

ACPM Resolution on Enhanced Collaboration with Primary Care Specialty Societies

WHEREAS the integration of primary care and public health has gained national attention and sits at the cornerstone of the Preventive Medicine specialty, and

WHEREAS the American Academy of Family Practice (AAFP) has issued a position paper (Dec. 2014) on the Integration of Primary Care and Public Health with the development of a workgroup within the AAFP's Commission on Health of the Public and Science, and

WHEREAS the American College of Physicians (ACP) has issued a position paper (April 2012) on strengthening the public health infrastructure, and

WHEREAS the American Academy of Pediatrics (ACP) has issued a policy statement (Dec. 2015) on a coordinated effort by pediatricians and public health agencies to ensure the needs of children during a terrorism event, and

WHEREAS the American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM) is a professional medical society with a stated goal of establishing the ACPM as "the recognized leader for professional, multi-disciplinary, and public education, collaboration and communication in the areas of preventive medicine and public health," therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the ACPM leadership reach out to the AAFP, ACP and AAP to establish a line of communication in order to initiate collaboration between the aforementioned entities to support the integration of primary care and public health as well as the strengthening of the public health infrastructure. The ACPM Policy Committee will present to the Board an action plan to implement this resolution by April 2016.