

COMMISSION REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 2020

Name of Commission:	Commission on the Health of the Public
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Executive Summary:

The Commission on the Health of the Public completed a thoughtful and extensive review of policies over the course of the year, collaborating with multiple groups as detailed below. In addition, we evaluated a number of outside requests (please see below) and provided recommendations to AAPA staff in the development of COVID-19 resources for sharing with PAs during this public health crisis. As Chair of the HOTP, I am exceptionally grateful for the hard work and dedication of our talented commission members during this leadership year and these challenging times.

Detailed Progress Report:

Commission Charge	Status
<i>Clinical Guidelines</i> Charge 1: Using criteria established in FY15 by the HOTP, review opportunities for AAPA/PA participation in external clinical guideline development. Based on this review, recommend whether AAPA should participate and/or recommend constituent organization (CO) or subject matter expert(s) (SME) who could best represent AAPA. Charge 2: Make recommendations to the Board regarding requests for AAPA endorsement of clinical guidelines, based on endorsement criteria outlined in policy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided recommendation to the AAPA Board of Directors to endorse Diabetes Self-management Education and Support in Type 2 Diabetes: A Consensus Report of the American Diabetes Association, the Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Physician Assistants, the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, and the American Pharmacists Association clinical guideline.• Provided recommendation to the AAPA Board of Directors to endorse the American Society of Addiction Medicine National Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder 2019 Focused Update clinical guideline.

<p><i>Clinical External Representation</i></p> <p>Charge 1: Using criteria established in FY15 by the HOTP, evaluate potential AAPA participation in external clinical outreach opportunities, taking into consideration the broad effect on PA practice and resources (staff/funding) available, and make a recommendation to staff or BOD regarding AAPA’s participation.</p> <p>Charge 2: Assist with recruitment of SMEs to represent AAPA by identifying qualified PA experts and/or soliciting recommendations from the appropriate COs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided recommendation to the AAPA Board of Directors to endorse the 2020 American College of Cardiology (ACC) Clinical Competencies for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants in Adult Cardiovascular Medicine: A Report of the ACC Competency Management Committee clinical competencies guideline.
<p><i>Emerging Clinical Public Health Issues</i></p> <p>Charge 1: Evaluate opportunities for AAPA’s support/visibility related to emerging clinical public health issues, taking into consideration the broad effect on PA practice and resources (staff/funding) available, and provide a recommendation to staff or BOD regarding AAPA’s participation.</p> <p>Charge 2: Assist with recruitment of SMEs to represent AAPA by identifying qualified PA experts and/or soliciting recommendations from the appropriate COs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided recommendations on COVID-19 resources for the AAPA’s COVID-19 web page. • Provided scientific review and recommendation for the AAPA to sign on to the Fourth Circuit Amicus Brief in Gavin Grimm v. Gloucester County School Board. • Provided recommendation to the AAPA Board of Directors to endorse Assessing and Addressing Cardiovascular Health in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer or Questioning (LGBTQ) Adults: A Scientific Statement from the American Heart Association scientific statement. • Provided recommendation to the AAPA Board of Directors to sign on as an “approved by” entity for the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices 2020 Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule and Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule. • Received feedback from staff (November 2019) regarding recommendation submitted to the AAPA Board of Directors at the end of the last leadership year to sign on as a Partner with Time’s Up Healthcare.
<p><i>General</i></p> <p>Charge 1: Analyze and provide comments on AAPA policies assigned by the House Officers, to include but not limited to five-year policy review, and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed 36 assigned policies and papers for the House of Delegates, working with the Society for PAs in Pediatrics, the Lesbian Bisexual Gay & Transgender PA Caucus, the Fellowship of Christian PAs, Society of PAs in Addiction Medicine, Association of PAs in Obstetrics & Gynecology, and

develop recommendations for consideration by the appropriate body.

Charge 2: Collaborate with other commissions, organizations and staff, as needed, to ensure cross-organizational strategy, research and planning processes.

the Commission on Government Relations & Practice Advancement for relevant shared work.

Strategic Outcomes and Considerations:

I believe it important that we continue to focus on AAPA's visibility to the public on important public health issues. As part of this, I would recommend continuing to work toward visibility and transparency in process and procedure for external requests. As well, the HOTP is uniquely positioned to be an advocate connector of various stakeholder groups within and external to AAPA, and I hope in the future this will be able to be leveraged more fully.