

National Initiative VII Moving Forward

The 100-year global pandemic COVID-19 has stopped life as we know it. Despite an understandable delay in many projects, the AIAMC National Initiative VII *Teaming for Interprofessional Collaborative Practice* will move forward in its original timeframe of a March 2021 conclusion. CIAQ — AIAMC’s Committee on the Integration of Academics and Quality and steering group for the National Initiatives — deliberated thoughtfully about the future of the Initiative before announcing plans to the 30 institutional teams this month. CIAQ had considered extending the Initiative through the fall of 2021 and ultimately concluded that it would be best to move forward and provide teams flexibility and options. Teams may: 1) continue projects as initially designed or modify projects due to organizational changes; 2) create a COVID-19 component to existing projects or change project focus to Teaming Pre/Post COVID-19; or 3) create a social injustice/racial inequality component to existing projects or change project focus to Teaming Pre/Post George Floyd. The third meeting of the Initiative will now be a virtual one, with 90-120 minute sessions held on October 8th and 9th. Webinars in August and September will serve to complement the planned content of meeting three. The fourth and final meeting will be held on March 26th and 27th in Nashville and will include virtual options. NI VII Chairman [Hania Janek, PhD](#), addressed teams this month and said, “Many of us have witnessed teaming firsthand by a force of nature that has been in control.” She continued, “While I know this may not be the original National Initiative VII we planned, I believe come March 2021, we will learn that it was very special and taught us in ways we could not have imagined.”



The AIAMC National Initiative (NI) is the only national and multi-institutional collaborative of its kind in which residents have led multidisciplinary teams in quality improvement projects aligned to their institution’s strategic goals. Sixty-seven hospitals and health systems and more than 1200 individuals have participated since 2007, driving change that has resulted in meaningful & sustainable outcomes improving the quality & safety of patient care. Thirty AIAMC member teams are participating in National Initiative VII.



Mark Your Calendar: 2021 Annual Meeting

Plans are underway for our 2021 Annual Meeting, to be held **March 25th—27th** at the Loews Vanderbilt Hotel in Nashville, TN. 2021 Annual Meeting Chairman [Ginny Mohl, MD, Billings Clinic](#), and Vice Chair [Becky Fleig, TriHealth](#), are leading an energized group of AIAMC member volunteers in planning a conference that we hope will be held in-person and will have virtual capability as well. We understand some members may still be facing travel restrictions next spring, so we are planning a conference with and without walls. The meeting theme *Uniting for Transformational Change* is sure to bring lively and timely discussions. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend!

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Stay Informed thru AIAMC Webinars

The AIAMC has responded to COVID-19 and its in-person meeting restrictions by developing virtual educational and networking opportunities that address a variety of timely topics from both member colleagues and industry experts. Here are the webinars currently confirmed in August thru year's end; all are 60 minutes in length and begin at 1:00 pm Eastern Time:

August 6: *Building a Culture of Respect to Drive Quality, Safety and Engagement:* Virginia Mason Medical Center

September 3: *Incorporating Continuous Quality Improvement Methods (CQI) into the Annual Program and Institution Evaluation Process:* Ascension Providence Rochester/Wayne State University

September 17: *Virtual Recruiting:* LAK Group and American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM)

October 1: *Recruitment Mentoring: Guiding Underrepresented in Medicine Students into Your Residency Program:* OhioHealth

October 15: Elsevier/Digital Commons with AIAMC member Baptist Health South Florida

November 5 *Cross-Continuum Competencies in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety: Realizing Greater Value Via QIPS Outcomes:* Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) and Baystate Health

November 19: *Leading Remote Teams:* LAK Group

December 3: *Health System/University Affiliations:* ECG Management Consultants

Call For Proposals: 2021 Annual Meeting

The *Call for Proposals* for breakout sessions and *Call for Abstracts* for posters will be emailed to all AIAMC members and posted to the *What's New* section on the home page of our website www.aiamc.org in mid August. The 2021 Annual Meeting will be held March 25th—27th at the Loews Vanderbilt Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. **Proposals and abstracts are due September 25, 2020.** Submitters will be notified of the committee's selections in mid October. All accepted presenters are required to register for the conference. **In accordance with AIAMC policy, all registration fees and travel expenses will be the responsibility of the presenter's home institution.** Submitting a proposal and/or abstract is a commitment that, if accepted, all presenters will attend the 2021 Annual Meeting and conduct the session(s) at the time(s) assigned. We encourage you to submit a proposal and/or abstract and look forward to connecting with you at the 2021 Annual Meeting!

Welcome New Board Director

The Alliance warmly welcomes **Reham Shaaban, DO** to the AIAMC Board of Directors. Dr. Shaaban is the Program Director for Internal Medicine at **Baystate Medical Center** in Springfield, Massachusetts. She has been an active member of the AIAMC for the past seven years, having served on the Annual Meeting planning committee and participated in the AIAMC National Initiatives. Her three-year term commenced April 1st. Welcome, Reham!

To learn more about the Member Best Practices webinars and to register, visit <https://aiamc.org/event/23>. These webinars are just \$100 per session for AIAMC members.

To learn more about the AIAMC Partner webinars and to register, visit <https://aiamc.org/event/27>. These webinars are free of charge to AIAMC members; however, pre-registration is required.



Loews Vanderbilt Hotel



Reham Shaaban, DO



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Partnership Program



The AIAMC Partners Program is designed to cultivate a meaningful relationship between our members and the companies that sponsor AIAMC educational outreach programs. Partner support is critical to our ongoing ability to develop and present substantive programs with knowledgeable faculty in central and appealing locations.

***Thank you
to our vendor
partners!***

If you would like to be a vendor partner with AIAMC, contact Kimberly Pierce-Boggs, Executive Director, by e-mailing kimberly@aiamc.org or by calling 312.836.3712.

2021 Dues: Quarterly Payment Option

COVID-19's effects are staggering, both from a physical and mental health perspective as well as from a financial one. The AIAMC Board of Directors recognizes that many of our hospital and health system members are facing unprecedented cuts to budgets and FTEs. 2021 dues would normally be paid by December 31, 2020. In an effort to extend flexible options during this difficult time, we will offer the following two options this year:

- Traditional, full payment by year's end
- Four quarterly payments to be made in the 4th quarter of 2020 and in 2021 quarters 1, 2, and 3

If neither option is feasible for your member institution, we urge you to reach out to Executive Director Kimberly Pierce-Boggs via email Kimberly@aiamc.org or phone 312.836.3712. **WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU AS A MEMBER AND WE WILL WORK WITH YOU!**

We do need your support. Canceling the March meetings caused quite a financial blow to the AIAMC's bottom line. We are all in this together, and we look forward to working with you in 2021!

Call for 2021 Vendor Partners

2021 Partner Packets will be released in early August. We rely on vendor support and need your help: think about the vendors you use that help your medical education enterprise be more successful.....might these companies be a good fit for the AIAMC Partners Program? The AIAMC Partners Program is designed to cultivate a meaningful relationship between our members and the companies who so generously sponsor our educational outreach programs. Their support is critical to our ongoing ability to develop and present substantive programs with knowledgeable faculty in central and appealing locations. **AIAMC members who refer a new vendor to us that results in a partner contract will receive a FREE 2021 Annual Meeting registration: a savings of \$850!** Contact Kimberly Pierce-Boggs at kimberly@aiamc.org for more information.

AIAMC Mission Statement

To serve as a learning organization of independent academic medical centers through the application of innovative education and scholarship that drives exceptional patient care.

AIAMC Vision Statement

To be the leader in achieving exceptional health and well-being outcomes for the communities we serve through medical education and scholarship.

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