



AAP Advocacy & Public Policy Leadership Program

Legislative Curriculum

2/26/2025 · Phoenix Convention Center Room 202

7:00-7:30 am

Breakfast on Your Own

7:30 – 8:15 am

Welcome and introductions of participants, legislative curriculum overview, icebreaker exercises

Greg Worsowicz, MD, MBA, Chloe Slocum, MD, MPH

8:15 - 9:00 am

Health Policy and Psychiatry

Bruce Gans, MD

9:00 - 10:00 am

Session 1 - Thriving as a Physician Advocate: Developing your Skills

Ross Zafonte, DO, Felicia Skelton, MD, MS, Mooyeon Oh-Park, MD

Objectives:

- Compare paths to advocacy for PM&R physicians on the panel;
- Describe how advocacy relates to academic career interests for a diverse sample of PM&R physicians;
- Explain how your own interest in advocacy dovetails with your current and future academic career goals

10:00 –10:30 am

Break/Networking

10:30 am-12:30 pm

Session 2 - The Basics of the Legislative & Budgeting Processes

Chloe Slocum, MD, MPH

Objectives:

- Analyze legislative structures and timelines dedicated to appropriations and funding;
- Appraise how advocacy issues' success may be affected by funding and rulemaking timelines;
- Categorize stakeholders that can influence strategic prioritization and goal-setting

12:00 – 1:30 pm

Lunch

1:30 - 3:00pm

Session 3 - Building Strategic Coalitions in Rehab

Chris Rorick, Kate Beller, JD, Lisa Charbonneau, DO, MS

Objectives:

- Describe 1-2 examples of advocacy coalitions in rehabilitation;
- Review 2-3 examples of competing priorities among stakeholders and/or groups;
- Examine how stakeholders whose interests may conflict can work together in coalitions and how professional organizations can facilitate collaboration

3:00 - 3:30pm

Break/Networking

3:30 – 5:00 pm

Session 4 - Do's and Don'ts of Lobbying: Preparing to Speak to Legislators

Danielle Perret Karimi, MD, Prakash Jayabalan, MD, PhD, Danielle Powell, MD

Objectives:

- Explore strategies for effective communication with legislators and policymakers;
- Identify resources to help understand individual legislators' policy priorities and history of constituent engagement;
- Distinguish key policy priorities for academic physiatrists and how they relate to contemporary health care reform initiatives

5:00 - 5:30 pm

APPL course debrief; Project timeline & guidelines

5:30 -7:00 pm

Fellowship & Job Fair

Optional sessions –

Influencing Policy: Advocacy Under the Current Administration

Thursday February 27 & Friday, February 28, 2025

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM MST

What is happening with the current administration? This session explores what changes the new administration is making and how it affects research and diversity. This session will further equip participants with the knowledge and tools to advocate effectively.

Speaker(s): Christopher Rorick, MPA, Senior Policy Advisor Polsinelli; Sheital Bavishi, DO, Associate Professor Clinical, Residency Program Director, Medical Director Brain Injury Program, The Ohio State University; Richard D. Wilson, MD, MS (he/him/his), Chair, MetroHealth Rehabilitation Institute, The MetroHealth System; Danielle Perret, MD, Professor, University of California, Irvine

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