**THE FAMILY MEDICINE MIDWEST SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY COLLABORATIVE**

*Joining forces to strengthen one another.*

“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”

* African proverb cited in Newton W, Fetter G, Hoekzema GS, Hughes L, Magill M. Residency Learning Networks: Why and How. *Ann Fam Med*. 2022 Sep-Oct;20(5):492-494.

**What is a Collaborative?**

A learning collaborative or Network is a group-educational approach to combine knowledge, experience, and efforts to improve processes and outcomes across residencies.

**Who are we?**

Interested Members of Midwest Family Medicine Departments

* Thus far we have participants from Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin programs.
* The IAFP through The Family Medicine Midwest Foundation
* We want you to participate. Join us!

**What do we hope to achieve?**

Connections between family medicine residency programs for

* Mutual support
* Conducting research studies and quality improvement projects
* Collaborative projects at multiple centers with broader demographics and larger populations
* Shared curricula and approaches to scholarly activities.
* Sharing how programs meet ACGME scholarly activity milestones.
* Learning what works.
* Obtaining Grants
* Faculty development
* Improve Midwest faculty and resident skills in successful scholarly activity.
* Understanding state and program variation in project dissemination, models of financial and organizational support

**What has happened so far?**

1. Inception of the idea at FMM 2022.
2. Monthly Zoom meeting to discuss our purpose and what to do since March 2023.
3. Created shared Google Drive documents.
4. Surveyed Midwest programs scholarly activity (spoiler: there is a need).
5. FMM presentations
6. RECEIVED the ABFM $5000 Learning Network Seed Grant
7. Creating rough draft of The Founding Documents: Mission, Vision, Goals, and Objectives
8. Picked a first project.

**What is the plan for this next year?**

* Monthly Zoom meetings on the 3rd Wednesday 12-1pm CST
* Foray into a scholarly project - Study impact of the ERAS application addition of ‘Signaling’. Compare quantitative ERAS match data in FM to previously reported changes in other specialties and gather narrative impressions from programs about how they dealt with the change.
* Apply for a STFM project fund to support our ‘Signaling Project’.
* Apply for the ABFM $75,000 planning grant.
* Develop our organization Structure, and by-laws.
* Expand our communication plan.
* Refine our shared data storage.
* Recruit interested participants.