
FEDERAL RELATIONS

Scientific Integrity Act, S.338

Congressional Democrats in the Senate are rallying behind a bill to protect federal scientists from attempts to interfere with scientific discourse and dissemination of research results.

Earlier this month, Senator Bill Nelson (D–FL) introduced S. 338, the Scientific Integrity Act. This legislation, of which Michigan Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters are original co-sponsors, would codify existing policies at some two dozen federal agencies. Those policies stem from a 2009 executive order from former President Barack Obama that required them to spell out how they would safeguard scientific integrity.

There has been concern among some research institutions that some actions by President Donald Trump’s transition team and his fledgling administration have raised questions about its commitment to open scientific communication and respect for evidence. As a result, the issue has become a partisan litmus test. Senator Nelson’s bill has 27 Senate co-sponsors, all of them Democrats, and a similar bill is being drafted by Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The legislation is aimed at blocking attempts by political appointees to manipulate or suppress the results of research that could undermine the administration’s position on an issue. It would enshrine in law the idea of transparency, open communication, and protection for whistleblowers in a scientific context. In particular, the legislation has a provision giving government scientists the right to review and approve the contents of any press release or other document dealing with their research before it goes out to the public.

No Funding for Sanctuary Campuses Act, H.R. 483

Representative Duncan Hunter (R-CA) re-introduced the No Funding for Sanctuary Campuses Act to define “sanctuary campus” and create financial penalties for any “institutions of higher education that violates immigration laws.” The bill currently has 17 co-sponsors, and is in the Education and Workforce Committee. No hearings or mark-ups have been scheduled for this legislation. However, it could be considered as an amendment to the possible reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

The bill defines a Sanctuary Campus as:

- has in effect an ordinance, policy, or practice that prohibits or restricts any institutional entity, official, or personnel from—
 - sending, receiving, maintaining, or exchanging with any Federal, State, or local government entity information regarding the citizenship or immigration status (lawful or unlawful) of any individual;
 - complying with a request lawfully made by the Secretary of Homeland Security under section 236 or 287 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1226 or 1357) to comply with a detainer for, or notify about the release of, an individual; or
 - otherwise complying with section 642 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 ([8 U.S.C. 1373](#));

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- brings in, or harbors, an alien in violation of section 274(a)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act ([8 U.S.C. 1324\(a\)\(1\)\(A\)](#));
 - renders an alien who lacks a lawful immigration status in the United States eligible for any postsecondary education benefit provided on the basis of residence within a State (or a political subdivision of a State) to the same extent as a citizen or national of the United States is eligible for such benefit; or
 - has in effect a policy or practice that either prohibits, or in effect prevents, the Secretary of Homeland Security from gaining access to campuses or access to students (who are 17 years of age or older) on campuses, for purposes of Department of Homeland Security recruiting in a manner that is at least equal in quality and scope to the access to campuses and to students that is provided to any other employer.

The bill provides an exemption for any person who is a victim of or a witness to a criminal offense. The bill would also penalize the institutions for providing any public benefit including in-state tuition.

The bill was introduced following actions by many campuses across the country to declare sanctuary status following the election of Donald Trump. President Trump made cracking down on sanctuary jurisdictions a priority during his campaign.

Teacher Preparation Act, H.J. Res. 58

The House passed legislation that would overturn an Education Department rule aimed at improving the quality of teacher preparation programs. President Barack Obama's administration finalized the rule on October 31, 2017. It requires states to report specific information on teacher preparation programs, such as student learning outcomes, and rate their effectiveness. It also limits eligibility for federal [TEACH grants](#) -- offered to students who will teach in high-need fields at low-income schools -- to programs that are higher performing.

The resolution would overturn the rule using the Congressional Review Act which allows Congress to block agency actions using expedited procedures. The Congressional Review Act was passed earlier during the 115th Session of Congress.

The Department of Education, under former President Barack Obama, said the current reporting system isn't providing sufficient feedback on the quality of teacher preparation programs. The rule under President Obama requires states to use specific performance indicators to measure the effectiveness of these programs, such as placement and retention rates of graduates, their students' learning outcomes, and surveys of teachers and their employers. States would be able to determine how they measure and collect this information.

The rule also requires states to rate programs based on the required indicators using at least three levels: "effective," "at-risk" and "low-performing."

TEACH grants -- short for Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education -- could be provided only to students in programs that states have designated as effective for at

least two of the previous three years. The program provides as much as \$4,000 a year to eligible students, who must agree to teach for four years in a high-need field at a school or educational setting serving students from low-income families.

States would also need to provide technical assistance to low-performing programs. Under the rule, states and schools would be required to include the new ratings on the annual report cards that are submitted to the Department of Education and the state, respectively. The information also must be made available on their websites.

The provisions requiring states to design their reporting systems are in effect for the 2016-2017 academic year. States could use the 2017-2018 academic year as a pilot year and the systems must be fully implemented by the 2018-2019 academic year.

The TEACH grant restrictions will take effect for the 2021-2022 academic year.

STATE RELATIONS

Governor's Proposed Budget

On February 8th, Governor Snyder presented his proposed fiscal year 2018 budget to the legislature. The overall budget includes \$10.1 billion in general fund dollars, an increase of 1.75 percent compared to fiscal year 2017, and totals \$56.3 billion, an increase of 2.5 percent.

It should be noted that Governor Snyder also proposed placing \$260 million into the State's rainy day fund to bring the total in that fund to \$1 billion.

Higher Education Budget

The Governor's proposed Higher Education budget for fiscal year 2018 recommends total funding of \$1.6 billion, of which \$1.3 billion is general fund. The proposed budget invests an additional 2.5 percent, or \$36.6 million, in public university operations.

One half of the increase in university operations funding is distributed across the board and half through the current performance formula.

Universities will be required to limit any tuition increases to 3.8 percent or \$475 per student, whichever is greater, in order to receive any new performance funding. The cap of 3.8 percent is double the expected level of inflation.

Under the Governor's proposal, Wayne State would receive an additional \$3.88 million, or a 2 percent increase. Of that increase, \$2.64 million comes from the across the board portion and the remaining \$797,115 from the performance funding.

Under the Governor's proposal, four universities remain under the 2011 funding level: Wayne State University, University of Michigan, Michigan State University, and Eastern Michigan University.

Since some in the legislature are considering a major income tax cut (and because Higher Education is one of the few areas the Governor proposed an increase), this budget is seen as a place that an increase can be scaled back. In fact, the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, and former member of the Higher Education Subcommittee, Rep. Laura Cox (R-Livonia) publicly mentioned that Higher Education was an area that they could cut in order to help pay for the tax cut. The new Chair of the Subcommittee, Rep. Kim LaSata, said she hoped that was not the case.

Capital Outlay Budget

The Governor's budget recommends capital outlay planning authorizations for three university, two community college, and two state agency capital outlay projects. The recommended institutions for planning include: Wayne State University (STEM Innovation Learning Center), Michigan Technological University, Saginaw Valley State University, Henry Ford College and St. Clair Community College.

Of the university projects, Wayne State was the highest ranked project by the Governor. Both SVSU and WSU were recommended by the Governor in last year's budget but did not receive planning authorization by the legislature.

House Committees Announced

On January 26th, the Speaker of the House, Tom Leonard, announced new committee assignments for the coming House term.

Chairing the House Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee will be Freshman Rep. Kim LaSata (R-Bainbridge Twp.). Other members of the subcommittee include: Rep. Larry Inman (R-Traverse City), Rep. Aaron Miller (R-Sturgis), Rep. Rob VerHeulen (R-Walker), Rep. Jon Hoadley (D-Kalamazoo), and Rep. Yousef Rabhi (D-Ann Arbor).

The new Subcommittee includes two freshman lawmakers and only two members who have served on the Subcommittee before.

The House Capital Outlay Subcommittee sees many new faces as well. The new House Chair of the Subcommittee is Rep. Inman. Other members of the House subcommittee include: Rep. Laura Cox (R-Livonia), Rep. Tim Kelly (R-Saginaw Twp.), Rep. Steve Marino (R-Harrison Twp.), Rep. Dave Pagel (R-Berrien Springs), Rep. Tom Cochran (D-Mason), and Rep. Dave LaGrand (D-Grand Rapids).

The Chair of the House Health & Human Services Subcommittee is Ned Canfield (R-Sebewaing), with whom we have developed a good relationship. Other members of this subcommittee include: Reps. Sue Allor (R-Wolverine), Rep. John Bizon (R-Battle Creek), Rep. Inman, Rep. LaSata, Rep. Mary Whiteford (R-Allegan), Rep. Jeff Yaroch (R-Richmond), Rep. Pam Feris (D-Clio), Robert Kosowski (D-Westland), Rep. Sylvia Santana (D-Detroit) and Rep. Henry Yanez (D-Sterling Heights).

House Action on State Income Tax

On February 15th, in a surprising move, the House Tax Policy Committee passed legislation that would gradually eliminate the state's income tax by a vote of 7-4.

It was the intention of the Speaker of the House to move this bill to the Senate, but he was not able to get the necessary support as it was originally written. Because of this, the Speaker and the sponsor of House Bill 4001, Rep. Lee Chatfield (R-Levering), significantly changed the bill from an elimination of the state's income tax to a gradual reduction of the tax from 4.25 to 3.9 percent over four years.

Apparently, there was not the necessary support for that version of the legislation as well and in a marathon House session on February 22, the bill was once again revised to try and get support to pass the bill to the Senate.

The third version of the bill would have reduced the state's income tax to 4.15 percent in 2018 and 4.05 percent in 2019, but would not continue to decrease unless the Budget Stabilization Fund (BSF) had a balance of \$1 billion or more. If the BSF had that balance, the tax rate would continue to decrease by 0.1 percent annually until it reaches 3.9 percent. Once fully phased in, the tax decrease would have cost \$1.1 billion.

When put up for a vote, the bill failed on a 52-55 margin with 12 Republicans voting against the bill.

Any reduction of the income tax would dramatically impact the state's general fund, where Higher Education receives most of its revenue.

A day earlier, many of the state's university Presidents were in Lansing for a meeting and went to the Capitol to lobby against reducing the income tax. President Wilson was one of those Presidents.

During this process, the Governor has signaled his disappointment in the bill.

At the time of this report, the future of the legislation is unclear.

House Higher Ed Subcommittee Hearing

On February 16th, the House Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee held its first hearing of the year to review the Governor's recommended Higher Education budget.

The State Budget Office and House Fiscal Agency gave an overview and analysis of the budget and took questions from the subcommittee members.

At the beginning of the hearing, Rep. Larry Inman (R-Williamsburg) talked about tuition restraint and the history of universities and their tuition increases. As a former member of the Northern Michigan Board of Trustees, he noticed that there was a time (prior to tuition restraint in the state budget) where universities kept tuition increases modest and thus had affordable tuition. Other universities, he claims, increased tuition at a higher rate. Now that we have tuition

restraint in place, those institutions that kept their tuition increases to a minimum in the past, are suffering more than those that increase their tuition at a higher rate. He feels some deference should be given to those institutions that kept their increases lower at that time.

President's Testimony Before the House Appropriations Higher Education Subcommittee

President Wilson is scheduled to testify before the House Appropriations Higher Education Subcommittee on March 16th at 9:00 AM. The meeting will take place at the State Capitol. Because there are several new members on the subcommittee, the body will be requesting that all 15 Presidents testify before them this budget season.

At this time, we do not believe the Senate Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee will be requesting the Presidents testify.

New Member Meetings and Reception

Kelley Cawthorne has been hosting a number of meetings with the new members of the House of Representatives for their clients. This has given the Division of Government and Community Affairs a great opportunity to meet with the new members and discuss Wayne State and our mission.

In addition, Kelley Cawthorne recently hosted a reception for all of the new members of the state legislature. It was a great turnout and opportunity to meet with the new members. Recently, we have attended receptions for the new State Budget Director Al Pscholka and the new Chair of the House Higher Education Appropriations Committee Kim LaSata (R-St. Joseph).

Rep. Inman Meeting

On February 15th, the Division of Government and Community Affairs and Kelley Cawthorne met with Rep. Larry Inman (R-Williamsburg) to talk about the Higher Education and Capital Outlay budgets. Rep. Inman is a new member to both subcommittees and chairs the House Capital Outlay Subcommittee.

This meeting essentially served as a meet and greet where we gave an overview of our concerns on the Higher Education budget and of the university's Capital Outlay project, the STEM Innovation Learning Center. Because he showed interest, we will be setting up a time for him to take a tour of campus in the future.

URC Brown Bag Lunch

The next URC Brown Bag Luncheon has been moved to March 23rd in Lansing.

On the recommendation of Dean Fotouhi, our speaker will be Dr. Eranda Nikolla, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science. She will speak to energy infrastructure issues.

Meeting with BLM

In early February, along with my counterpart from the University of Michigan, we met a representative from the Business Leaders of Michigan (BLM) to discuss the rumors regarding penalties in the Higher Education budget regarding sanctuary campuses, immigration policies and/or undocumented students. These rumors have come about in Lansing due to the activities in Washington DC.

The university community is contacting potential allies in the event that some in the legislature attempt to unfairly penalize us for the policies mentioned above.

Legislative Environmental Summit

The Division of Government and Community Affairs has been participating in conference calls regarding a Legislative Environmental Summit that some WSU faculty will be participating in along with faculty from MSU and U of M and the University of Iowa. Individuals from the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) will be participating as well.

The Summit will take place on Feb. 28 and March 1 (same day as the WSU School of Medicine Lobby Day). We became aware of Summit later in the process when the group had already set a date, among other things.

Joint Capital Outlay Hearing

The Joint Capital Outlay Subcommittee held their first hearing of the year recently. At their hearing they adopted the subcommittee's rules for the coming session (which were essentially the same as last session) and discussed the Michigan Natural Reserves Trust Fund projects.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute

On Friday, January 13, 2017, Wayne State University hosted its annual *Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute* at the Max M. Fisher Music Center. This year, for first time, instead of a keynote speech, we had a "fireside chat" with Allyson Felix, Olympian, and moderated by Kimberly Gill, co-anchor of Local 4 News.

Allyson Felix has amassed an incredible 13 global titles, 10 United States Championships, 9 Olympic Medals, and a World Record. Her accomplishments solidify her as one of the greatest female athletes the world has seen and has garnered attention from the top media publications in the world. Features have included *Vogue*, *Glamour*, *Essence*, *Self*, *O Magazine*, *Sports Illustrated*, and *Elle*.

Kimberly Gill can be seen weekdays on "Local 4 News" at 5, 6 and 11pm. She is originally from the South - but feels like she's been adopted by Detroit. Kim has been recognized on numerous occasions for her work in Broadcasting. Before the two-time Emmy winner got into television – she worked two jobs to put herself through college. One – driving an 18 wheeler for FedEx – the other as an airplane fueler.

At the end of the interview, students from different schools throughout Metropolitan Detroit had a chance to ask Ms. Felix questions from the stage.

The program also included performance by The Achievers Ladies Ensemble of Detroit School of Arts Choir, under the direction of Connie Malamed, performed the National Anthem and Black National Anthem. A music selection from the Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences Show Choir under the direction of Ms. Angela Kee performed their rendition of the song “Hall of Fame by the Script.” InsideOut Literary Arts Project’s Citywide Poets performed a poem crafted especially for the Tribute program titled “Safe.” The poets were high school students Wes Mathews from U of D Jesuit, and Eldric Laron from Arts Academy in the Woods. The Citywide Poets have won numerous awards and received the prestigious Coming Up Taller Award given by the President’s Committee on the Arts and Humanities in 2010.

2017 Dr. Arthur L. Johnson Community Leadership Awards

The purpose of the Dr. Arthur L. Johnson Community Leadership Awards is to honor an individual and an organization whose contributions affect our community in a positive way. Congratulations to this year’s awardees: the organization award is the Covenant House and the individual awardee is Cindy Eggleston, Founder of Brilliant Detroit.

Adopt-A-Classroom

Net proceeds from the Annual Tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. program luncheon will be donated to Adopt-A-Classroom to support Detroit Public Schools. In the past three years, we have donated \$30,000 to 28 classrooms in the Detroit area.

Adopt-A-Classroom is a nationally recognized organization that invites the community into classrooms to increase opportunity for student success by empowering teachers with community partnerships and funds to purchase resources for their classrooms. By adopting a classroom, donors form partnerships with specific classrooms providing financial and moral support. The result is a meaningful contribution to education in which donors experience the impact of their efforts and celebrate in a classroom's success.

This year WSU adopted Thurgood Marshall School K-8. Thurgood Marshall Elementary is a small school that focuses not only on the child, but the whole family.

Wayne Cares Events

March of Dimes Walk

April 29, 2017
Detroit Medical Center Brush Mall
3990 John R. Street
Detroit, MI 48202

W Week

April 17—April 21
In partnership with Wayne State Athletic Department is collecting basic needs items including, but not limited to soap, socks, toothbrushes, toilet paper, feminine products and deodorant for its annual Basic Needs Drive.

Collection will take place on April 17—April 21. The distribution of the basic needs bags will take place on April 21 at the Matthaei Athletic Complex.

For more information, please contact Candice Howard at candice.howard@wayne.edu or 313-577-3048

26th Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Detroit

Saturday, May 13, 2017

Comerica Park

More information is available at govaffairs.wayne.edu

American Heart Association Heart Walk

Saturday, May 20, 2017

Detroit, MI

Wayne State University Campus

More information is available at govaffairs.wayne.edu

OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY

WSU Warrior Day in Lansing

For the first time in nearly a decade, the Division of Government and Community Affairs is holding a university-wide lobby day at our state capitol in Lansing on Tuesday, March 21. We will be sending a delegation of 100 students, staff and faculty to Lansing for the day to advocate for University priorities on issues involving state funding levels, a review of the performance metrics, and our proposed capital outlay project. We are working on the logistical pieces of the day including recruiting and registering participants, ordering buses, t-shirts, snacks and other materials. We are also working closely with our Marketing department to develop new WSU materials for distribution to legislators, as well as display posters for our 13 schools and colleges. To date we have 86 participants registered, with commitments from approximately 15 more. Our list of registrants grows daily.

Spirit of Community Awards

On Thursday, March 23, the Division of Government and Community Affairs, in partnership with the Office of the President, Office of the Provost, Alumni Association and Dean of Students Office, will host the inaugural Spirit of Community Awards. As the Arthur L. Johnson Awards that are presented during the MLK Tribute have been reconfigured to honor external awardees that make a positive impact on the community, the Spirit of Community Awards have an internal focus. We have developed nomination forms, award criteria and evaluation committees for a student, faculty member, staff member, and project that best exemplify WSU's deep commitment to community engagement. Nominations will close on February 28. Awardees will be honored during a campus-wide ceremony and reception on March 23.

Cision Government Relations Software

In January, the Division of Government and Community Affairs obtained Cision Government Relations software. This software has a number of capabilities including cataloging elected officials at all levels, their committees and their staffers. It also allows us to match our “grassroots advocates” - students, staff, faculty, alumni and parents to their respective legislators through address to district matching. When sending educational or call to action emails, our advocates will be able to send their message directly to their legislators with the click of a button. We will also be able to measure the results of our emails with built-in reporting analytics like open rates and click-throughs.

We are currently in the process of obtaining the various constituent lists that will make up our universe of grassroots advocates. Once we have those lists and they are uploaded into the system, we will be able to start utilizing it for communications purposes.

Work with Marketing & Communications

We have recently begun working with our Marketing & Communications team to begin developing new literature that we can use when communicating with elected officials. We are also working closely with them to begin tracking down community engagement updates from contacts at schools and colleges from across the University. This will allow us to better open the doors of communication and ensure we are always operating with up to date numbers and aware of new projects, programs and initiatives.

GOVERNMENT HEALTH AFFAIRS

Opioid Task Force

The university task force on proper prescribing of controlled substances met recently to discuss next steps. The task force will be splitting up into subcommittees to develop plans and metrics to measure success on the 20 recommendations made in 2016. The task force also indicated its desire to host a summit in 2017-2018 on the opioid crisis, benefiting students, faculty, staff, and the community. Partners would likely include the city of Detroit, state of Michigan, the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority, and community non-profit partners.

Psychiatry Residency Training Grant

WSU has partnered with DMC on a psychiatry residency training program for decades. A large portion of funding for the program comes through a state grant, whereas DMC pays us for teaching services. Nearly ten years ago, DMC received a million dollar plus increase in funding from the State as a result of a change in the Medicaid match formula. Unfortunately, DMC never passed on those increases to WSU. In fact, we have not received an increase in funding for the program for more than a decade. As a result, we have experienced annual shortfalls in funding for the program. To that end, we informed the DMC this past month that we are formally requesting an adjustment to our contract specific to this program. The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority is also a partner in the program and has also expressed concerns as to DMC’s payment methodology. The DWMHA has agreed to our proposed change. Unfortunately, DMC denied our request. Furthermore, they have been dragging their feet to

sign the new agreement, jeopardizing the entire program. Leadership at the university is working with the new leadership at DMC to get the agreement signed ASAP.

Graduate Medical Education (GME) Reform – MiDoc's

The state medical schools, sans Oakland University, met with the State Medicaid director on December 20th to discuss next steps on MiDoc's. The meeting also included a few FQHC's from around the state and Michigan AHEC. We were told that our \$500K in planning funds will be released in early 2017, which will allow us to create a fiduciary organization of the medical schools and hire a planning director. We will be asking for \$5 million during this upcoming appropriations process to fund MiDoc's moving forward. Unfortunately, the State Medicaid office has still failed to process the already approved appropriation request. We will continue to work to make this happen.

GME overview - In response to the multitude of concerns state legislators on the state Medicaid GME Program, we worked with the legislature in 2013 to create the MiDocs program. MiDocs is a consortium of Central Michigan University, Michigan State University, the University of Michigan, Wayne State University, and Western Michigan University, and their respective medical schools, to create a pilot program that will help create new physicians practicing in primary care and other targeted specialties to train and serve post-residency in the most medically underserved communities in the state. Furthermore, the program will be needs based, focused on quality metrics, be financially accountable and transparent, and will produce an annual audited statement that shows the efficacy of the program, based on those guiding principles. The MiDocs consortium submitted its report to the legislature in April, including a plan for a pilot program. The pilot program will include a leadership role for the Michigan Area Health Education Center and will create a new legal entity named MiDocs, which will distribute program funding on behalf of the legislature.

Lycaki-Young Fund

We recently learned that the Governor has recommended a \$1.4 million cut to the Lycaki Young Fund, which is a direct appropriation to Wayne State University for the department of Psychiatry. The program started more than 20 years ago by Governor John Engler to transition patient care from the Lafayette Psychiatry Hospital and treat the most at-risk mental health patients in SE Michigan. Funding has been static at \$5.6 million. Wayne State has never asked for an increase, even for inflationary adjustments. The fund has increasingly focused on clinical translational projects to increase health outcomes for high Medicaid utilizers, helping to significantly increase health outcomes and cut Medicaid expenditures. The majority of the funding is spent on direct patient services and teaching programs. The psychiatry residency training program is one of the largest in the Midwest and eighty percent of the graduates stay in Michigan to practice.

The government affairs team and Dr. Rosenberg have been meeting with the state for the past few months to preserve the program, including providing more data showing the associated funds' cost and quality effectiveness (see example below). The government affairs office will be briefing all members of the legislature to inform them of the program's effectiveness and critical services. Doug Skrzyniarz is working with the office of health affairs and the department of psychiatry to develop a strategic counter proposal as a way to eliminate the \$1.4 million cut.

Example Lycaki Young Program:

High Utilizers of DRH Emergency Department: Psychiatric Evaluations

During January 2017, 1,008 patients received psychiatric evaluation. According to the State of Michigan, a HIGH UTILIZER is a patient admitted to an Emergency Department (ED) 5 or more times per year.

- Number of patients with psychiatric evaluations: 1,008
- Number of HIGH Utilizers: 162
 - 5 admissions = 24%, 6-10 = 38%, 11 -19 = 17%, 20+ = 21% (in previous year)
 - 2,139 admissions to DRH ED during the prior 12 months
 - 2:1 male to female ratio
 - Range in age from 19 to 77 (mean of 39 years)
 - Range in number of ED admissions from 5 to 113 (mean of 7)
 - 60% (77) had a substance use disorder diagnosis
 - 61% (79) had medical diagnosis, including Hypertension, Diabetes, Congestive Heart Failure, Asthma, Obesity
 - Insurance:
 - 67% Medicaid only
 - 29% Medicaid & Medicare
 - 9% Medicare only
 - 8% No Insurance *Covered by the MCPN; they do not pay for ED services*
 - 1 patient with private insurance

WSU/WSUPG high utilizer programs

- *Utilization of the Detroit Receiving Hospital emergency room/crisis center has led to an inpatient hospitalization rate of only 8 percent for high utilizers.*
- Reduce repeat ED admissions at least 30% for psychiatric patients not already enrolled in priority targeting program and 50% reduction for patients who are enrolled.
- Psychiatric inpatient hospitalization admissions were reduced to 5% with Face to Face program participants, including savings of more than \$677,000/ month.
- For those admitted to inpatient stay, significant reduction in length of stay. The High Intervention Program reduced the average inpatient psychiatric length of stay to less than ½ of other insurers and significantly more compared to other CMH PIHP managed patients.

School of Medicine Advocacy Day

Through the Wayne SOM LEAD program (Leadership and External Affairs Development), the School of Medicine is holding its advocacy day in Lansing on Wednesday, March 1. There are 55 students signed up. Board of Governor member Dr. Michael Busuito will also be attending. Students will be educating legislators on the importance of the School of Medicine, WSU in general, and advocating against the cut to the Lycaki Young Fund.