:

RESOLVED, That the Latino Medical Student Association writes a letter addressed directly to the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) emphasizing need and the importance of URM faculty for medical education

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RESOLVED, That the Latino Medical Student Association seek collaboration with the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), Accreditation council for continuing medical education (ACCME) and American Educational Research Association (AERA) to support diversity and inclusion initiatives

Resolution 10-2018: Advocating against anti-union Right-to-Work laws to strengthen union membership and workers' rights

Title: Advocating against anti-union Right-to-Work laws to strengthen union membership and workers' rights

Resolution Identification: 10-2018

Final Content:

RESOLVED, That our our Latino Medical Student Association recognize the importance of unions in improving the quality of life for workers by bargaining for higher wages, occupational health and sexual harassment protections, and better benefits including health insurance, pension plans, and paid sick leave by releasing a public statement in support of unions, and be it further

RESOLVED, That our Latino Medical Student Association advocate against Right-to-Work legislation by endorsing the pro-union legislation Workplace Democracy Act that ends Right-to-Work legislation and eases the process to create unions, and be it further

RESOLVED, That our Latino Medical Student Association organize a task force to write a letter to senators encouraging them to include workers' rights as part of their platform for the upcoming elections.

Resolution 11-2018: Ending Child Labor in the American Agricultural Industry

Title: Ending Child Labor in the American Agricultural Industry

Resolution Identification: 11-2018

Final Content:

RESOLVED, That the Latino Medical Student Association establish a formal request that the National Agricultural Workers Survey (NAWS) coordinated by the US Department of Labor to collect information about child workers under the age of 18.

RESOLVED, That our Latino Medical Student Association draft a statement to the United States Department of Education, Office on Migrant Education to collect data on the adherence to restrictions placed on children working during school hours in agriculture, and be it further

RESOLVED that our Latino Medical Student Association, formally review, recognize and support the efforts of campaigns such as the Children in the Fields Campaign by the Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs (AFOP).

Resolution 12-2018: Endorsing post-María excess mortality report and supporting policies, legislative efforts, and advocacy to improve health system resilience and disaster preparedness in Puerto Rico

Title: Endorsing post-María excess mortality report and supporting policies, legislative efforts, and advocacy to improve health system resilience and disaster preparedness in Puerto Rico

Resolution Identification: 12-2018

Final Content:

RESOLVED, That our Latino Medical Student Association advocate for additional funding to rebuild the infrastructure of Puerto Rico, strengthen the health system, ensure adequate hospital backup generators, and improve health system integration to improve response to future natural disasters, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association support efforts that ensure continued healthcare access to vulnerable populations during the period following natural disasters in Puerto Rico, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association review and endorse the most recent reports including the report by George Washington University School of Public Health that estimated excess all-cause mortality attributable to Hurricane María to be 2,975.

Resolution 13-2018: Mitigating health inequities by advocating for diversity among clinical research participants and disaggregating results within racial/ethnic groups

Title: Mitigating health inequities by advocating for diversity among clinical research participants and disaggregating results within racial/ethnic groups

Resolution Identification: 13-2018

Final Content:

RESOLVED, That our Latino Medical Student Association recognize the need to increase the diversity of clinical research participants to ensure that the treatment effects are relevant to all racial/ethnic groups, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association support initiatives that promote the inclusion of racial/ethnic subgroups in demographic research data, such as the Clinical Trials Outreach for Latinos (CTOL) Program Replication Manual, to better understand differences among those groups

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association endorse the NIH Policy and Guidelines on The Inclusion of Women and Minorities as Subjects in Clinical Research by publishing an open letter to students conducting clinical research

Resolution 14-2018: Destigmatizing Mental Illness and Promoting Mental Health Care Utilization in Latinx Patients

Title: Destigmatizing Mental Illness and Promoting Mental Health Care Utilization in Latinx Patients

Resolution Identification: 14-2018

Final Content:

RESOLVED, That our Latino Medical Student Association openly endorse campaigns and programs dedicated to the de-stigmatization of mental illness as well as the reduction of barriers to mental health care utilization, and be it further

RESOLVED, That our Latino Medical Student Association partner with advocates at the industry and legislative levels to support expanded health insurance coverage that improves access to mental health resources to patients who are undocumented, and be it further

RESOLVED, That our Latino Medical Student Association advocate for protections designed to safeguard the mental wellness of Latinx youth, who are disproportionately affected by suicide relative to White and Black counterparts.

Resolution 15-2018: Supporting Clinical Research in Minority Health

Title: Supporting Clinical Research in Minority Health

Resolution Identification: 15-2018

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that the Latino Medical Student Association recognizes the importance of encouraging clinical research in minority health; and

RESOLVED, that the Latino Medical Student Association supports the development of fiscal support for investigators currently pursuing clinical research in minority health in the form of grants for summer research in minority health for medical students; and

RESOLVED, that the Latino Medical Student Association encourage publications supporting increased research in minority health.

Resolution 16-2018: Supporting efforts to promote mental health among Latinx LGBTQ communities

Title: Supporting efforts to promote mental health among Latinx LGBTQ communities

Resolution Identification: 16-2018

Final Content:

RESOLVED, That our Latino Medical Student Association re-affirm Resolution 18-2016, to include research for mental health in Latino LGBTQ populations, and be it further

RESOLVED, That LMSA Policy support the LGBTQ LMSA Caucus lobby the AAMC and ACGME to improve the mental health coverage in curricula for medical students and residents in the United States, and to promote the inclusion of mental health topics related to LGBTQ populations and communities of color,

RESOLVED, That the Latino Medical Student Association opposes legislation that reduces NIH funding for mental health research through NIMH and NIDA,

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association support initiatives and legislation that improves mental health literacy and accessibility, especially for LGBTQ populations and communities of color,

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association support comprehensive mental health services for medical students and residents, which include mental health professionals equipped to address the diverse mental health concerns of the Latino and LGBTQ community.

2017

Resolution 01-2017: Clinical Empathy in Latino Health

Title: Clinical Empathy in Latino Health

Resolution Identification: 01-2017

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion at the COD.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, That our Latino Medical Student Association write an open letter in support of the role that humanism, especially racial empathy, has in the field of medicine and research project measuring differences of empathy level among different racial groups; and be it further.

RESOLVED, That our Latino Medical Student Association call for medical student organizations such as the American Medical Student Association, and Student National Medical Association to support research or projects that aim to measure empathy levels of minority medical students throughout undergraduate medical education and beyond; and be it further

RESOLVED, That our Latino Medical Student Association support efforts, such as the Project in Osteopathic Medical Education and Empathy (POMEE) or other similar projects that ensure the Hispanic/Latino community is receiving the same level of empathy as other demographic groups.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 02-2017: Support of Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2017

Title: Support of Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2017

Resolution Identification: 02-2017

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion at the COD. The delegates discussed the need for amendment due to the specificity of the original text. The delegates wanted to ensure there is flexibility in the organization supporting both current and future legislation.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association support current and future legislation addressing physician shortage that aligns with the Latino Medical Student Association mission and values.

RESOLVED, RESOLVED , That our Latino Medical Student Association encourage collaboration with national primary care professional organizations to write a letter in support

of the bill to the House of Representatives and Senate committees and to the members of the subcommittees reviewing the bill.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 03-2017: Implementation of Medical Spanish in US Medical School curriculums

Title: Implementation of Medical Spanish in US Medical School curriculums

Resolution Identification: 03-2017

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted and voted on as presented by the Reference Committee for non adoption. The delegates voted on recommendation of VRC for non adoption.

Congressional Action: NON ADOPTION

Resolution 04-2017: Addressing the Risk of Retraumatization when screening for Trauma in a Culturally Competent Manner

Title: Addressing the Risk of Retraumatization when screening for Trauma in a Culturally Competent Manner

Resolution Identification: 04-2017

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was voted on as presented by the Reference Committee for adoption as amended, as it was not extracted for discussion at the COD.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, That our Latino Medical Student Association write an open letter to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services^{4,5}, as well as to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, to promote clinical practices, prevention, and early intervention services and initiatives, that are considerate of patient experiences, in order to reduce the risk for retraumatization when screening for trauma and other adverse childhood experiences; and be it further

RESOLVED, That our Latino Medical Student Association advocate creation and implementation of trainings surrounding cultural competency, with the goal of approaching patients who have faced Adverse Childhood Event's in a more considerate and empathetic manner.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 05-2017: Advocacy of early childhood literacy for improved functional health literacy in the Latino population

Title: Advocacy of early childhood literacy for improved functional health literacy in the Latino population

Resolution Identification: 05-2017

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was voted on as presented by the Reference Committee for adoption as amended, as it was not extracted for discussion at the COD.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, That the Latino Medical Student Association support and promote health literacy initiatives, specifically through childhood literacy initiatives as a frontier to challenge future inadequate health literacy; and

RESOLVED, That our Latino Medical Student Association reaffirm resolution 04-2014 through expanding on the strategies to include childhood initiatives; and

RESOLVED, That our Latino Medical Student Association support research to understand the health literacy of the Latino population, including childhood literacy, their health outcomes and interventions beyond the clinical encounter; and

RESOLVED, That our Latino Medical Student Association write an open letter to encourage dialogue with the American Academy Pediatrics, American Academy Family Medicine, American Board of Preventative medicine to collaborate with their respective initiatives in this area.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 06-2017: Supporting CHIP and children of farmworkers

Title: Supporting CHIP and children of farmworkers

Resolution Identification: 06-2017

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion at the COD. Testimony was also provided in support of this resolution. The delegates discussed the need for addressing children of farmworkers and funding. The resolution was adopted as amended by the VRC and COD.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association support CHIP funding to ensure that healthcare disparities in insurance coverage among Latino and other minority children continues to narrow in the upcoming years; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association support increased CHIP funding, therefore helping to ensure, that the children of farmworkers are insured at the same rates as children across the U.S.;

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association be in support of the allocation of funding to study demographics, insurance status, and health care utilization of farmworkers and their children.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 07-2017: Supporting effort to promote sexual health among Latinx LGBTQ community

Title: Supporting effort to promote sexual health among Latinx LGBTQ community

Resolution Identification: 07-2017

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution extracted for discussion at the COD specifically on legislation and having enough reach.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association reaffirm resolution 16-2015, the importance of psychosocial interventions to reduce HIV disparities among Latino MSM and transgender women; and it be further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association reaffirm resolution 13-2016, a curriculum will include sexual health, psychosocial factors impacting sexual health, and HIV prevention; and it be further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association Policy advocate against legislation that reduces funding for HIV research and interventions.

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association Policy support legislation that increases access to HIV care for all, especially communities of color; and it be further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association Policy support routine health maintenance and cancer screening for LGBTQ Latinx in a culturally sensitive manner.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 08-2017: Climate Change and Its Hazardous Effects on Latino Health

Title: Climate Change and Its Hazardous Effects on Latino Health

Resolution Identification: 08-2017

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was voted on as presented by the Reference Committee for adoption as amended, as it was not extracted for discussion at the COD.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that Latino Medical Student Association acknowledge the dangerous health consequences of climate change on Latino and other medically underserved communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Latino Medical Student Association act to reduce our own organization's carbon footprint through evidence based, thoughtful initiatives whenever possible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association have a call for action for LMSA National and regional leadership to consult with sustainability experts to offer ways for our meetings, regional and national, to be more sustainable and eco-friendly.

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association make a call to action for LMSA regions to consider including research about the deleterious effects of climate change on Latino health in future conference lecture topics.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 09-2017: Acknowledging Community Health Workers' (CHWs) key role in meeting the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's Triple Aim and supporting policies, legislative and advocacy efforts intended to incorporate CHWs into all health care delivery settings

Title: Acknowledging Community Health Workers' (CHWs) key role in meeting the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's Triple Aim and supporting policies, legislative and advocacy efforts intended to incorporate CHWs into all health care delivery settings

Resolution Identification: 09-2017

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was voted on as presented by the Reference Committee for adoption as amended, as it was not extracted for discussion at the COD.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, That our Latino Medical Student Association acknowledge the important roles CHWs play in improving the patient experience of care, improving individual and population health, and reducing the per capita cost of healthcare, particularly by addressing the social determinants of health to reduce health inequities, and be it further

RESOLVED, That our Latino Medical Student Association support policies, legislative and advocacy efforts that incorporate the CHW role into health care delivery settings, systems and models, and be it further,

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 10-2017: Support migrant agricultural worker's health against pesticides

Title: Support migrant agricultural worker's health against pesticides

Resolution Identification: 10-2017

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion at the COD and received testimony. The resolution passes with the amendments recommended by VRC and COD.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA) acknowledge the risk that pesticide use has on human health and the ecosystem, therefore our LMSA supports the use of protective equipment by migrant agricultural workers and the restriction of pesticides on agricultural farming, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our LMSA will send a letter to congress supporting the protection of migrant farm workers against pesticides.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 11-2017: Protection of Net Neutrality

Title: Protection of Net Neutrality

Resolution Identification: 11-2017

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was voted on as presented by the Reference Committee for adoption as amended, as it was not extracted for discussion at the COD.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that the Latino Medical Student Association re-affirm resolution 04-2014 supporting health literacy, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association acknowledges the internet's role in access to health information and be it further

RESOLVED, that the LMSA draft a letter to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in support of protecting net neutrality.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 12-2017: Encourage Latinos in Osteopathic Physician Programs

Title: Encourage Latinos in Osteopathic Physician Programs

Resolution Identification: 12-2017

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was voted on as presented by the Reference Committee for adoption as amended, as it was not extracted for discussion at the COD.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association re-affirm resolution 03-2014 supporting diversity in medicine, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association acknowledge a common goal with osteopathic medical programs, namely increasing patient access to culturally responsive physicians; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association will collaborate with the Student Osteopathic Medicine Association (SOMA) to develop a student liaison position with oversight by the VP of External Affairs

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

2016

Resolution 01-2016: Immigration Reform Requires Dismantling Operation Streamline

Title: Immigration Reform Requires Dismantling Operation Streamline

Resolution Identification: 01-2016

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was voted on as presented by the Reference Committee for adoption as amended, as it was not extracted for discussion at the COD.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association recognize that Operation Streamline raises serious questions surrounding due process and basic legal rights, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association recognize that Operation Streamline's continued ability to function comes with an immense financial cost to the

American people, and that the cost to human rights and dignity is even higher; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association National Policy Committee write an article outlining the effects of Operation Streamline in the Latino community, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association utilize the newly formed Immigration Caucus to identify and build relationships with organizations who are willing to develop strategies and solutions for the issues raised by Operation Streamline.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 02-2016: Dialogue on Pre-diabetes Between Physicians and Hispanic/Latino Patients

Title: Strengthening the Dialogue on Pre-diabetes Between Physicians and Hispanic/ Latino Patients

Resolution Identification: 02-2016

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion. During the COD, testimony in support of the resolution was given along with the proposed amendment for resolved clause 2. Discussion was centered on how inadequate health care, such as the information gap between patients and physicians, impairs patients' understanding of evidence-based medicine, and thus leads to the progression of prediabetes to diabetes.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association recognize pre-diabetes as a medical condition with significant consequences within the Hispanic population as it relates to social determinants of health, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association Vice President of External Affairs draft a letter of support to the American Diabetes Association Latino Advisory Committee to encourage stronger dialogue between physicians and Hispanic patients regarding pre-diabetes.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED unanimously as amended at the COD.

Resolution 03-2016: Supporting Access to Healthcare Services for Asylum Seekers Awaiting Trial

Title: Supporting Access to Healthcare Services for Asylum Seekers Awaiting Trial

Resolution Identification: 03-2016

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was voted on as presented by the Reference Committee for adoption as amended and resolved clause 3 tabled, as it was not extracted for discussion.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association recognize the need for comprehensive health care services for asylum seekers, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association will write an open letter to advocacy organizations encouraging them to recruit more volunteers, particularly mental health professionals to serve asylum seekers.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED resolved clauses 1 and 2.

Resolution 04-2016: Inadequate Medical Care in Immigration Detention Facilities

Title: Inadequate Medical Care in Immigration Detention Facilities

Resolution Identification: 04-2016

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was voted on as presented by the Reference Committee for adoption with amended language, as it was not extracted for discussion.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association recognize immigrant detention as a cause of health inequity, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association support federal oversight of the internal conditions of Immigrant Detention Facilities including but not limited to health care needs of detainees.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 05-2016: Increasing Hispanic Voter Turnout

Title: Increasing Hispanic Voter Turnout

Resolution Identification: 05-2016

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was voted on as presented by the Reference Committee for adoption as amended, as it was not extracted for discussion.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association acknowledge that the physician's role includes empowering patients to advocate for their healthcare rights by participating in our country's democratic process, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association support non-partisan initiatives to increase Latino voter registration, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association school chapters partner with community clinics and organizations to host voter registration drives, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association conduct outreach to high school and undergraduate students to increase awareness of the next generation of voters impact in the democratic process.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 06-2016: DACA Medical Students and Medical Residency

Title: Support DACA Medical Students as they Apply to Medical Residency

Resolution Identification: 06-2016

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was voted on as presented by the Reference Committee for adoption as amended, as it was not extracted for discussion.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association request the AAMC create a survey to assess which medical residency programs would consider DACA residency applicants and then publish a list based on these results, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association release a public stance asking all residency programs to consider DACA residency applicants, without automatically rejecting their application solely based on their immigration status, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA) allow the LMSA Immigration Caucus to represent our LMSA in the Diversity in Medicine Coalition as it relates to advocacy for undocumented medical students and residents.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 07-2016: Medical Spanish Curriculum in Medical Schools

Title: Medical Spanish Curriculum in Medical Schools

Resolution Identification: 07-2016

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was voted on as presented by the Reference Committee for adoption as amended, as it was not extracted for discussion.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association encourage development of a curriculum with medical Spanish at medical schools nationwide.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 08-2016: DACA Language Modification

Title: DACA Language Modification

Resolution Identification: 08-2016

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion. Members of the COD gave testimonies in support of the resolution as amended by the Reference Committee with resolved clause 3 being struck from the resolution. The delegates discussed (1) the limitations and uncertainties of DACA, and (2) California has laws with language supporting undocumented individuals. The delegates believe students, regardless of their immigration status, will have a better understanding of medical schools' admission requirements, and its affiliated hospitals' residency match policies.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association update existing policy language in LMSA PS R02-2015 to include "undocumented", and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association support all students, regardless of immigration status, when they apply to health professional programs, particularly medicine and residency programs.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 09-2016: Scheduled Dialysis for Undocumented Latino Immigrants

Title: Scheduled Dialysis for Undocumented Latino Immigrants

Resolution Identification: 09-2016

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion. Members of the COD gave testimonies in support of the resolution with proposed amendments to resolved clauses 2, 3 and 4. Topics addressed were (1) lessening the financial burden of dialysis treatment via the inclusion of undocumented immigrants in the marketplaces and (2) collaboration for a research paper.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association support the provision of state or county-funded scheduled dialysis for undocumented immigrants, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association support the inclusion of undocumented immigrants in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act- mandated health insurance exchanges in order to access additional funding for covering the costs of dialysis and associated complications, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association collaborate with leaders and organizations particularly the Coalition for Kidney Care of Non-Citizens for the purpose of increasing awareness of the unmet dialysis needs of undocumented communities.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED unanimously as amended at COD.

Resolution 10-2016: Spanish Language Training and Training to use Interpreting Services for Emergency Medicine Physicians working with Hispanic Patients

Title: Spanish Language Training and Training to use Interpreting Services for Emergency Medicine Physicians working with Hispanic Patients

Resolution Identification: 10-2016

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion. Testimony in support of the resolution as amended by the Reference Committee was given. Discussion was centered on the benefits of medical Spanish training amongst physicians.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association develop a statement of support for research to study the potential benefits of providing patients who have Limited English Proficiency with Emergency Department discharge instructions in Spanish, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association VP of External Affairs collaborate with the Emergency Medicine Residents' Association to encourage Emergency Medicine physicians and residents to optimize the use of medical interpreting services when communicating with Spanish-speaking patients and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association collaborate with national Emergency Medicine physicians organizations, i.e. the American college of Emergency Physicians, to encourage emergency departments to establish formal Spanish training for Emergency Medicine physicians and residents.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 11-2016: Comprehensive Policy on Women's Reproductive Rights

Title: Comprehensive Policy on Women's Reproductive Rights

Resolution Identification: 11-2016

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion. Members of the COD gave testimonies in support of the resolution and proposed amendments to resolved clause 1. Resolved clauses 2 and 3 were voted on as amended by the Reference Committee. The delegates noted that in some states healthcare providers are legally allowed to provide patients with reproductive healthcare services contrary to medical literature findings. The delegates agreed that the reproductive injustices committed to women warrant them reproductive rights, especially women of color and the Latino community. The delegates agreed that the proposed amended language has an actionable item.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association released a statement acknowledging that women's access to affordable health services and to health information based on medical literature are fundamental human rights.

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association oppose health care premiums that disproportionately place cost burdens for reproductive health on women, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association oppose legislative proposals that utilize federal or state health care funding mechanisms to deny established and accepted medical care to any segment of the population.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED unanimously as amended at COD.

Resolution 13-2016: Supporting Efforts to promote transgender health

Title: Supporting Efforts to promote transgender health

Resolution Identification: 13-2016

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion. Several members of the Congress gave testimonies in support of the resolution with proposed amendment given on the floor. It was agreed that transgender reproductive rights falls under the category of transgender health. The resolution has actionable items and relevant language in the whereas clauses for inclusion of the proposed additional resolved clause.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association re-affirm Resolution 16-2015, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association Policy Committee will help the LGBTQ Caucus lobby the AAMC and ACGME to implement a comprehensive LGBTQ health curriculum as a required competency for all medical students and residents in the United States, and it be further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association strongly opposes any discriminatory laws against transgender individuals and supports the repeal of discriminatory laws in every level of government.

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association strongly advocate for transgender reproductive rights.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED unanimously as amended at COD.

Resolution 14-2016: Support for the Advancement of the Understanding of Racial Microaggressions

Title: Support for the Advancement of the Understanding of Racial Microaggressions

Resolution Identification: 14-2016

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was voted on as presented by the Reference Committee for adoption as amended, as it was not extracted for discussion.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association support the Liaison Committee on Medical Education standards for cultural competence, and it be further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association highlight research to understand the effects of microaggressions on all patient populations and their health outcomes, and it be further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association write an open letter to encourage medical schools to address microaggressions and how they can affect under-represented minority medical students and faculty, and it be further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association collaborate with the Diversity Policy and Programs unit of American Association of Medical Colleges to inform US medical schools about the impact of microaggressions on medical students, education and patient outcomes, and it be further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association encourage collaboration and partnership with medical advocacy organizations to support similar policy language, and further a minority initiative surrounding microaggressions.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 15-2016: Corporate Influence on Medical Organizations

Title: Corporate Influence on Medical Organizations

Resolution Identification: 15-2016

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was voted on as presented by the Reference Committee for adoption as amended, as it was not extracted for discussion.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association refrain from accepting sponsorship of any form from organizations that are in conflict with the mission of improving Latino patient health, and it be further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association National Policy Committee intervene on behalf of chapter leaders when a conflict of interest are identified by members within the organization, and it be further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association National create a corporate partnership subcommittee composed of the LMSA National President and Vice-President of External Affairs, two members of the National Policy Committee, and two LMSA Alumni Physician Advisors, that present recommendations for voting to the Board of Directors regarding finalizing any long-term corporate partnership with any major third party sponsor. (Directive to Action)

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 16-2016: Initiative for Underrepresented Minority Youth Health Pipeline Programs

Title: Initiative for Underrepresented Minority Youth Health Pipeline Programs

Resolution Identification: 16-2016

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was voted on as presented by the Reference Committee for adoption as amended, as it was not extracted for discussion.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association support the creation of a strategic workforce with the mission of forming long-term partnerships with local medical societies to develop pipeline programs that increase underrepresented in medicine (UIM) medical student enrollment as defined by the AAMC, under the guidance of the Vice Chair of Mentorship and overseen by the LMSA National Executive Board, and it be further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association collaborate with local chapters of national organizations such as, the National Outreach for Diversity in Medicine Coalition, and other concerned organizations to support the development of medical career exposure and hands-on educational internship programs for UIM students.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 17-2016: Improving Language Access for Limited English Proficiency Patients

Title: Improving Language Access for Limited English Proficiency Patients

Resolution Identification: 17-2016

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was voted on as presented by the Reference Committee for adoption as amended, as it was not extracted for discussion.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association collaborate with the American Medical Association in encouraging hospital systems to collect and publish data on the prevalence of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) patients in their respective communities as part of a language needs assessment, and it be further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association collaborate with the American Medical Association to support efforts to improve quality of care through increased access to language services, and it be further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association encourage the Association of American Colleges and individual institutions to develop and disseminate guidelines for medical trainees and providers on the appropriate use of interpreter services, and it be further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association urge the Association of American Medical Colleges to publicly recognize that the primary role of medical students is to be learners, and to limit the use of bilingual students as primary ad hoc interpreters for the medical team during high-stakes clinical situations or when doing so at the expense of learning opportunities.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 18-2016: Addressing Mental Health Among Minority Medical Students

Title: Addressing Mental Health Among Minority Medical Students

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was voted on as presented by the Reference Committee for adoption as amended, as it was not extracted for discussion.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association acknowledge the high prevalence of depression, anxiety and burnout in our medical student body, and it be further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association provide support for the development of local, regional and national event programming that addresses mental health indicators, such as burnout, depression and anxiety, and it be further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association write an open letter to the Association of American Medical Colleges to petition the addition of faculty mentorship, near-peer support, and wellness programs to recommended medical student support programming, specifically for minority medical students underrepresented in medicine, and it be further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association petition the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities to conduct and/or support the research of:

1 The relative risk of mental health indicators such as depression, anxiety and burnout for Latino medical students as compared to the general medical student population;

2 The effect of racial and ethnic identity, cultural norms, stigma and social support on the mental well being of Latino medical students;

The impact of microaggressions experienced by Latino and other minority medical students on their mental health and academic performance.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

2015

Resolution 01-2015: Academia in Latino Medical Communities

Title: Academia in Latino Medical Communities

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion. During COD, discussion was centered on clarifying the resolution language.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association write an open letter to encourage medical schools to recruit and retain Latinos in academic medicine, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association work in conjunction with other professional and student organizations to prepare Latino medical students to enter academic medicine.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED as amended at the COD.

Resolution 02-2015: Supporting DACA eligible students' graduate medical education and matriculation in US Medical School

Title: Supporting DACA eligible students' graduate medical education and matriculation in US Medical School

Resolution Identification: 02-2015

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion. During COD, testimony in support of the resolution as amended by the Reference Committee. Discussion was centered on inclusion of all undocumented students and not just those eligible for DACA were brought up, but it was agreed upon by the delegates that other resolutions to address this could be submitted in the future.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association provide a safe environment for the edification and advancement of Latino students applying to medical school, irrespective of their immigration status; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association strongly encourage medical schools, residency and fellowship programs to clarify their DACA admission and match policies; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association supports regulatory relief to DACA eligibility in the absence of comprehensive reform as seen by the Executive Action declared in 2014, and be it further

RESOLVED that our Latino Medical Student Association strongly encourage medical schools, residency and fellowship programs to support the admission, retention and promotion of DACA eligible students; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association write an open letter to the AAMC asking for regulatory relief for DACA eligible students who are accepted into medical school but are unable to matriculate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association work with medical advocacy organizations to develop policy language that promotes the admission, retention and promotion of DACA eligible students.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED as amended at the COD.

Resolution 03-2015: Designing a food assessment plan to systematically track food desert incidence and measure effectiveness of community intervention programs such as mobile food vendor programs

Title: Designing a food assessment plan to systematically track food desert incidence and measure effectiveness of community intervention programs such as mobile food vendor programs

Resolution Identification: 03-2015

Submitted Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association designs a comprehensive proposal to urge the USDA, CDC and affiliated federal institutions to update and create a observational food assessment within the U.S. that tracks (1) food desert incidence trends, (2) mobile produce vendor programs distribution and implementation, and (3) longitudinal effects of these vendor programs on health outcomes, especially of Latinos, using existing nationwide infrastructure.

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was voted on as presented by the Reference Committee to be tabled, as it was not extracted for discussion.

Congressional Action: TABLED

Resolution 04-2015: Increasing strategies to decrease rate of obesity and chronic disease in Latinos living in food desert communities

Title: Increasing strategies to decrease rate of obesity and chronic disease in Latinos living in food desert communities

Resolution Identification: 04-2015

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was voted on as presented by the Reference Committee for adoption as amended, as it was not extracted for discussion.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association recognizes food deserts as a contributor to poor health outcomes, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association supports research into identifying policy solutions that decrease the deleterious effects of food deserts in Latino patient communities

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 05-2015: Supporting green space development in Latino communities

Title: Supporting green space development in Latino communities

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was voted on as presented by the Reference Committee for adoption as amended, as it was not extracted for discussion.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association support green spaces in residential zoning districts within Latino communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association collaborates with physicians who are interested in policy and advocacy for green spaces.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 06-2015: Implicit Bias

Title: Implicit Bias

Submitted Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association propose collaboration with the Diversity Policy and Programs unit of American Association of Medical Colleges to inform US medical schools about the Implicit Association Test and encourage their incorporation into cultural competence curricula.

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was voted on as presented by the Reference Committee for non-adoption, as it was not extracted for discussion.

Congressional Action: NON-ADOPTION

Resolution 07-2015: Mass Incarceration

Title: Mass Incarceration

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion. Several members of the COD gave testimonies in support and against of the resolution as amended by the Reference Committee. Discussion was centered on concern over the use of “inflammatory language” in the resolution.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, our Latino Medical Student Association recognize mass incarceration as a cause of health inequity, and further

RESOLVED, our Latino Medical Student Association will compose an open letter to our member undergraduate medical education institutions medical schools highlighting the importance of mass incarceration on the health of our communities and urge that curricula include information on the health impacts of incarceration.

Congressional Action: TABLED

Resolution 08-2015: Terminology used in reference to the undocumented Latino community.

Title: Terminology used in reference to the undocumented Latino community.

Resolution Identification: 08-2015

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion. Several members of the COD gave testimonies in support of the resolution as written by the authors.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association condemn the term “illegal alien,” and further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association task the LMSA National Board with issuing a statement recommending the term “undocumented” as sensitive and appropriate terminology to refer to people in the United States who lack legal immigration status.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 09-2015: Sweet sugar beverages (SSB) advertising on health outcomes: metabolic syndrome of children and adolescents in Latino communities

Title: Sweet sugar beverages (SSB) advertising on health outcomes: metabolic syndrome of children and adolescents in Latino communities

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion. Several members of the COD gave testimonies in support of the resolution as amended by the Reference Committee. The authors provided the delegates with citations and clarifying language for the resolution.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association recognizes the effects of sugar sweetened beverage on health outcomes in the young Latino population; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association releases a public stance against sugar sweetened beverage advertising and its consequences on metabolic syndrome incidence among Latinos; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association identify partnering medical organizations who are willing to develop strategies and solutions for decreasing obesity in our Latino population, including the American Diabetes Association, American Pediatric Association, and NHMA.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED as amended at COD.

Resolution 10-2015: Increasing the Consumption of Healthy Fresh Foods in Food Desert Latino Communities Using Mobile Produce Food Vendor

Title: Increasing the Consumption of Healthy Fresh Foods in Food Desert Latino Communities Using Mobile Produce Food Vendor

Resolution Identification: 10-2015

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was voted on as presented by the Reference Committee for adoption as written, as it was not extracted for discussion.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association support increasing the number of healthy mobile produce vendors as a strategy to eliminate food deserts in Latino communities.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED

Resolution 11-2015: Increase support of research into the effects of police brutality and racial profiling in health outcomes of Latinos

Title: Increase support of research into the effects of police brutality and racial profiling in health outcomes of Latinos.

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion. Several members of the COD gave testimonies in support and against of the resolution.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association recognizes police brutality and racial profiling against minority communities as a serious, ongoing public health issue; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association makes a public written statement that supports the following mission: (1) Raise awareness of racism as a public health concern, (2) End discrimination in medical care, (3) Prepare future physicians to be advocates for social justice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association supports policy solutions such as The End Racial Profiling Act; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association collaborates with SNMA/NMA to sign an open letter encouraging advocacy organizations to increase public awareness, advocacy and fund community research on the effects of police brutality in Latino health.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED as amended at COD.

Resolution 12-2015: Deferred Action and Health Insurance- Healthcare equity amongst immigrant populations

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion. A member of the COD gave a testimony in support of the resolution as amended by the Reference Committee.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association adopt a stance supporting healthcare coverage for undocumented immigrants; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association write an open letter to community to increase awareness on the lack of healthcare services to undocumented immigrants, and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association deliver media statements to Latino community news advocating for healthcare coverage for undocumented individuals.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED as amended at COD.

Resolution 14-2015: Improving nutrition in schools with high Latino enrollment by supporting strategies to increase high nutritional standards in subsidized school meal programs

Title: Improving nutrition in schools with high Latino enrollment by supporting strategies to increase high nutritional standards in subsidized school meal programs

Submitted Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association supports the high food nutrition standards set by the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act 2010 and USDA Smart Snack, especially

due to its health impact in meals served in public schools with high Latino enrollment; and further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association support innovative strategies to improve nutrition in schools such as the Community Eligibility Program; and further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association sends out research and data on this subject to legislators in states that have not yet participated in the Community Eligibility program; and further

RESOLVED that our Latino Medical Student Association collaborate with other medical organizations that have taken a stance against corporate interests to end the healthy school meals programs.

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was voted on as presented by the Reference Committee to be tabled, as it was not extracted for discussion.

Congressional Action: TABLED

Resolution 15-2015: Advocacy for Single-Payer Health Insurance

Title: Advocacy for Single-Payer Health Insurance

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion. Several members of the COD gave testimonies in support and against of the resolution.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association shall support legislation that includes a single-payer health insurance system.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED as amended at COD.

Resolution 16-2015: Supporting Research on Healthcare and Healthcare Equity for Sexual Minority and Gender Diverse Populations, especially those of Latino Origin.

Title: Supporting Research on Healthcare and Healthcare Equity for Sexual Minority and Gender Diverse Populations, especially those of Latino Origin.

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion. A member of the COD provided a testimony on changing the financial note to include that the policy committee will designate a person to be in charge of the organization of the scholarship.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association supports initiatives that enhance and increase the number of projects, grants, initiatives to develop, and efforts to support

research about the LGBTQ and Latino patient population, medical student and physician members particularly as they relate to health disparities, medical education and training; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association supports the creation of a scholarship fund for research that relates to LGBT Latino populations in order to promote awareness of health disparities affecting LGBT Latinos.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED as amended at COD.

Appendix:

Note on Definitions: The LGBTQ acronym is meant to encompass populations that self-identify as belonging to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer communities. It also serves to encompass those who do not necessarily identify with any of the above referenced groups but still engage in sexual practices with members of the same gender. This population is often referred in the literature as MSM (men who have sex with men) and WSW (women who have sex with women).

Financial Note:

Our LMSA will provide a total of \$250.00 annually for this scholarship fund, while the LGBTQ Caucus will raise the other \$250.00 as part of their yearly fundraising efforts. The LMSA LGBTQ Caucus Chair and VP of LMSA Policy will be the designated persons organizing all matters related to scholarship funds and will report directly to the LMSA national board. This scholarship shall be named after a Latino doctor that has made a great contribution to the health of LGBTQ Latinos nationwide, therefore this scholarship is to be named the “JP Sanchez Scholarship on LGBTQ Research”. The LGBTQ Caucus will work with the national conference chairs to seek applications for this scholarship and will review all research internally prior to providing recommendations for the winning entry before the LMSA national board.

2014

Resolution 01-2014: Defining the Right to Health Care

Title: Defining the Right to Health Care

Resolution Identification: 01-2014

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion. Members of the COD gave testimonies in support of adoption of the resolution. Discussion was centered on

clarifying the authors' intent that health care be provided for all individuals who reside in the United States and not just legal residents.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association adopts policy supporting equity in access to health care as an inalienable right of all those who reside in the United States of America.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED as amended at the COD.

Resolution 02-2014: Physician-Patient relationship

Title: Physicians Role within the Physician-Patient relationship

Resolution Identification: 02-2014

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion. Discussion was centered on whether the resolution language was too specific.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association support the definition of a physician's role to include social advocacy, political advocacy, culturally proficient patient education and community development in addition to clinical expertise.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED as amended at the COD.

Resolution 03-2014: Diversity in Medicine

Title: Diversity in Medicine

Resolution Identification: 03-2014

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion. Discussion was limited as the one delegate who voted against adoption was unsure of his region's opinion on the resolution because of an error in communication with the regional policy chair.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association supports diversification of the medical community, with a strong emphasis on students and professionals of Latino origins, to reflect the growing diversity of the American patient population; and it be further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association increase the diversity of the student and health professional communities through support of initiatives including, but not limited to: mentoring, recruitment, and community outreach programs.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED as amended at the COD.

Resolution 04-2014: Health Literacy

Title: Defining the Need for Health Literacy

Resolution Identification: 04-2014

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion. Discussion was centered on whether the resolution language was too specific. The delegates agreed that the resolution could be amended in the future if necessary once the efforts of LMSA are more clearly defined.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association pursues increasing health literacy amongst Latino communities, especially non-native English speakers in low socioeconomic communities.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED as amended at the COD.

Resolution 05-2014: Health Care Equality

Title: Health Care Equality for Sexual Minority and Gender Diverse Populations of Latino Origin

Resolution Identification: 05-2014

Parliamentary Summary: This resolution was extracted for discussion. Several members of the COD gave testimonies in support of the resolution as written by the authors.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association recognizes the inequities faced by Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transgender-Queer (LGBTQ) people, especially in the Latino community, within its policy platform and opposes any form of discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity; and it be further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association supports initiatives that address and work to alleviate the specific obstacles faced by the LGBTQ Latino population, particularly as they relate to health disparities and medical education and training.

Congressional Action: ADOPTED as amended at the COD.

Resolution 06-2014: Diversity in Medicine

Title: Diversity in Medicine

Resolution Identification: 06-2014

Parliamentary Summary: Resolution 06-2014 was submitted as an “emergency” resolution on the day of the Congress of Delegates. As such, there was a spirited discussion on both the merits of the resolution itself, and on the appropriate process of reviewing and vetting resolutions submitted to the LMSA COD. Due to the discussion on the floor, the resolution was split into two parts, which were considered individually. After hearing testimony from individuals recognized as experts on the subject by the Speaker, the resolution authors agreed to defer adoption of both “resolved” clauses in the resolution to a later date.

Final Content:

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association endorses the idea that every medical school admissions committee actively consider race and ethnicity as factors for student admission; and it be further

RESOLVED, that our Latino Medical Student Association support that every United States academic health campus develop, implement and evaluate an infrastructure to support the recruitment, retention and advancement of individuals considered to be underrepresented in medicine and the biomedical sciences.

Congressional Action: ADOPTION DEFERRED.