

ACADEMIC MEDICAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT 4/12/2024 Spring DA Meeting

ACTION PLANS:

1. SUNY Hospital Financial Support Advocacy (operational support, staffing, and pay)
 - a. Write a letter to elected federal officials supporting the SUNY Academic Medical Center Hospital model (i.e., Downstate, Stony Brook, Upstate).

Rationale: Downstate University Hospital is in disrepair and the Upstate University Hospital is 60 years old and Upstate leadership is developing a 10-year master plan that includes a new hospital. The approximate \$1.5 billion cost of these new SUNY hospitals will be difficult, if not impossible to achieve, given the current state budgetary support and we should consider advocating for federal support for these vital safety net public teaching hospitals in Brooklyn, Long Island, and central New York.

- b. Explore if there are any legal options to pursue regarding the agreement made on 2000/2001 between NYS and SUNY Chancellor Robert King pertaining to the payment of the hospital employee fringe benefits, hospital debt service, and utilities.

Rationale: State financial operational support of the three SUNY Hospitals has not occurred since 2017. Financial support was provided in the NYS FY budgets from 2001 until 2017 in accordance with the deal made by NYS to provide financial support in exchange for SUNY absorbing the costs of the state fringe benefits, hospital debt service, and utilities costs. Information to be gathered from each campus is the actual cost of the hospital UUP employee fringe benefits and debt service amounts along with the state budget support from 2001 – 2024 (the latter being known from last years graph provided for advocacy purposes).

2. Inform, educate, and advocate for the New York Health Act (universal health care)
 - a. Martha Livingston and David Curry will develop a presentation/workshop with the intended audience being UUP members at the Chapter level.
 - b. Ask Fred Kowal, UUP President and NYSUT Board Member, to write a letter to NYSUT leadership requesting NYSUT's rationale for:
 - i. Their current stance on the NY Health Act; and
 - ii. NYSUT's decision to deny their (Martha and David) request to present on the fight against privatizing Medicare for NYC municipal retirees at the NYSUT Health Care Professionals Council's Professional Issues Forum.

Items 1 and 2 are the major items of the Strategic Plan for the Academic Medical Programs Committee for 2023 – 2025.