UPDATE: New Format for Advocacy Education

All residents require exposure to basic advocacy skills through standard program and departmental curricula to achieve the ACGME Milestones. Programs are encouraged to use the following resources to integrate advocacy into didactics or other rotations:

- Thirty to 60-minute lesson plans/modules based on the RAC curriculum will be made available. Background information, objectives, materials, and slides specific skills will be made available, and Dr. Doering/Dr. Freeman can help co-facilitate sessions by request.
- The MAFP has available workshops in legislative advocacy which they can lead at individual residency programs. Contact Jami Burbidge for additional information.
- Programs may incorporate the free STFM advocacy modules ([https://stfm.org/advocacycourse](https://stfm.org/advocacycourse)) into existing residency curriculum.
- Advocacy skills will continue to be integrated into the Departmental Community Health Course required for all residents.
- Continued discussion of integration of community engagement and advocacy through the work of Vice Chair Dr. Dwivedi and community engagement specialist Rebecca Shirley.

The DFMCH elective RAC course will be held every other year, as an elective for second- and third-year residents with a strong interest in advocacy and a specific issue or topic of interest. The next cohort will be in 2023-2024.

- The cohort will meet for three half-day, in-person sessions during the academic year.
- Attendance is required, with clinical duties blocked for those who participate. Completion of an advocacy project will be required.
- “Office hours” will be available between sessions in which faculty will mentor residents on their individual projects.
- Participants will be strongly encouraged to attend the MMA Day at the Capitol and the AAFP Family Medicine Advocacy Summit.

Residents graduating in 2023 who are unable to participate in the RAC course should reach out to their program directors and/or Dr. Doering and Dr. Freeman regarding their advocacy interests in order to identify ways to engage and build advocacy skills.

Email Dr. Doering (doeri035@umn.edu) or Dr. Freeman (free0191@umn.edu) with questions.