MMA Policy Committees: Recent/Planned Topics

**Membership & Communications**
- 2018 Dues Recommendation
- Review of 2016 membership information
- Update of YTD 2017 membership information
- Update Discussion of Membership Strategic Plan
- Dues Discount Recommendation

**Medical Practice & Quality**
- Health information exchange
- Variation in diagnostic intensity and impact on risk adjustment and quality measurement
- Diagnostic errors
- Minnesota quality measurement priorities
- MinnesotaCare Buy-In (tentative – may fit with Council and/or Policy Forum)
- Relationship between physician health & safety and patient safety/satisfaction

**Public Health**
- Sugar-sweetened beverages
- Native Health
- Healthy living as you age (including dementia)
- Updates from the Minnesota Department of Health (e.g., infectious diseases, immunizations)
- Racial bias in the criminal justice system – public health implications
- Mental health services for children
- Antibiotic stewardship
- Community health workers

**Ethics & Medical-Legal Affairs**
- Licensing/regulation of immigrant international medical graduates

MMA Task Forces/Steering Committees

**Minnesota Action to Reduce Costs in Healthcare (MARCH) Steering Committee**
Charged with looking at issues of health care affordability; initial focus is on prescription drug costs/spending. Initial recommendations adopted by BOT in November 2016.

**Health Equity Advisory Group**
Charged with guiding implementation of BOT-adopted recommendations from the MMA Disparities Task Force.

**Opioid Task Force**
Task force reconvened in 2016 to look at a variety of issues, including recommendations from the DHS Opioid Work Group.

**Physician Aid-in-Dying Task Force**
Work completed October 2016; final report and recommendations to be considered at May 2017 BOT meeting.

**POLST (Provider Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment)**
MMA convenes a community-based steering committee to support adoption and implementation of Minnesota’s POLST form.