MMA in Action

Past President Cindy Firkins Smith, MD, moderated the MMA’s Resident Retreat in mid-September at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul campus.

Robert Meiches, MD, MMA CEO, met with PrairieCare CEO Joel Oberstar, MD, in September at PrairieCare’s new facility in Brooklyn Park.

In late August, Dave Renner, director of state and federal legislation; Janet Silversmith, director of health policy; Eric Dick, manager of state legislative affairs; and Dan Hauser, director of communications, education and events, met with members of the Fix PA Now Coalition to discuss passage of a prior authorization reform bill. The coalition includes more than 40 members representing physician, pharmacist and patient groups.

Renner and Hauser also attended a meeting of the Minnesota Health Care Access Network in St. Paul. Renner discussed the importance of passing the PA reform bill.

Brian Strub, manager of physician outreach, joined leaders from the MMA’s Medical Student Section in welcoming the new first-year class at Mayo Medical School on August 31 and the University of Minnesota Medical School, Duluth campus, on September 2.

Teresa Knoedler, MMA policy counsel, discussed the new medical cannabis law at the Cambridge Medical Center in Cambridge.

Kathleen Baumbach, manager of physician outreach, spoke with Twin Cities-area GME coordinators at the University of Minnesota about the transition-to-practice programs the MMA has been conducting for residents and fellows.

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