

# WCMEW

Wisconsin Council on Medical Education and Workforce

## July 2019 Newsletter

### SOME THOUGHTS ON....

#### ***Caring for Wisconsin's Seniors***

In our recent workforce reports, we have stressed the importance of our senior population's projected impact on overall demand for healthcare. Wisconsin's senior (over 65) population is projected to increase by 69%, and the average senior consumes about 4 times the amount of healthcare as the rest of our population. So while our total population is expected to increase by about 12%, total demand for healthcare is projected to increase by 23%...seniors have an outsized impact on the total.

But let's focus on the over-65 population itself. The combination of factors outlined above would result in a projected **increase for seniors alone of 53%**. This raises a number of workforce-related questions:

- Can we produce enough healthcare workers – of all disciplines – to accommodate the expected dramatic increase in demand? If not, how do we still provide the necessary care?
- Since the typical senior patient profile is different from other patients – for example, twice as many chronic conditions – will our education and training infrastructure be prepared to meet this challenge?
- Where might we focus our policy efforts?

WCMEW intends to further study this issue, and will be publishing a future brief. In the meantime, I welcome any comments you may have.

Regards,

George Quinn, Executive Director, WCMEW

### 2019 WORKFORCE SUMMIT AGENDA

#### **2019 WCMEW Summit AGENDA**

- ***Preparing Care Teams for Success: Interprofessional Training & Practice – Hossein Khalili, BScN, MScN, PhD, Director – Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education – UW Madison***
- ***Two Morning Interdisciplinary Panels***
  - *Training and Pathways*
  - *Care Delivery and Workforce Deployment*

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- **Luncheon Keynote: Anticipating the Future of Health Care: Workforce Challenges and Opportunities** – Daniel Pesut, PhD, RN, FAAN, Director – International Center for Nurse Leadership – University of Minnesota
- **Policymaker Panel: Solutions to Grow and Support Wisconsin's Healthcare Workforce**
- **Initial Findings of WCMEW's Clinical Site Work Group**
- **Two Afternoon Panels:**
  - *Building a Workforce for Wisconsin's Diverse Population*
  - *Workforce Resiliency Strategies*

### WORKFORCE IN THE NEWS

Providing critical care at a price: maintaining Wisconsin's Critical Access Hospitals, WKOW Wisconsin has 58, including Gundersen Moundview. ... “Challenges that healthcare has in general are that much more magnified in rural health,” ...

Upskilling Could Be an Ideal Rx for Healthcare's Employment Woes, Cardiovascular Business Multiple catalysts are driving the need for an upskilled healthcare workforce.

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