Country Reports

PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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Imperatives: Key Areas

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Membership Development and Benefits

- Identify, understand problems and provide solutions to competency, capability, resource availability and environment;
- Philhealth benefit enhancement
- Implementation of Magna Carta for Healthcare Workers
- Salary Standardization
- Mutual Aid Fund

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Competency Building and Professional Development

- Observe Medical Ethics and Standard Patient Care
- Strengthen CME
  - CME On Line
  - Referral system must work
  - Define levels of competency of specialties
    - PMA
    - PhilHealth Accreditation
    - PRC Circulars 1 and 2, Series of 2010

Competency Building and Professional Development

- RA 2363 (Medical Act of 1959) and RA 8993 (PSC Modernization Act of 2000), mandate the PSC to:
  - Standardize, Supervise, Monitor, Control and Regulate the practice of the profession;
  - Adopt measures to enhance the profession
  - Retention for PMA as APO
  - Mandatory membership to the PMA
  - PMA membership as a requirement for renewal of license
  - License and certificate of registration does not give a physician the blanket license to practice all fields of specialization of medicine; thus the need to undergo training and certification as specialist in the recognized specialization of the PMA

Competency Building and Professional Development

- Develop PMA - CPG Clearing House
- Strengthen and promote research as basis for national consensus guidelines for evidence based medicine
- Recognition of emerging specialties and disciplines, i.e., Division on Public Health Medicine, General Medicine, etc.
- Determination of manpower distribution
- Encourage selective training of specialists based on geographical specialty necessity
- Augment competency of Generalists in the context of specialization
- PMA Constitutional Amendment

Organizational, Resource and Infrastructure Development

- Professionalize manpower staff by training, review of tasks and compensation
- PMA Computerization
  - Database management
  - Electronic Financial Transactions
  - Membership Processing
  - Adjudication of Claims
  - Documentation and Data Retrieval
  - Information Dissemination thru Web Portal
  - Linkage to local and International Partners and Specialties
  - Interactive CME on-line
  - Public Access to Health Information
  - Electronic Medical Record

PMA Web Address

www.philippinemedicalassociation.org

Unification and Networking

- Streamline Specialty Organizations/Associations
- Enhance local and international recognition of the PMA
- Cooperation, participation in healthcare programs by the DOH, WHO, WMA, CMAAO, MASEAN, USAID, etc
- Recognition, cooperation and coordination with Allied Healthcare Organizations, i.e., PNA, PAMET, Midwifery Org, etc
- Enhance media visibility, cooperation and consciousness
Fiscal Stability and Financial Independence

- Reduce or totally eliminate dependency on sponsorships
- Conversion of PMA property to a Multi-purpose commercial establishment
- Fund raising activities
  - Repertory Phils. Tie-up
  - Manila Bulletin Partnership

Socio-Civic, Environmental and Other Advocacies

- Pursue efforts and involvement in promoting advocacies on health, i.e., Anti-cigarette Smoking, Support DOH-AO on Graphic Presentation of ill effects of smoking on cigarette packs, AO on Supplements, breast feeding, environmental advocacies, etc.
- Strengthening/Creation of Disaster Management and Preparedness Programs
- Indigency Center

Socio-Civic, Environmental and Other Advocacies

- Tree Planting
- Blood donation program
- Anti-cigarette smoking advocacy
  - PMA Resolution vs Cigarette Smoking for Physicians
- Breast Feeding advocacy
- Seat Belt advocacy
- Anti Drug Program – “Iwas Musmos”
- Patient Safety Advocacy

Political and Legislative Agenda

- Support programs, issuances, orders or bills for a safer, stronger and secured practice of medicine and oppose bills that are detrimental to the practice of medicine and the health of our people.
  - Physicians Act of 2009
  - Patient’s Right Bill
  - PMA integration

THANK YOU!
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