



**ACGME**

**COORDINATOR ADVISORY GROUP**

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**2025 ARCOS Annual Meeting**



# CHARGE

- To advise ACGME administration concerning coordinator, GME, learning environment, and accreditation matters
- One source of insight in improving communications, ACGME process, and interactions with the GME community
- Overall goal is to further ACGME Mission



# CHARGE (*CONT'D*)

- Represent coordinators as a whole
  - ❖ Not representative of any specific organization, institution, or specialty
  - ❖ Diverse group by location, size of program/institution, specialty, and residency/fellowship



# COMPOSITION AND TERMS

- Meet twice per year
- 12 members
  - ❖ 3 Hospital-based program coordinators
  - ❖ 3 Medical program coordinators
  - ❖ 3 Surgical program coordinators
  - ❖ 3 Institutional coordinators
- 3-year terms



# COORDINATOR ADVISORY GROUP

## MEMBERS: 2023-2026

- Julie Beckerdite, MBA (MA)
- Reanna Benedict, MEd (NC)
- April McGuire, MMHPE, C-TAGME (VA)
- Bethany Millar, BS, C-TAGME (MO)
- Linda Ortiz Morrison, BA, CHCP, C-TAGME (MD)
- Melanie Pigott, BA, C-TAGME (SC)
- Carrie Racsummerger, MS (NY)
- Angie Rangel (AZ)
- Bret Stevens, EdD, MBA, C-TAGME (MI)
- Cindy Thompson, C-TAGME (WV)
- Ramona Tirado, MLS, C-TAGME (NY)
- LaToya Wright, BBA, C-TAGME (TX)



# INPUT AND ADVICE

The CAG has provided input and advice to ACGME on a variety of topics and initiatives, including:

- Resident/program concern and complaint process
- Learn @ ACGME (distance education platform)
- Accreditation Data System (ADS) – Annual Update
  - ❖ Changes and concerns related to the new Common Program Requirements
  - ❖ Data collection and reporting during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Coordinator Forum Pre-conference
  - ❖ Recommendations for plenary presenters and topics
  - ❖ Review/judging process for Forum proposals



# INPUT AND ADVICE (CONT'D)

- Formatting and submission of program applications
- The Program Directors' Guide to the Common Program Requirements
- ACGME Communications
  - ❖ Website
  - ❖ E-Communication
  - ❖ Communications to the GME community during the COVID-19 pandemic
  - ❖ ACGME social media efforts
  - ❖ ACGME FAQs
- Medically underserved areas/populations and graduate medical education



# INPUT AND ADVICE (CONT'D)

- Institutional Accreditation and Recognition
  - ❖ New Institutional Coordinator Workshop topics and format
  - ❖ FAQs for Sponsoring Institutions with nonstandard programs
  - ❖ FAQs for leaves of absence requirements
- Program Requirements related to protected time for program directors, assistant/associate program directors, program coordinators, and core faculty members
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Annual Update data and the role of coordinators in improving and promoting DEI
- Virtual Site Visits and Self-Studies





# TOOLS FOR THE GME COMMUNITY

- Developed the Program Coordinator Handbook
  - Published on the [Additional Resources for Coordinators](#) page on the ACGME Website
- Developed new coordinator timelines for residency, fellowship and institutional coordinators
  - Published on the [Additional Resources for Coordinators](#) page on the ACGME Website
- Developed the [Program Coordinator Handbook Companion](#), an online course for coordinators



# COORDINATOR WELL-BEING

- CAG has a member on the ACGME's Task Force on Physician Well-Being
- Provided advice towards survey questions in the Coordinator Well-Being Survey
- Served on the Well-Being Research Survey Committee
- Developing resources for Coordinator Well-Being



# ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Reviewed session proposals for the 2020 through 2024 Coordinator Forum Pre-Conferences
- Participated in “Connecting with Coordinators” Zoom calls
- CAG membership on the ACGME Board’s Awards Committee
- Participated in a Dominant Norms Workshop



# NEW INITIATIVES

- Will be seeking input regarding the roles and functions of the GME institutional and program administrators/ coordinators to provide survey data to the ACGME on protected time
  - ❖ *Early December 2024 through January 2025*
- BLOG – [Resources to Support GME: Coordinators \(October 16, 2024\)](#)
- Call for 2026-2029 Nominations – Spring 2025



# LEARN AT ACGME

- [dl.acgme.org](https://www.dl.acgme.org)
  - *Multiple videos available*
  - *Self-Empowerment Workshop*
  - *Coordinator Well-Being Resources (Dr. Stuart Slavin)*



# SHARING WITH THE GME COMMUNITY

- Delivered at least 20 presentations on behalf of the CAG:
  - ❖ ACGME New Coordinator Conference
  - ❖ “Connecting with Coordinators” Zoom calls during COVID
  - ❖ Association for Hospital Medical Education
  - ❖ National Society Meetings
  - ❖ Home Institution Meetings



# THANK YOU!

