



WHAT WE DID FOR YOU IN 2012

Represented your interests at the Annual Meeting of the Washington State Medical Association by introducing – and getting passed - Resolutions (with member input!) to the 2012 WSMA House of Delegates:

Supporting full and fair disclosure of complainant identity and the nature of the complaint against a physician unless the Medical Quality Assurance Commission (MQAC) feels the safety of the complainant is in question; and,

Encouraging that local, state and federal courts allow physician excusal from jury duty service in order to help ensure patients' ready access to care because of physician shortages.

Initiated a local "Call to Action" during the Legislative Session when the State budget threatened Critical Access Hospitals, Medicaid Interpreter Services, the Volunteer Retired Physicians Program, and further cuts to Public Health.

Collaborated with community partners on the Bridge to Primary Care workgroup, focusing on immediate efforts to connect residents with primary care homes and to pilot concepts in preparation for broader coverage in 2014 under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Partnered with local groups striving to provide efficient health care and important information to the community through the Thurston County Safety Net Council.

Provided strong physician presence in Thurston County Project Access.

Successfully co-sponsored the first annual Project Access Charity Tournament to benefit Project Access.

Recognized local Health Care Champions in the annual community event that honors local physicians and others who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in the health care field.

Partnered with the Pierce County Medical Society to discuss leadership and membership opportunities among our two organizations.

Sponsored a presentation by the Medical Quality Assurance Commission (MQAC) on commission activities, medical complaints and draft Pain Rules.

Sponsored a Point/Counter Point Webinar on Washington Initiative 502, legalizing marijuana in our State.

Participated in the review and provided input to WSMA's Legislative and Regulatory Agenda for 2013.

Sponsored a seminar on preventing Medical Fraud and Embezzlement in your medical practice.

Responded to hundreds of patient requests for referrals to member practices.

The mission of the Thurston-Mason County Medical Society is to promote the art, science and practice of medicine; promote the care and well-being of patients; protect and improve the health of the public; and, provide leadership for its members.