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REPORT ON 2015 CMA RESOLUTIONS AND HOUSE OF DELEGATES

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In a conference call on 9/22/15, the CAPM Board of Directors adopted positions on selected resolutions. Testimony in favor of these positions was distributed, and posted online by Ron Hattis, Don Lyman, and Jessica Nunez de Ybarra prior to closure of CMA member input on 10/2/15. CMA Reference Committees then prepared reports based on the online testimony, usually including amendments. Those reports (rather than the original resolutions) were considered by the various delegations and then voted on by the full CMA House of Delegates. Our delegate (Ron Hattis) pursued support for CAPM positions at the CMA Specialty Delegation and House of Delegates (HOD), 10/15-18/15.

This report lists those positions and the final outcome of deliberations. All resolutions supported by CAPM passed in amended form, mostly by consent of the HOD. Resolutions initiated or specially endorsed by the CAPM Board are capitalized, and final wording is included in italics.

Codes for CAPM positions: S = support. SS = strong support. W = watch. O = oppose.
HOD = House of Delegates

Ref. Committee A:

101. Housing First to Eradicate Homelessness: S. Passed with Ref. Committee amendments on HOD consent calendar.
102. Regulation of Sugared Drink Products: S. Passed with Ref. Committee amendments on HOD consent calendar; combined with 103.
103. Removing Sugar Sweetened Beverages from Health Facilities: S. See 102.
104. Banning the Sale of Powdered Alcohol Products (pending evaluation): S. Passed with Reference Committee amendments, following debate at HOD; combined with 105.
105. Sales and Marketing of Powdered Alcohol: O. See 104.

106. Banning Alcohol and Cigarette Sales from Facilities Containing Retail Health Clinic: S. Passed with amendments from both Reference Committee and HOD, following debate.
107. Challenging the Pro-Tobacco Actions of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce: S. Passed with Ref. Committee amendments on HOD consent calendar.
108. Encouraging Foodstuffs Produced Without Use of Medically Important Antibiotics: S. Passed with Ref. Committee amendments on HOD consent calendar.
109. Whole Foods, Plant-based and Exercise Lifestyle Prescription Campaign: Support general concept. Passed with Ref. Committee amendments on HOD consent calendar.
110. Considering Ethnicity when Calculating BMI: S. Passed with Ref. Committee amendments on HOD consent calendar.
111. Regulation and Labeling of Cannabis Products: S. Passed with Ref. Committee amendments on HOD consent calendar.
112. RESTORING FUNDS FOR CALIFORNIA'S PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE (Authored by Ron Hattis, endorsed by CAPM): SS. Passed with minimal Ref. Committee amendments on HOD consent calendar.
Resolved: That CMA urge the Governor, California Health and Human Services Agency, and Legislature, including through the state budget process, to develop a plan for funding to repair California's public health infrastructure, and to restore vital prevention services eliminated or drastically reduced since 2007-08, which are not available through other means.
113. Meningitis B Awareness and Education: S. Passed with Ref. Committee amendments on HOD consent calendar.
114. Senior Sexual Activity and STI Awareness: S. Passed with Ref. Committee amendments on HOD consent calendar.
115. Seat Belts in School Buses: S. Passed with Ref. Committee amendments, following debate at HOD.
116. Proposal to Require Crash Bars on Motorcycles Licensed in California: S. Passed with Ref. Committee amendments on HOD consent calendar.

117: Veterans Administration Recommendations of Medical Cannabis: S. Passed with Ref. Committee amendments, following debate at HOD.

118. Pharmaceutical-Financed Drug "Take-Back" Programs: S. Determined to be just a reaffirmation of existing CMA policy.

A-1-15. Policy Sunset Review: S. Passed with Ref. Committee amendments on HOD consent calendar.

Ref. Committee B:

206. Resurrecting the Healthy Families Program: W. Not supported by Reference Committee or HOD.

211. Colon Cancer Prevention for Uninsured Patients: S. Passed with Ref. Committee amendments on HOD consent calendar.

212. Support for Public Funding of Family Planning: S. Passed with Ref. Committee amendments on HOD consent calendar.

Ref. Committee C:

Report c-2. Nominations for Standing Councils and Committees (includes Don Lyman and Jessica Nunez de Ybarra for Council on Science and Public Health): S. Passed with Ref. Committee amendments on HOD consent calendar.

Ref. Committee F:

604. Physician Re-Entry into the Workforce: W. Passed with Ref. Committee amendments, following debate at HOD.

607. TEACHING ABOUT PREVENTION OF DISEASES IN MEDICAL SCHOOLS (Authored by Ron Hattis, endorsed by CAPM): SS. Passed with Ref. Committee amendment, retaining the entire first "resolved" and deleting whom to send the recommendation to, on HOD consent calendar.

Resolved: That CMA recommend that the teaching about specific diseases or disease groups in medical schools include information on the epidemiology and the primary and secondary prevention of those diseases, including the roles of nutrition and lifestyle as relevant.

608. EXPOSURE TO SPECIALTIES IN MEDICAL SCHOOLS (Authored by Ron Hattis, endorsed by CAPM): SS. Passed with Ref. Committee amendments on HOD consent calendar.

Resolved: That CMA support that medical schools provide medical students with access to information about all recognized medical specialties, through a range of mechanisms including, but not limited to clinical rotations, online resources, physician mentors, and exchange programs with other medical school programs.