

Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine & Dentistry (ACTPCMD)

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Agenda

- Background Info / Structure of ACTPCMD
- Past Reports
- Working Reports
- Indian Health Service Letter



ACTPCMD Duties

- Authorized in 1998
- Provide advice to the Secretary and Congress (HELP of Senate and E&C of House of Representatives) on policy, program development, and other matters of significance concerning the medicine and dentistry activities authorized under section Title VII, Sections 747 and 748 of the PHS Act
- Prepare and submit annual reports
- Recommend appropriation levels

ACTPCMD Background/ Structure

- **Membership**

- 17 Members appointed by the Secretary
- Three (3) year terms
- Fair and Balanced membership
- Membership representation: Allopathic medicine; osteopathic medicine; family medicine; general internal medicine; general pediatrics; physician assistants; general dentistry; pediatric dentistry; public health dentistry; and dental hygiene

Title VII Programs

Section 747 – Medicine (\$48.9M)

- Primary Care Training and Enhancement
- Academic Units for Primary Care Training and Enhancement
- Primary Care Champions
- Behavioral Health and Primary Care
- Career Development Awards (FD)
- Physician Assistant Program
- Residency Training
- Community Prevention & Maternal Health
- Physician Assistant Rural Training Program

Section 748 - Dentistry (\$26.6M)

- Predoctoral Training in General, Pediatric and Public Health Dentistry and Dental Hygiene
- Postdoctoral Training in General, Pediatric and Public Health Dentistry
- Dental Faculty Loan Repayment
- Career Development Awards (FD)
- Primary Care Dental Faculty Development (National Center)

ACTPCMD Past Reports (2014 – 2021)

- **18th** - Improving Access to Care in Underserved Rural Communities
- **17th** - Innovations in Primary Care Education and Training
- **16th** - Primary Care and Oral Health Education in Rural and Underserved Populations
- **15th** - Improving Well-Being of Primary Care Trainees, Faculty and Clinicians
- **14th** - Integrated Care – 21st Century Training Needs
- **13th** Addressing Social Determinants of Health
- **12th** - Health Literacy and Patient Engagement
- **11th** - Training in Community Settings – Building and Learning in Integrated Care Systems

19th ACTPCMD Report

- Prioritize funding for training medical and dental trainees on the treatment and care of patients with Special Health Care Needs, including those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Health Equity
- Workforce Diversity

19th ACTPCMD Report

- Workforce analysis of all federally funded programs to longitudinally track all trainees who practice primary care and provide care to underserved communities and vulnerable populations.
- Funding increase to 200 million to Title VII Sections 747 and 748

20th ACTPCMD Report

- Update Public Health Services Act Section 748 (a)(1) to include dental therapy and trainees
- Increase funding to Title VII Section 748 to be utilized by dental therapy training programs
- Dental therapy to be eligible for Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program

20th ACTPCMD Report

- Dental therapy as an eligible profession for scholarship and loan repayment through the National Health Service Corps
- Evaluation metrics

Indian Health Service Recommendations

- Give preference to eligible HIS and Tribal entities for all Title VII grant programs authorized under PHS Act section 747(a)(1) [42 U.S.C. § 293k(a)(1)].
- Interpret the term “other approved primary care dental trainees” listed under the Title VII, Section 748 authorization, to include trainees of the dental therapy profession.
- Increase appropriations for Title VII, sections 747 and 748, training grant programs to target IHS and other Tribal health training facilities.
- Develop funding programs to establish, maintain, expand and evaluate medical, dental, and PA training programs at federal IHS facilities.

Indian Health Service Recommendations (cont.)

- Develop funding programs that facilitate the training and recruitment of medical, dental, and PA providers at federal IHS facilities.
- Coordinate with other HRSA-funded programs to ensure graduates of Title VII, sections 747 and 748, training grant programs receive preference in obtaining incentives for remaining at IHS and other tribal health care facilities.
- Develop mechanisms to increase technical resources available to IHS sites to help them become successful in establishing training programs, particularly graduate medical and dental education programs.

Questions?



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