The Kansas City Medical Society is sponsoring or co-sponsoring three resolutions for presentation to the Missouri State Medical Association House of Delegates April 3-5. Click on the links to see the full text of each resolution.

- **Surprise Medical Billing**—Calls on MSMA to work to eliminate credentialing of exclusively hospital based health care providers at in-network hospitals, and promote reimbursement of their services at fair market-value.
- **MoHealth Net Network Advocacy**—Calls on MSMA to work for state requirements that any hospital system that accepts Medicaid payment for inpatient services also credential all its employed outpatient physicians.
- **Affordable Insulin** (co-sponsored with medical students statewide)—Calls on MSMA and AMA to work for legislation capping out-of-pocket costs for insulin.

Your comments on these resolutions are welcome. Please send to Emily Whalen, director of membership and events, ewhalen@kcmedicine.org. Would you like to represent your medical society at the MSMA House of Delegates? A few slots are still open. Contact ewhalen@kcmedicine.org to sign up. Learn more about the MSMA House of Delegates.

**New Members, Officers Announced for KCMS and Foundation Boards**

Please welcome our 2020 officers of the Kansas City Medical Society: **Betsy Drees, MD, FACP, FACE**, president; **Scott Kujath, MD**, president-elect; **Gregory Unruh, MD**, treasurer; and **Carole Freiberger-O'Keefe, DO**, secretary. Newly elected to the board are: **Jennifer Bernard, MD; Cassie Dietrich, MD; Sarah Hon, DO; and Brian Mieczkowski, DO**. Thank you to those who completed their terms on the board this year. More ...

For the Kansas City Medical Society Foundation, 2020 officers are **Stephen Salanski, MD**, chair; **Jim Wetzel, MD**, president-elect; **Terry Rosell, PhD, DMin**, charitable care chair; **Amy Falk**, secretary/treasurer; and **Sheila McGreevy, MD**, immediate past chair. More ...

**Leadership Council Reviews Priority Issues, Proposed Resolutions**

The Kansas City Medical Society Leadership Council held its first 2020 meeting on February 3. Priority issues for 2020 consideration were discussed, including Medicaid expansion, vaping, physician leadership and burnout. Resolutions being proposed for presentation to the April 3-5 Missouri State Medical Association convention also were reviewed. Twenty members attended and joined in the discussion. The Leadership Council is composed of the KCMS Board of Directors plus physician representative from hospitals and independent practices across the region, as well as medical
Medicaid Expansion Update

Thanks to all who responded to the legislative alert on Kansas SB 252, the Medicaid expansion bipartisan compromise. A rally in support of expansion organized by Alliance for a Healthy Kansas was held at the Statehouse on February 13. On the other side of the state line, Healthcare for Missouri reports it has surpassed 75% of the 172,000 signatures needed to place the expansion measure on the November ballot. KCMS past president and Kansas City Medicine editor Michael O’Dell, MD, MSHA, published a commentary article, “Missouri could learn something from Kansas. Let’s expand Medicaid and save money,” in the February 6 Kansas City Star. Read the article. KCMS and the KCMS Foundation support Medicaid expansion.

African American Pioneers in Medicine in Kansas City

Many African American physicians helped shape medical history in Kansas City. Thomas Unthank, MD (left), founded the former City Hospital No. 2, which served African Americans for almost 50 years. Samuel U. Rodgers, MD (right), was Kansas City’s first board-certified ob-gyn, and later founded the Miner Center that today is the Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center. Learn more about Kansas City’s pioneering African American physicians at this special Black History Month program on Saturday, February 29, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. More …

In Brief

- The KCMS Wellness and Prevention Committee reminds physicians that February is Heart Health Month. See this blog on simple heart health tips by committee member and KCMS Retired Physicians Organization chair Keith Jantz, MD.
- Nominations for KCMS Member Recognition Awards will be requested much earlier this year than in previous years. Watch for the call for nominations and be thinking about who you would like to nominate. See our 2019 award recipients.
- The Kansas City Catholic Medical Association Guild holds a First Saturday devotion every month from September through May. The next devotion is Saturday, March 7, at 9-11am at Christ the King Catholic Church in Kansas City. The program includes Mass followed by a group discussion of medical and spiritual topics related to contemporary issues facing Catholic doctors today. Learn more.
- MSMA has a website section with links to a complete range of information and resources on 2019 novel coronavirus.

Coming Events

- February 28—“How the Opioid Crisis Impacts Employers,” Presentation by Spencer Fane LLP at 7:30 a.m. the 6201 College Blvd. Conference Center in Overland Park. Casey Murray of the KCMS Foundation Board of Directors will be one of the speakers. More information and registration
- March 3—MSMA White Coat Day at the Missouri Capitol. Let’s have a strong representation of medicine before the legislators. More information and registration
- March 4—KCMS Executive Director Angela Bedell, CAE, MA, will appear at a 7:30 a.m.

- **April 1—KCMS Retired Physicians Organization** luncheon at noon at the Grand Street Café in the Country Club Plaza. New members and guests welcome. Information: Jennifer Ashby, MD, jennifer3333@gmail.com.
- **April 15—KCMS Retired Physicians Organization** lunch and tour at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. New members and guests welcome. Information: Barbara Buchanan, MD, bhmccanse@gmail.com.