Motion to establish a position paper “Medical Education Coverage of Homelessness Within Canadian Curricula”

**Whereas** homelessness affects over 235,000 Canadians per year, with 35,000 individuals experiencing homelessness per night as estimated by the 2016 Homelessness in Canada report.

**Whereas** we, as future practitioners, will likely interact with and care for people with lived homeless experience.

**Whereas** populations with homelessness often have complex presentations, with multiple medical comorbidities, social and economic disparities, and face active stigma and marginalization from the healthcare system.

**Whereas** medical students see opportunity to increase the variety within existing medical curricula, including working with those with lived homelessness experience, to gain a better understanding of their role as healthcare providers and the interplay with community care resources.

**Whereas** medical students across Canada have initiated local advocacy efforts to improve healthcare in homeless populations.

**BIRT** the CFMS pass the position paper “Medical Education Coverage of Homelessness Within Canadian Curricula” and in doing so, make public their opinion defend the position if and when the opportunity arises.

**Financial cost (estimate):** $0

**Source of funding/Line item:** N/A

**Level of effort of volunteers/staff:** 0h

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