2017 Annual Meeting: Report of Resolutions

This report contains the newest policies of the Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) adopted by the House of Delegates at the 2017 Annual Meeting on August 25-27, 2017 at the Renaissance Reno Hotel.

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Reference Committee A met at 10:30 a.m. in the Black Rock room at the Renaissance Reno Downtown Hotel in Reno, Nevada on August 26, 2017. Present were the following members:

Howard Baron, MD Chair, Andy Pasternak, MD, George Alexander, MD, Richard Seher, MD, Ron Smith, MD and Shannon Zamboni, MD

Resolution #2017-01, “Memorial Resolution,” was discussed and voted as: DO PASS AS AMENDED.

RESOLVED: THAT THE NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES EXPRESS ITS SORROW AT THE PASSING OF THE FOLLOWING, AND THAT THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES WILL RISE AND OBSERVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Kayvan Taghipour-Khiabani, MD CCMS 04/18/2017

Resolution #2017-02, “Cycling”, was discussed and voted as: DO PASS AS AMENDED.

RESOLVED: THAT NSMA REACH OUT TO CYCLING ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER REGULATORY AGENCIES OR INTERESTED ENTITIES IN THE STATE OF NEVADA TO PARTNER AND IDENTIFY WAYS OF INCREASING CYCLING SAFETY AWARENESS AS WELL AS SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO SAFER CONDITIONS FOR ALL USERS OF NEVADA’S ROADWAYS.

Resolution #2017-03, “Healthful Hospital Foods”, was discussed and voted as: DO PASS AS AMENDED.

RESOLVED: THAT THE NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION WORK WITH THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION TO CALL ON NEVADA HOSPITALS, THE NEVADA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, AND OTHER INTERESTED ENTITIES TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF PATIENTS, STAFF, AND VISITORS BY FOLLOWING THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE PREVENTION SECTION GUIDELINES FOR HOSPITAL MEALS.

Resolution #2017-04, “Requiring Helmets For Drivers And Riders Of All Terrain Vehicles and Mopeds”, was discussed and voted as: DO PASS AS AMENDED.

RESOLVED: THAT THE NSMA SUPPORTS LEGISLATION THAT HELMETS BE REQUIRED FOR DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS OF ATVs, MOTORIZED BICYCLES/SCOOTERS AND MOPEDS IN THE STATE OF NEVADA.

Resolution #2016-05, “Mental Health”, was discussed and voted as: AMENDED/REFERRED TO GOV’T AFFAIRS COMMISSION.

RESOLVED: THAT THE NSMA RECOGNIZES MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS AS A GROUP OF MEDICAL CONDITIONS THAT URGENTLY REQUIRE FOCUSED ATTENTION IN OUR STATE. FURTHERMORE, THE NSMA URGES NEVADA TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE RIGHTS OF, AND TO COMBAT STIGMA AGAINST PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. TO THIS EFFECT OUR STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS SHOULD MEANINGFULLY INCREASE
THE ALLOCATION TO APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF RESOURCES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

Resolution #2017-06, “Obesity Education-Recognizing and Taking Action In Response to the Obesity Crisis”, was discussed and voted as: DO PASS AS AMENDED.

RESOLVED: THAT THE NSMA MAKE THE AMA OBESITY EDUCATION REPORT AVAILABLE ON THE NSMA WEBSITE FOR USE BY MEDICAL STUDENTS, RESIDENTS, TEACHING FACULTY, PRACTICING PHYSICIANS, AND OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

and be it further

RESOLVED: THAT THE NSMA PARTNER WITH LOCAL AND STATE ORGANIZATIONS ADVOCATING FOR PREVENTION OF CHRONIC DISEASE, INCLUDING OBESITY EDUCATION, EVALUATION, AND TREATMENT, TO ADVANCE PROGRAMS THAT BENEFIT PATIENTS.

Resolution #2017-07, “Improving Health Outcomes-Prevent-Stat (Screen, Test, Act, and Today)”, was discussed and voted as: DO NOT PASS. (Merged with Resolution 2017-10)

Resolution #2017-08, “Orders For Protection Against Persons At High Risk For Domestic Abuse and Other Violent Crime”, was discussed and voted as: DO PASS AS AMENDED

RESOLVED: THAT THE NSMA ENCOURAGE NEVADA JUDGES THROUGH EDUCATION TO ISSUE ORDERS OF PROTECTION AGAINST PERSONS AT HIGH RISK FOR DOMESTIC ABUSE AND OTHER VIOLENT CRIME BASED ON VIOLENT BEHAVIOR AT THE REQUEST OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, PARTNER, FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER.

And, be it further

RESOLVED: THAT SUCH ORDERS INCLUDE PROHIBITION OF FIREARM POSSESSION FOR THE DURATION OF THE ORDER.

And, be it further

RESOLVED: THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE NSMA ISSUE A LETTER OF CONCERN REGARDING THESE ISSUES ADVOCATING SUCH ORDERS OF PROTECTION BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRS OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEES OF THE NEVADA STATE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE.

Resolution #2017-09, “Stop The Bleed”, was discussed and voted as: DO PASS AS AMENDED.

RESOLVED: THAT PHYSICIANS BE ENCOURAGED TO BECOME “STOP THE BLEED” INSTRUCTORS BY COLLABORATING WITH THE NEVADA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS TO TRAIN CITIZENS AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS TO BE ABLE TO INITIATE EFFORTS TO STOP COMPRESSIBLE BLEEDING UNTIL MEDICALLY TRAINED PERSONNEL ARRIVE.

Resolution #2017-10, “Screening and Referral of Prediabetes Patients”, was discussed and voted as: DO PASS AS AMENDED.
RESOLVED: THAT THE NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ENCOURAGE NEVADA PHYSICIANS TO SCREEN PATIENTS AND REVIEW AVAILABLE RESOURCES INCLUDING THE AMA “PREVENT DIABETES STAT” PROGRAM TO BE PROVIDED BY THE NSMA FOR PREDIABETES, AND WHEN APPROPRIATE REFER THEM TO EVIDENCE BASED DIABETES PREVENTION LIFESTYLE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS.

Resolution #2017-11, “Sex Education In Schools”, was discussed and voted as: DO PASS AS AMENDED.

RESOLVED: THAT A CONSISTENT, STATEWIDE, SCIENTIFICALLY VALID EVIDENCE-BASED CURRICULUM IN SEXUAL EDUCATION BE ESTABLISHED THAT INCLUDES THE BIOLOGY OF SEXUAL DEVELOPMENT, PREGNANCY, REPRODUCTION, SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES, SEXUAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND SOCIAL SKILLS TO AVOID EXPLOITATION, DISEASE, AND UNWANTED PREGNANCY;

and be it further

RESOLVED: THAT SAID CURRICULUM BE DESIGNED AND ESTABLISHED BY AN ADVISORY COUNCIL CONSISTING OF WELL-QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS IN MEDICINE, PSYCHOLOGY AND EDUCATION;

and be it further

RESOLVED: THAT THE CURRICULUM BE SEQUENTIAL, AGE-APPROPRIATE, AND COMPREHENSIVE.

Resolution #2017-12, “Tobacco 21”, was discussed and voted as: DO PASS AS AMENDED.


Resolution #2017-13, “Provision of Albuterol and Utilization of Prescription Medications in Schools”, was discussed and voted as: DO PASS AS AMENDED.

RESOLVED: THAT THE NSMA SUPPORT LEGISLATION IN THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE AUTHORIZING EACH NEVADA SCHOOL TO OBTAIN RESCUE ALBUTEROL FOR EMERGENCY USE BY TRAINED PERSONNEL.

and be it further

RESOLVED: THAT STUDENTS WITH A PRESCRIPTION ON FILE BE ALLOWED TO USE THEIR MEDICATION AS DIRECTED AT SCHOOL UNDER SUPERVISION.

Resolution #2017-14, “Antibiotic Stewardship”, was discussed and voted as: DO PASS AS AMENDED/REFFERED TO PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION

RESOLVED: THAT THE NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION SHALL PROMOTE CONSUMER AND ANTIBIOTIC PRESCRIBER’S KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF PROPER USES OF
ANTIBIOTICS TO REDUCE THE PREVALENCE OF INFECTIONS RESISTANT TO ANTIBIOTICS AND COMPLICATIONS OF THEIR USE.

Mr. Speaker, I move the **DO PASS AS AMENDED/REFFERED TO PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION**

of this resolution and recommend that you vote “YES” if you agree with your reference committee. The following reports were reviewed and **ACCEPTED by the 2017 House of Delegates:**

1. Secretary’s Report
2. Report of the Executive Director
3. NSMA Policy Compendium
4. Commission on Government Affairs Report
5. Commission on Long Term Planning Report
6. NEMPAC Report

Howard Baron, MD  Reference Committee A
Reference Committee B

Reference Committee B met at 10:30 a.m. in the Pyramid room at the Renaissance Reno Downtown Hotel in Reno, Nevada on August 26, 2017. Reference Committee B members were:

Ronald Swanger, MD (Chair); Jeffrey Roth, MD; Andy Eisen, MD; Joey Adashek, MD; Deborah Kuhls, MD; Sujii Reganti, MD

Resolution #2017-15, “NSMA Health Care”, was discussed and voted as: **DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**RESOLVED:** NSMA PETITION OUR FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATORS TO WORK IN A BIPARTISAN FASHION TO MAKE CHANGES IN HEALTHCARE LEGISLATION THAT follows THE GUIDELINES OF THE AMA AND ALLOWS ALL CITIZENS TO OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HIGH-QUALITY CARE.

Resolution #2017-16, “Anesthesia Assistants”, was discussed and voted as: **DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**RESOLVED:** THAT NSMA ENDORSE ANY FUTURE LEGISLATION SIMILAR TO SB210 (2017)

**THAT ALLOWS ANESTHESIA ASSISTANTS TO PRACTICE UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST.**

Resolution #2017-17, “Research of CBD and other Marijuana Derivatives”, was discussed and voted as:

**DUE PASS AS AMENDED.**

**RESOLVED:** THAT NSMA ADVOCATE WITH NEVADA’S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION FOR LEGISLATION SUPPORTING RESEARCH ON THE INDICATIONS, SAFETY, EFFECTIVENESS, SIDE EFFECTS AND DRUG INTERACTIONS OF CANNABIDIOL AND OTHER MARIJUANA DERIVATIVES;

And, be it further

**RESOLVED:** THAT THE NSMA ADVOCATE TO THE AMERICA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (AMA) THAT THE AMA LOBBY CONGRESS FOR LEGISLATION TO SUPPORT SUCH RESEARCH.

Resolution #2017-18, “Evidence Based Administrative Requirements”, was discussed and voted as: **DO PASS.**

**RESOLVED:** THAT NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE UNDER THE MEDICAL PRACTICE COMMISSION ADVOCATING FOR ELIMINATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, REGULATIONS, REPORTS, AND DOCUMENTS WHERE THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THEY ADD VALUE TO PATIENT CARE AND HEALTH OUTCOMES FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF PATIENTS.

Resolution #2017-19, “Oppose Physician Status for Payment Purposes for Non-Physicians”, was discussed and voted as: **DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**RESOLVED:** THAT NSMA ADOPT A POLICY OF OPPOSITION TO THE GRANTING OF PHYSICIAN STATUS UNDER PUBLIC AND OTHER PAYMENT PROGRAMS TO NON-MD OR
NON-DO PROVIDERS.

Resolution #2017-20, “BDR Maternal Mortality Review Committee Nevada”, was discussed and voted as: **DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

RESOLVED: THAT NSMA SUPPORTS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW PROGRAM TO REVIEW MATERNAL DEATH AND TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES FOR THE PREVENTION OF MATERNAL DEATHS.

Resolution #2017-21, “Patient Education Firearm Injury Prevention”, was discussed and voted as: **DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

RESOLVED: THAT NSMA SUPPORT AMA HOUSE OF DELEGATES RESOLUTION 419 (REFERENCED BELOW).

and be it further,

RESOLVED: THAT NSMA PROVIDE TO ITS MEMBERS AND MAKE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE APPROPRIATE MATERIALS TO HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS TO UTILIZE TO COUNSEL PATIENTS ON THIS SUBJECT.

Reference AMA HOD Resolution 419

“Resolved, That Our American Medical Association Work With Appropriate Stakeholders To Develop State-Specific Guidance For Physicians On How To Counsel Patients To Reduce Their Risk For Firearm-Related Injury Or Death, Including Guidance On When And How To Ask Sensitive Questions About Firearm Ownership, Access, And Use, And Clarification On The Circumstances Under Which Physicians Are Permitted Or May Be Required To Disclose The Content Of Such Conversations To Family Members, Law Enforcement, Or Other Third Parties.”

Resolution #2017-22, “Patient Survey”, was discussed and voted as: **DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

RESOLVED: THAT THE NSMA PRESIDENT WRITE A LETTER TO THE NEVADA ATTORNEY GENERAL AND TO THE GOVERNOR RECOMMENDING THAT SURVEYORS OF PATIENT SATISFACTION SURVEYS IN NEVADA BE ENGAGED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE OPIOID DRUG CRISIS.

Resolution #2017-23, “Payments for Quality” was discussed and voted as: **DO PASS.**

RESOLVED: THAT THE NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION SHALL PROVIDE RESOURCES ON ITS WEBSITE FOR NSMA MEMBERS TO ACCESS RELEVANT UP TO DATE EDUCATION AND TOOLS TO ENABLE PAYMENTS FOR EXCELLENT QUALITY OF CARE AND SERVICE.

Resolution #2017-24, “Physician and Medical Staff Bill of Rights”, was discussed and voted as: **DO PASS.**

RESOLVED: THAT NSMA ADOPT AND CIRCULATE THE 2017 AMA PHYSICIAN AND MEDICAL STAFF BILL OF RIGHTS.
Resolution #2017-25, “Physician Work Options & Flexibility in Nevada”, was discussed and voted as: REFERRAL TO MEDICAL PRACTICE COMMISSION.

RESOLVED: THAT THE NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ENDORSE THE CONCEPT OF MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE EMPLOYMENT WITH OTHER SPECIALTY GROUPS FOR BOARD CERTIFIED/BOARD ELIGIBLE PHYSICIANS;

And, be it further

RESOLVED: THAT THE NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ENDORSE THE CONCEPT OF BEING ABLE TO SIT FOR AND TAKE ANOTHER SPECIALTY BOARD EXAM WITHOUT THE COMPLETION OF A FULL ADDITIONAL RESIDENCY.

Resolution #2017-26, “Vector Surveillance & Control Funding for Nevada”, was discussed and voted as: DO PASS AS AMENDED.

RESOLVED: THAT THE NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS A COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE PROPOSAL THAT ESTABLISHES AN ADEQUATE AND SUSTAINABLE REVENUE STREAM VIA A PERMANENT FUNDING MECHANISM TO FUND VECTOR SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL THROUGHOUT NEVADA.

and, be it further

RESOLVED: THAT THE NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION WILL WORK WITH THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE TO PASS AND WITH THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE TO SIGN SUCH LEGISLATION.

Resolution #2017-27, “Patient Financial Assistance”, was discussed and voted as: REFERRAL TO MEDICAL PRACTICE COMMISSION.

RESOLVED: THAT MEMBERS OF THE NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AGREE TO REDUCE MEDICAL CHARGES TO THE PATIENTS OF NEVADA WHO HAVE NO INSURANCE BY 10-30% FROM THEIR LIST PRICES;

And, be it further

RESOLVED: THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AGREE TO WORK WITH ALL PATIENTS WHO FOR DOCUMENTED FINANCIAL REASONS HAVE DIFFICULTY PAYING THEIR BILLS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WHEREBY THEIR BILLS ARE ADDITIONALLY REDUCED EQUAL TO A SUM OF WHAT THEY PAY ON A MONTHLY BASIS;

And, be it further

RESOLVED: THAT THE PHYSICIANS’ OFFICES TRACK THE AMOUNT THEY ARE WRITING OFF MONTHLY AND REPORT THAT AMOUNT TO THE NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ON A QUARTERLY BASIS SO THAT THE NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION CAN TABULATE THE MONEY SAVED FOR PATIENTS BY THE DOCTORS OF THE NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. THE AMOUNT OF MONEY SAVED OVER TIME CAN THEN BE USED TO DEMONSTRATE HOW THE PHYSICIANS OF NEVADA ARE TRYING TO HELP PATIENTS AND KEEP
THE COST OF HEALTHCARE DOWN IN NEVADA.

And, be it further

RESOLVED: THAT PHYSICIANS WHO ENTER INTO THIS CONTRACT WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED ON THE NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION WEBPAGE AND GIVEN A DOCUMENT THAT THEY CAN DISPLAY IN THE OFFICE OR USE FOR ADVERTISING IN ORDER TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE CITIZENS OF NEVADA THE GROUPS OF DOCTORS WHO ARE WORKING TO HELP EASE THE BURDEN OF HEALTHCARE ON THE CITIZENS OF NEVADA.

Resolution #2017-28, “Recreational Marijuana”, was discussed and voted as: DO PASS AS AMENDED.

RESOLVED: THAT THE NSMA ENDEAVOR TO EDUCATE THE CITIZENS OF OUR STATE, AS WELL AS OUR STATE LEGISLATORS AND GOVERNOR ABOUT THE EVIDENCE-BASED HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY CONSEQUENCES OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA USE;

And, be it further

RESOLVED: THE NSMA SUPPORT LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD MAKE PUBLIC THE NAMES OF ALL INVESTORS IN THE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA INDUSTRY.

Resolution #2017-29, “Amended Maintenance of Certification (MOC)”, was discussed and voted as: REFERRAL AS AMENDED TO GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION.

RESOLVED: THAT THE NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION CONTINUES TO SUPPORT AMA RESOLUTION 309 (2016) (STAFF TO INCLUDE A COPY IN COMPRENDIUM);

And, be it further

RESOLVED: THAT THE NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION WORK TO PROMOTE ALTERNATIVE RECERTIFICATION PATHWAYS, AND WORK WITH PAYERS, HOSPITALS, AND OTHER HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS TO RECOGNIZE THESE ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS

And, therefore be it further

RESOLVED: THAT THE NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION WILL WORK WITH THE NEVADA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND THE NEVADA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE AND PROMOTION OF THESE ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS WITHIN THE STATE OF NEVADA.

The following reports were reviewed and ACCEPTED by the 2017 House of Delegates.

1. NSMA Annual Financial Audit
2. Commission on Finance Annual Report
3. NSMA Officer Nominations
4. Commission on Internal Affairs Annual Report
5. Commission on Medical Practice Annual Report
6. Commission on Public Health Annual Report
7. Antibiotic Stewardship Task Force Report

Ronald Swanger, MD
Reference Committee B