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Report to: ASCLS House of Delegates
Report of: Health Professions Network (HPN) Representative
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About the Health Professions Network (HPN):

The HPN represents 80 member associations and works to promote collaboration and serve the interests of allied health professionals from 200 different health professions as well as educators, regulators, accrediting agencies, and government agencies. Since its founding in 1995, HPN has worked to advance and explore current issues relevant to health professions.

I represented ASCLS at the following Health Professions Network (HPN) Summits:

- I represented ASCLS at the HPN Summit, held in Louisville, KY, on September 20-25, 2016. The theme of the Summit was “**Collaboration.**” (Please see attached for summary and links.)
- I represented ASCLS at the HPN Summit, held in Dubuque, IA, on April 4-8, 2017. The theme of the Summit was “**Advocacy in Healthcare.**” (Please see attached for summary and links.)

I also represented ASCLS at the HPN Board of Directors monthly Conference Call Meetings. I continue to serve as HPN’s Treasurer and Finance Chair.

Additionally, the HPN is hosting the upcoming “Association Summit,” being held in Chicago, IL, July 26-27, 2017. The next \$20Mil idea could come from this Summit. Conversations at a 2010 summit hosted by the Health Professions Network resulted in the organization of the Health Professions Pathways Consortium (H2P), a collaborative initiative which was awarded a \$19.6Mil grant. (Please see attached brochure.)

The HPN continues to work with national stakeholders on disseminating the updated DOL “[Fundamentals of Health Care Competency Model](#)” across the U.S. (Please see attached White Paper.)

Additional HPN notes:

The HPN continues working to implement a two-pronged consumer awareness campaign: One, to create awareness of the health professions and the career opportunities in these fields; two, to

address the more fundamental issues (lack of clinical sites, shortage of faculty, inadequate program funding, issues with credentialing and licensure). The economic downturn, for the short term, has obviated the need for the first goal—awareness of the health professions is already there—so now we must face the second challenge.

The HPN will continue to further develop its relationships with HRSA, DOL, DOE, etc., to potentially complement national missions and initiatives.

The HPN is working to strengthen the organization, communicate membership benefits to a larger audience, recruit and engage new members and organizations, develop revenue-generating activities, and enhance relationships with other key health care organizations, to ensure a two-way dialogue between HPN and member organizations. Other goals include:

- Increase public awareness of the health professions
- Recruit students into health care fields
- Serve as an informational resource for policy makers re: health workforce
- Undertake a multifaceted communications plan and PR campaign (making use of Web 2.0 and social media networking)

HPN Meeting schedule for 2017

Summer “Association Summit” – July 26-27, 2017
Fall – September 5-8, 2017

Chicago, IL
Alexandria, VA

Concerns: None

Request for Action: N/A