






Wolverine Street Medicine: Sustainability of a Student-Run Street Medicine Organization During COVID-19



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BACKGROUND	2020-2021 CHALLENGES	2020-2021 ACTIONS (or, lessons learned?)	FUTURE DIRECTIONS
<p>Health and Homelessness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals experiencing homelessness have mortality rates up to 10 times that of the general population and are disproportionately affected by many common chronic diseases. People experiencing homelessness are less likely to have consistent access to primary care Street Medicine Programs address the unique social and medical needs of people experiencing homelessness by providing care where patients live and gather. <p>COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID-19 exposed and exacerbated the inequities faced by homeless populations, with people experiencing homelessness testing positive for COVID-19 at higher rates than the general population. One study estimated that homeless individuals with COVID-19 will be 2x as likely to be hospitalized, 2-4x as likely to require critical care, and 2-3x more likely to die than the general population Shelters were operating with reduced capacity and many of the community programs in the areas that WSM serves were restricted 	<p>COVID-19 Pandemic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student involvement in street runs temporarily paused in spring 2020 and winter Leadership transition occurred in March 2020 Homeless populations at disproportionate risk required finding new avenues to support our patients and community partners <p>M1/M4 Leadership Structure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exit interview reveals challenges of prior M1 hierarchical structure Balancing workload and responsibilities between M1s/M4s M1 recruitment and training to new organization and new roles <p>Documentation and Continuity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No clinic site during COVID created less reliable documentation methods Important for continuity, but also necessary for BCBS Grant Balance between new student interest and student experience <p>Enduring Intersectional Inequities among Homeless Populations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BIPOC peoples experience homelessness at higher rates largely due to long-standing historical and structural racism Organizations engaging with this population must understand this and commit to not acting in ways that perpetuate inequities <p>Funding & challenges of financial sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management of \$10,000 BCBS grant No pre-existing budget due to being a new organization 	<p>WSM COVID-19 Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand sanitizer, PPE and sandwich distribution to community partners Collaboration with M-Response Corp In-person non-clinical volunteering at shelters Regular check ins with Medical School leadership to ensure safety  <p>New and Improved Leadership Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilized feedback from M1 exit interviews to revamp leadership team with newly defined roles Mid-year feedback/check-in with M1s Weekly coffee chats  <p>Documentation and Continuity Improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Created new street-run workflow sheet sent out prior to each run Post-run google form with run narrative and BP data section Monthly Newsletter with run narrative, new initiative to keep all members informed and up to date <p>Engagement with and awareness of this issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnered with OHEI as a SSO to increase collaboration with other student organizations Journal Club to discuss discrimination in housing Developed new Advocacy leadership role: upcoming series on incarceration and LGBTQIA youth <p>Developing a financial infrastructure for WSM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established new finance role chair who help streamline reimbursements Created Special Projects Coordinator role to facilitate grant reporting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment and training of new M3 Directors is underway! Continue to improve upon documentation and providing best standard of care Focus on continuity of care with designated leadership spot on each run Ensuring sustainability with a focus on faculty recruitment and potential resident involvement Continuing Delonis volunteering with the addition of phone calls to COVID positive individuals in quarantine Bolster our budgeting, inventory, and overall financial structure Grow interprofessional relationships and collaboration
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