



MIDDLE GEORGIA MEDICAL SOCIETY MEETING NOTES MARCH 19, 2017

Julian Earls, MD thanked MGMS members Obi Emerole, MD, Heather Peltier, MD, Franc Wallace, MD, Obioha Okoro, MD Patrice Walker, MD, John McGill, MD, Warren Hutchings, MD, and Kenworth Holness, MD for their talks during the month-long *A Journey to Wellness: Mind, Body, and Spirit* Health Seminars that also included college prep lectures from Mercer SNMA-MAPS and medical school prep lectures from MUSM SNMA. Dr. Earls coordinated this event with Lizzie Chapel Baptist Church via their health ministry with a final panel discussion on Saturday January 28, 2017 at Lizzie Chapel Baptist Church.

Mercer SNMA-MAPS Co-President Adaeze Onyeama thanked MGMS for supporting the Mercer SNMA-MAPS Third Annual Pre-Health Gala titled *Bridging the Gap: The Gateway to Success*. This event was held February 17, 2017 in the Presidents Dining Room at the Mercer University Center. Patrice Walker, MD was the Keynote Speaker with several MGMS members serving as mentors for pre-health students during the Gala. Former MGMS student member Alexandria Oliver gave her perspective on the success of the Pre-Health Gala plus how Mercer SNMA-MAPS has grown and overcome obstacles to become consistently successful.

Dr. Blackwood asked about who from MGMS will follow up with Medical Center Navicent Health Chief Medical Officer Chris Hendry, MD regarding monitoring equitable hospital discharge referrals by the single hospitalist group. Dr. Oyekunle Muraina is charged with this task. Dr. Julian Earls and other MGMS members will meet with Bibb Co. Superintendent Curtis Jones and Principals from school targeted for health careers support from MGMS with the next few months. MACRA discussed. MGMS members need to document and code more specifically using weighted codes in the value-based medicine world to insure proper payments to physicians for work done.

MGMS Meeting Sunday, May 21, 2017 Wingate by Wyndham Macon at 3 pm.
SNMA AMEC, Hyatt Regency Atlanta, GA during Easter Week, April 12-16, 2017.
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