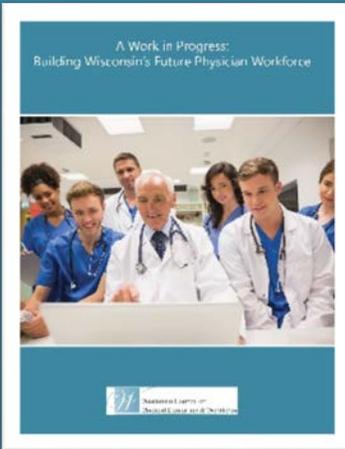


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***"The Future Landscape of Wisconsin's  
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September 27, Wisconsin Dells

### ***"A Work in Progress": Recommendations on Care Delivery***

In our monthly articles, WCMEW has been highlighting recommendations from its 2016 publication *"A Work In Progress: Building Wisconsin's Future Physician Workforce,"* and providing updates on headway thus far. This month's article focuses on changes in health care delivery: what is currently taking place in terms of configuration of teams, the use of telemedicine and other technology, and how health care organizations and educational institutions can facilitate change.

There were four recommendations on care delivery in the report:

1. WCMEW should conduct a survey of health care organizations to understand how care is being delivered, and will be delivered in the future, in Wisconsin. Also conduct a survey to understand the nature and extent of the use of telemedicine in Wisconsin.
2. WCMEW should continue to promote transformation in care delivery; for example, sponsoring annual conferences that disseminate information on team-based care.
3. WCMEW should engage health care educators in Wisconsin to facilitate the inclusion of innovative care delivery models in their curricula.
4. State funding should be made available for collaboratives that wish to create Interprofessional Education (IPE) training programs or IP clinical practices.

***Surveying health care organizations*** – WCMEW is developing a collaborative survey process to assess team-based care and plans to have results by mid-2018. In addition, the WHA Information Center surveyed its members regarding telehealth for the first time in 2016, and will release findings in fall 2017, assessing prevalence of telehealth in seven areas: Teleradiology or Other Store and Forward Services, TeleICU, TeleStroke, TelePsychiatry, E-Visits, Remote Patient Monitoring, and Specialist Consultation.

**Promoting transformation in care delivery** – On September 27, WCMEW will sponsor a conference, *“The Future Landscape of Wisconsin’s Health Care Workforce,”* where participants will engage on topics ranging from public policy to provider retention and training clinicians for evolving models of care delivery.

The conference is designed to bring stakeholders from across Wisconsin’s business, government, educational institutions and non-profit areas together to recognize the urgent demand for creative and cross-sector solutions to health care workforce challenges.

**Engaging health educators** – In November 2016, WCMEW jointly sponsored a conference with Wisconsin AHEC, entitled *“Interprofessional Collaborations: Advancing Wisconsin’s Healthcare and Education,”* with nearly 100 educators and practitioners engaging with colleagues on IPE and interprofessional clinical practice (IPCP). Attendees learned about developing and building on knowledge and skills across the spectrum of IPE and IPCP program development, the current state of IPE and IPCP, theory-based best practices and lessons learned in the field, and advancing and sustaining IPE and IPCP to facilitate effective and patient-centered health care education and practice.

**Creating education collaboratives** – WCMEW, working with the Wisconsin Hospital Association, proposed a new grant program that will encourage advanced practice clinician (APC) training in rural communities. Called *“The Rural Education for Advanced Clinicians in Health Care (REACH) Act,”* the legislation was included in the 2017-2019 state budget. It will provide \$750,000 annually in grants to hospitals and clinics that provide new training opportunities for advanced practice clinicians, including advanced practice nurses and physician assistants.

- Funding would be limited to \$50,000 per hospital or clinic per year, with a matching contribution from the sponsoring facility. (Total of up to \$100,000 in annual funding with sponsor match.)
- First year funding could be used to create education and training infrastructure, with preference to those hospitals or health systems in a rural community that commit to a shared faculty model with a partnering educational institution.
- Funding for first year and subsequent years would be awarded directly to the hospital or health system to be used for traineeship awards and to support the cost of a clinical preceptor. The traineeship awards could be used to offset the costs of:
  - Required books and materials;
  - Tuition and fees;
  - Stipends for reasonable living expenses; and,
  - Preceptor costs, including preceptor compensation attributable to training, certification requirements, travel, and advanced practice clinician training.

## **Program Spotlight: AMA Pushes Collaboration with 6-step Pharmacist Integration Education Module**

The American Medical Association (AMA) has created an [education module on integrating pharmacists into their practice](#) as part of its STEPS Forward program for practice improvement. The module features six steps for physicians to follow when partnering with a pharmacist/pharmacy including identifying roles, setting expectations and measuring impact.

In announcing the new module, AMA described pharmacists and pharmacy technicians as “often missed key partners” that can help practices improve outcomes. The recommended steps include:

1. Identify the roles pharmacists or pharmacy technicians can play;
2. Decide how they can benefit from including a pharmacist;
3. Find a pharmacist or pharmacy technician match;
4. Prepare and set expectations for the health care team and patients;
5. Determine the resources the pharmacist needs and the impact on the physician’s workflow; and,
6. Measure the impact of embedding a pharmacist.

Contact Sarah Sorum, WCMEW Council representative of the PSW for more information, at [sarabs@pswi.org](mailto:sarabs@pswi.org).

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