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2018 State of the State Report

Top Accomplishment

Defining Ohio-ACC's Mission and Goals for 2019-2021

- We successfully completed a strategic planning retreat for the Ohio-ACC board in October 2018 and defined the 2019-2021 mission and goals, which are well aligned with those of ACC. **The mission of the Ohio-ACC is to: "To serve as the professional home for cardiovascular team members and to optimize cardiovascular health in Ohio."**
- We obtained input from our members with a pre-retreat survey, including 77 responses from members, which helped to define our mission and goals. We had active participation from the entire board, our past presidents, CV Team Council, and FIT Council in order to accomplish this task.
- We identified goal champions and metrics and are working on the implementation phase of the plan at this time.

MEMBER VALUE AND ENGAGEMENT

Accomplishments

- We had a successful Legislative Day on May 1, 2018, with 31 participants, including 8 CV Team members, who visited with state legislators and advocated for important state healthcare issues. The night prior we held a dinner for all participants during which the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA) updated our group regarding current state legislative issues. We provided five travel stipends for members across the state to participate. The state government relations director from the American Heart Association (AHA) addressed the group at lunch. The advocacy collaboration between our Chapter, the OSMA, and the AHA continues to remain strong.
- Ohio had one of the largest contingents of state members attend the ACC Legislative Conference in Washington, DC (25 attendees). We awarded fourteen \$1000 travel stipends for our members in support and promotion of advocacy initiatives. The stipends this year were given to 5 practicing physicians, 4 CVT members, 4 FITs, and 1 practice administrator. We also supported the attendance of our Ohio-ACC board leadership.
- We increased CVT membership to 295, an increase of 50 members over last year.
- We have restructured our board meeting with a "Round Table" problem solving format to garner active engagement from all of our board members. This was highlighted at the ACC BOG meeting as well.
- Our CV Team Council and FIT Council continue to serve as robust centers for member engagement.

Opportunities

- Continue to encourage early career cardiologists to join ACC. We always highlight the pathway to membership from FIT to FACC on our website, www.ohioacc.org. We have found that inviting early career physicians to judge our FIT poster competition has been a great way to garner involvement and participation.
- Increase the engagement of CV administrators with the ACC.

POPULATION HEALTH MANAGEMENT

Accomplishments

- Collaborated with the Ohio Department of Health on a video for SCD training of coaches across the state. The video was created as a result of Lindsay's Law, which passed and requires student athletes, coaches, and parents to receive materials to recognize signs of sudden cardiac arrest. We are currently working with the same coalition to update the material/questions for the educational material.
- We provided written data-based guidance to the Ohio Department of Health against their plans for expansion of procedures (chronic total occlusion, atrial fibrillation ablation) to level 2 Cath labs (without surgical backup).

Opportunities

- High rates of obesity, poor nutrition, and tobacco are areas to improve upon.

PURPOSEFUL EDUCATION

Accomplishments

- The 28th Annual Chapter Meeting was held on October 27, 2018, and was highly successful. 161 people attended the annual meeting (an increase of more than 25% over 2017). We had a strong FIT presence at the annual



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meeting which included oral and poster case/research presentations. 46 FITs participated in these competitions. Awards were given for best clinical vignettes and best clinical research. We opened the competition to CV team members and had two excellent poster submissions. We also included the top internal medicine resident poster. Our oral competition showcased two outstanding FIT research presentations. Once again, we reached out to our early career members and invited them to judge the competition, which elicited positive feedback.

- In the spring we held our 2018 Spring Summit, which included our CV Team Meeting, the 11th Annual Cardiovascular Update, and the 55th Annual Carl J. Wiggers Memorial Lecture. We had 108 attendees. The 11th Annual Cardiovascular Update is a CV team-run conference which is quite popular; testimony to its success is the fact that many cardiologists find the meeting outstanding and attend as well. The 55th Annual Carl J. Wiggers Memorial Lecture is an evening event which includes a dinner and reception; it attracts the practicing physicians, FITs and CVT members from Northeast Ohio. This is an important member networking and educational event.
- We continue to collaborate and co-brand CME conferences with the Cleveland Clinic and The Ohio State University.

Opportunities

- Increase attendance at our state annual meeting, especially in terms of practicing physicians and CVT members.

TRANSFORMATION OF CARE

Accomplishments

- We worked with a large coalition to lobby for Step Therapy Reform legislation in Ohio, which passed. This legislation aims to simplify and expedite the process of obtaining prior authorization, reduce much of the associated hassles and burdens for all parties involved, and improve patient access to critical treatments and procedures.
- On December 5, 2018, the Ohio Senate passed House Bill 7, clearing the last major hurdle before it being signed into law. House Bill 7 includes 10 different medical liability reforms that represent an effort to achieve a goal of eliminating unnecessary litigation and to provide further clarity, stability and predictability to our medical and legal communities.

Opportunities

- More involvement of our members in state regulatory and legislative issues. Need to place ACC members on key state medical association committees. Currently have a member on the state Medicare committee, the OSMA's sports medicine committee and the OSMA's physician wellness committee.
- Ongoing participation in the Ohio House of Medicine Committee.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION (includes FIT and WIC activities)

Accomplishments

- Ohio-ACC has been successful in promoting leadership opportunities for individuals with diverse backgrounds, and this is reflected in the structure of our board. 10 out of 27 (37%) members of the board are from under represented communities.
- The problem-solving exercise at our last board meeting included ideas around promoting Women in Cardiology.
- We sponsored Women in Cardiology networking lunches at both our Spring Summit and Annual Meeting.
- We engaged program directors at academic institutions around the state to nominate fellows for our Jeopardy team at ACC.19. We are engaging the FIT chairs and a faculty mentor to guide this FIT team.
- We started FIT "Case of the month" submissions hosted on www.ohioacc.org.
- The board has agreed to ensure that diversity & inclusivity is checked in everything we do rather than looking at it in isolation.
- Our FIT Council includes 14 FIT members, representing training programs across the state. The two co-chairs are also members of the board of trustees.

Opportunities

- Need programs at both the medical student and residency levels to encourage more women and minorities to join cardiology.