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Top 10 ALF resolutions address racism, mental health, vaccine hesitancy

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AAP leaders are emphasizing the need to combat racism and improve mental health care, placing several resolutions about each in the top 10 during the Annual Leadership Forum.

During the meeting, leaders also approved the development of an anti-racism bylaws referendum. For more on the referendum, visit <https://bit.ly/2FxyMzb>.

The meeting, which was held virtually Sunday and Monday, brought together AAP chapter, committee, council and section leaders from around the country, drawing on their diverse perspectives and expertise to advise the AAP Board of Directors.

Following are the top 10 resolutions they approved, which will be referred to areas of the Academy with related expertise for a review and potential action.

1. Addressing Structural Racism Within Healthcare
2. Supporting Child and Youth Mental Resilience in Schools
3. Creation of Task Force on Immunization Advocacy and Hesitancy
4. Ask All Children, Adolescents and Their Families About Racism, Discrimination and Bias
5. Developing a Pediatric Model for Value Based Payment
6. Prohibit the Use of Race-Based Medicine
7. Unmet Need of Inpatient and Outpatient Mental Health for Children
8. Advocate for Paid Parental Leave and Mother Baby-Friendly Workplaces
9. Physician Burnout Must be Prevented by Change in Healthcare Delivery Systems
10. Expanding Training on Psychiatric Conditions for General Pediatricians

These resolutions were chosen from about 90 submitted by AAP groups and members for consideration. Members were able to comment on them online before the conference.

To view the full text of the resolutions, visit <https://collaborate.aap.org/alf/Pages/2020-Resolutions.aspx>

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