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TO: Residency Program Directors

RE: Scholarship Opportunity for Residents and Faculty to attend the Essentials of Addiction Medicine Conference and 4-Day Mentored Learning Experience

Please help us spread the word about the 2017 scholarship opportunities for residents and faculty to participate in the MERF mentored learning experience at CSAM's 2017 Essentials of Addiction Medicine Conference at the Hilton San Francisco Union Square on **August 24-27**. All details and the application forms can be found at www.merfweb.org and www.csam-asam.org. **The deadline for applications has been extended to May 31, 2017.**

Interested residents, directors of residency education and all faculty members who instruct and supervise residents in your program are invited to apply for a MERF scholarship to participate in this 4-day mentored learning experience: Thursday through noon on Sunday. The first day, Thursday August 24, is devoted to motivational interviewing with an emphasis on clinical skills acquisition and improving MI proficiency.

Scholarships include conference registration, and a stipend to offset travel and overnight costs. Priority in the selection of scholarship recipients is given to "teams" of one resident and one faculty member from the same training program.

Scholarship recipients are expected to be present throughout the conference, sit together, and participate fully from Thursday, August 24, 12:00 p.m. until the close of the conference at 1:00 PM on Sunday, August 27. Scholars earn CME and receive a "Certificate of Completion."

Follow up Journal Club meetings/conference calls and scholarly projects help residents and faculty meet the ACGME requirements for scholarly activity.

Scheduled activities during the conference include dinners on Thursday and Friday and a dessert reception Friday evening. Friday morning 12-step meetings and case discussions on Friday and Saturday include meals. The conference will conclude with a morning meeting on Sunday, followed by the last plenary session.

Please forward this information to all who might be interested. All applications are submitted from the website www.merfweb.org and must be completed by May 31, 2017. Please note: Letters from the program director are required and must be received by May 31, 2017.

For details regarding the benefits of being a MERF Scholar and what is expected of MERF Scholars please visit the MERF website www.merfweb.org

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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