AMA Grant Update – December 2021

ARM – Standardized Letter of Evaluation Pilot (SLOE) The Application Review Metrics Workgroup rolled out a pilot Standardized Letter of Evaluation (SLOE) form with companion FAQs to stakeholders that was piloted in the 2021-2022 Match cycle to aid in holistic applicant review.

SOAIP - The Standards to the OBGYN Application and Interview Process workgroup updated and distributed the recommended 2020-2021 Standards to the OBGYN Application and Interview Process with over 90% participation from programs in four out of five standards.

ERAP – Early Result Acceptance Program successfully began collaboration efforts with the AAMC to offer an option for Program Signaling (Preference Signaling) for Obstetrics and Gynecology as a specialty. It is expected that this will be offered in the 2022-2023 application and interview process, with the hope that most, if not all, programs within the specialty will participate.

Fall RRR Leadership Retreat – In September 2021, members of the grant’s leadership team met in Chicago to provide an update on work group initiatives and to continue goal setting and planning for the upcoming year. During this one-day retreat, work group leads were able to determine a roadmap for the initiatives led by their teams through robust conversation and brainstorming as a group.

First Annual Innovations in Residency Forum – The RRR team hosted a GME Innovations Summit to share innovations among different specialties with 59 participants from 10 specialties. This was a unique opportunity to engage with other specialties who are making great strides in innovating and improving the transition from undergraduate medical education to graduate medical education. We plan to continue this summit annually for the life of the grant.

Thalamus – Once again, the AMA funded access Thalamus free of charge to Ob Gyn residency programs for the 2021-2022 cycle through the RRR project.

Altus – The RRR grant team was able to negotiate no-cost for applicants, and a reduced cost for programs that opted to include the Altus Assessments Suite for their recruitment process in the 2021-2022 application and interview cycle.

Webinars – The grant team hosted a fall webinar series to aid applicants, program directors, and program managers, in navigating the 2021 residency application season. We hosted 3 webinars on with guest speakers from Students, Applicants, & UME/GME faculty. Topics included preparing residency applications, choosing where to apply for residency, SLOE pilot information and Q+A, and holistic review practices.

Stakeholder Engagement – The RRR grant team continued to collaborate heavily with external stakeholders on both current and new initiatives presented. We engaged routinely with Learner Advisory Group (LAG) members to gain applicant insight into new processes that were rolled out. Bukky Akingbola DO became the lead of the LAG in December 2021. The team also continued to collaborate with various entities for opportunities and support, including: AAMC
Next Steps:

The group is planning an in-person meeting in September 2022 to continue working on goals, vision planning, and sustaining and creating initiatives to continue to improve the UME to GME transition.

For additional information, please visit the Transforming to UME to GME Transition web page. The grant team is excited about the project to date and grateful for the support from the AMA as well as from the APGO membership, which has been instrumental in achieving the success realized to date.

Please click on the link below to view the RRR Grant’s 2021 publications:

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