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## To whom it may concern:

We hope you will consider sponsoring medical students and residents to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual LGBT Health Workforce Conference scheduled for May 2-4, 2024 in New York City at the Belfer Research Building (413 East 69 Street, New York, NY, 10021).

This conference is vital in providing an overview of up-to-date practices (climate, educational and clinical) in preparing the health care workforce to address the health concerns of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) communities. The sessions are designed for health professionals (physicians, physician assistants, nurses, dentists, podiatrists, social workers, psychologists, etc.), administrators, educators, and students (pre-health and graduate), but all interested are invited to attend. The conference is a unique opportunity for health professionals, organizational leaders and trainees to network among professional peers, share best practices in the care of LGBT patients, and present scholarly work in a poster presentation competition. Additional conference information can be accessed at <a href="http://bngap.org/lgbthwfconf/">http://bngap.org/lgbthwfconf/</a>

Despite the challenges posed by COVID-19 and physical distancing, last year's conference successfully joined leaders in LGBT health with future health advocates. The 2024 conference will continue a hybrid format allowing for both in-person and virtual participants. The seminar will bring together allies and LGBTQ+-identified academicians and leaders from across the United States, providing participants with practical guidance and tools for pursuing career advancement in academia. Returning events in 2024 include plenaries on best clinical practices in the care of LGBT patients, a poster presentation session and competition, and our annual leadership awards dinner. Attached to this message is a copy of last year's program for your review.

Through participation in the conference, your trainees will represent your institution at the conference and will be engaged in a number of workshops on up-to-date best practices in LGBTQ+ research, clinical care, education and leadership. This presentation will be shared with your institution's faculty, staff and trainees. Registration for each trainee (student, resident, or fellow) is \$100 for in-person or virtual participation. This does not include the cost of travel and lodging for in-person attendance.

We hope that you will support your trainees' participation at the 2024 LGBT Health Workforce Conference if you have any questions about the event, please contact me at <a href="mailto:lgbthealthworkforce@gmail.com">lgbthealthworkforce@gmail.com</a>. I can also be reached at 917-847-0025, regarding any urgent matters.

Gratefully,

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