Welcome to the first issue of AMWA ADVOCATE, a quarterly bulletin for AMWA’s partner organizations. We appreciate your collaboration in advancing our work.

NEWS

AMWA President, Connie B. Newman, MD, went to Capitol Hill in July to educate Congress on addiction and how the opioid epidemic particularly affects women. Dr. Newman and Dr. Kim Templeton wrote an op-ed that was published in *The Hill*.

AMWA leaders participated in meetings of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) to improve physician well-being and prevent sexual harassment. AMWA has ongoing initiatives to address physician wellness and burnout as well as the “leaky pipeline” of women in medicine.

In the wake of more shootings, AMWA’s Gun Violence Prevention Task Force (GVPT) continues to advocate for solutions to this public health crisis. Our leaders helped co-author the AFFIRM medical provider petition on gun violence being “in our lane.”

AMWA co-sponsored the *Sex & Gender Health Education Summit* which convened over 250 representatives from institutions nationwide to promote sex and gender specific health curricula in medicine, nursing, dentistry, pharmacy, and allied health.

Our Physicians Against the Trafficking of Humans (PATH) task force has hosted trainings nationwide to educate healthcare providers about human trafficking.

AMWA was a partner organization for two key conventions: HLTH: The Future of Healthcare (May 2018) and the World Health Care Congress (May 2018) as well as the Innovation Venture Summits held at Google and Stanford Research Park.

AMWA’s Medical Humanities Initiative invites healthcare providers to explore visual arts, history, literature, and other pursuits that will enhance physician well-being and build empathy. Planned exhibitions include film, music, and photojournalism to complement the current on-line exhibitions on art, writing, and history. We welcome engagement from all women in medicine.

AMWA’s Film, *At Home and Over There*, honors the contributions of women physicians in WWI. A traveling exhibit is being hosted at institutions nationwide.