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Medical Committee Meetings

- July 11, 9 am
Conference Call
- Oct 10, 10:30 am
Iowa City

Trainings

Past:

- May 9
Substance Use in Iowa
Webinar
- May 22
Billing/Coding
Workshop
- July 17 @ 8:30 am,
Human Trafficking
Webinar

Upcoming:

- Sept 17: Family
Planning Update,
Hilton Garden Inn,
West Des Moines

All webinars are recorded and archived on FPCI's website:

www.fpcouncil.com

Introduction by FPCI's Medical Director

Dear Title X Medical Directors: Below you will find the current issue of the Title X Medical Director Newsletter. This issue includes information about legal challenges to the new rules for Title X programs that were issued in March and

challenges to injunctions that were issued. Information is also provided about minutes from recent FPCI meetings, educational programs that might be of interest, and the retirements of Jody Tomlonovic and Leila Schlenker,

both of whom will be greatly missed. If you have any questions about the information provided or suggestions for future newsletters, please feel free to contact me at noelle-bowdler@uiowa.edu. I continue to look forward to this contact with you.

Updates Title X and FPCI

The Office of Population Affairs issued new rules on March 4, 2019 revising the Title X regulations, which were supposed to be effective May 3. These changes were discussed in the March issue.

There were multiple lawsuits across the country challenging the Trump administration's new rules, requesting an injunction against them. The National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association (NFPRHA) along with the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington filed in Washington. Oregon and 19 other states, Planned Parenthood and the American Medical Association filed in Oregon. Both were granted a nationwide temporary injunction. These injunctions were effective immediately, preventing the implementation or enforcement of any aspect of the rule. Other lawsuits were granted preliminary injunctions either specific to their state or to the plaintiff, while others dropped their lawsuits after the

result of NFPRHA's suit. The US Dept. of Justice appealed these injunctions and on June 20 a three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals granted a stay of the three injunctions. NFPRHA has filed an emergency motion to the en banc court.

The budget for Title X has been level funded for many years, but this year the 2020 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies' funding bill included \$400 million for Title X, which is a \$114 million increase over previous years.

On another note, NFPRHA, along with several others, filed a lawsuit challenging the Trump administration's rule allowing health care personnel to deny patients treatment and information based on their personal religious or moral beliefs.

Read more information about [NFPRHA](#) on their website.

News at FPCI

Jodi Tomlonovic, Executive Director, will be retiring in September. For more that 35 years, Jodi has made invaluable contributions to FPCI and in the field of reproductive health for women and men.

The board of directors hope to have Jodi's position filled by late summer 2019. Jodi will remain in her position until a new executive director is selected. To ensure a smooth transition, Jodi will have the opportunity to work with her replacement.

Leila Schlenker, Training Coordinator, retired at the end of June after serving 26 years at FPCI. A reception was held in her honor on June 18. Her position will remain open until the new Executive Director can choose Leila's replacement. Leila will be available on a limited basis to assist with educational trainings until her replacement is hired.