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FMDA's Past Leaders Participate in Inaugural Meeting of Council of Presidents

- Past Presidents convened on innovation to discuss opportunities for growth and the future of the association

West Palm Beach, Fla. - FMDA – The Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine held its inaugural Council of Presidents meeting on May 15, 2016. Past Presidents Dr. Jim Lett, Dr. Bob Kaplan, Dr. Morris Kutner, Dr. John Symeonides, and Executive Director Ian Cordes met by telephone to discuss the formation and direction of the new council.

FMDA's Past Presidents shall be members of the Council of Presidents, which shall serve as a resource to the FMDA Board in matters concerning FMDA and post-acute and long-term care medicine. The Immediate Past President shall serve as Chair of the Council of Presidents. The council shall meet no less than once a year, either by conference call or in person at the annual Best Care Practices in the Geriatrics Continuum conference.

The council will convene by conference call or in person to discuss a variety of strategic questions. They will also complete leadership-level surveys and polls to gather information about initiatives the association is considering and to take the temperature of the leadership on issues that have come up nationally.

Initial goals of the council are to examine the value of FMDA membership, provide recommendations, counsel, vision, and innovation, along with exploring opportunities for growth, creating an advisory panel to dialogue with current board members, serving as an independent resource to the current board and membership on pressing matters and important issues, providing new perspectives when updating the association's strategic plan, and providing feedback concerning FMDA's annual conference every October.

It was discussed that the council could be used to build a Leadership Academy, where future FMDA leaders can develop skills to succeed as board members and stakeholders of the organization.

The next meeting of FMDA's Council of Presidents will be scheduled in August, allowing enough time before Best Care Practices in the Geriatrics Continuum 2016.

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FMDA – The Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine represents nearly 250 medical directors, attending physicians, physician assistants, and advanced practice nurses in Florida's post-acute care continuum including subacute care, hospice, skilled nursing, and assisted living facilities, as well as in continuing care retirement communities. The mission of FMDA is to promote the highest quality care as patients' transition through the post-acute and long term care continuum. FMDA is dedicated to providing leadership, professional education and advocacy for the inter-professional team.

FMDA is the official state chapter AMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine and a Specialty Society of the Florida Medical Association. It is based in West Palm Beach, Florida.