

**April 21, 2018 BOD Minutes**  
**NMAFP Office, Noon, Lunch Served**

**Present:** Tristen Adams; Jaleh Akhavan, MD; John Andazola, MD; Pedro Armendariz, MD; Stephanie Benson, MD (Skype); Sara Bittner; Arlene Brown, MD; Dion Gallant, MD; Nancy Guinn, MD; Virginia Hernandez, MD; Veny Ianakieva, MD; Anna Kistin; Bridget Lynch, MD; Melissa Martinez, MD; Jennifer Phillips, MD; Karen Phillips, MD; Joseph Salazar; Lisa Stolarczyk, MD; Dan Stulberg, MD; Lourdes Vizcarra, MD; Dan Waldman, MD and Jamie Weinand, MD. The meeting was chaired by Dr. John Andazola.

**Aid in Dying Resolution on a National & State Level:** Dr. Nancy Guinn, Hospice and Palliative Physician, directs a program at Presbyterian involving care for medically fragile geriatric patients in the home as well as hospice and palliative medicine. Nancy is also one of the Co-Authors of the document, “Medical Order for Scope of Treatment”. All Family Medicine Physicians are going to be involved in the Aid in Dying topic...there is an AAFP Draft Resolution for this year’s COD, and AAFP is looking for input from State Chapters. The first act as the NMAFP Board is how do you want to respond to AAFP regarding this topic: negative, neutral or positive. There will, most likely, be another bill submitted on this topic during the NM Legislative Session beginning in January, 2019. It was determined that Dr. Guinn will write an article for the summer newsletter and will also attend the July 28<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting in Santa Fe to share more information pertaining to this very important topic.

**Resolution on Medical Licensure:** Dr. Jennifer Phillips shared with the NMAFP Board that in November, 2017, UNM sent a letter to the NM Medical Board, with NMAFP’s name included, regarding the recent physician suicides and the suggestion for new language on the Board’s application for licensure. Dr. Phillips drafted a Resolution to the NM Medical Board from the NMAFP and brought it to the Meeting today for discussion and possible approval. The verbiage in question reads “In the five (5) years prior to this application, have you had any physical injury or disease, or mental illness or impairment, which you are currently under treatment for or could reasonably be expected to affect your on-going ability to practice medicine safely and competently? If yes, please have your treating physician send the NM Medical Board a letter regarding your diagnosis and treatment”. The Resolve to this Resolution reads “That the New Mexico Academy of Family Physicians work with our colleague organizations and other stakeholders to advocate and suggest new language for question 18 that only asks about current medical or mental impairment and not about past.” A discussion ensued, a motion was made, and it passed

unanimously. The motion states that Dr. Phillips will make small changes in the wording and then the Resolution will be sent to the NM Medical Board by NMAFP. The motion also states that Dr. Phillips will create a revised version for NMAFP to take to the AAFP Congress of Delegates, October 8-10, 2018 in New Orleans.

**Update on 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Family Medicine Seminar, July 26-29, 2018, Santa Fe:** Brochures were included in the packets and will be sent electronically to all Board Members for sharing with their peers. Registration is live and brochures have been mailed. Dr. Dan Stulberg shared that he will be doing an “Office Cryosurgery Overview and Hands-on Workshop”. NMAFP is very appreciative to Dr. Stulberg for continuing to share his expertise with attendees during our Conferences.

**Update on the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Refresher in Albuquerque, Feb. 23, 2019:** Dr. Virginia Hernandez, Scientific Program Chair, shared her completed Agenda with the Board. The process for AAFP CME accreditation will now begin.

**Physician of the Year:** The written nominations were shared with the Board Members, and the votes were turned in for a count. The 2018 Family Medicine Physician of the Year Award recipient is Dr. Valerie Carrejo, nominated by Dr. David Rakel, Chair of Family Medicine at UNM SOM. Dr. Carrejo will be honored on July 27<sup>th</sup> at the Awards Dinner and Dance during the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual FMS, Eldorado Hotel, Santa Fe. Congratulations Dr. Carrejo!

**Congratulations to Dr. Stephanie Benson:** Dr. John Andazola shared with the Board that Dr. Benson has been appointed to the AAFP Commission on Governmental Advocacy, Dec. 2017-Dec. 2021. We know Dr. Benson will represent NM well and will do a superb job for the Commission on Governmental Advocacy. Congratulations Dr. Benson!

**Nominations for Vice President:** Dr. Dion Gallant shared information about the various positions on the Board and asked if there was anyone who would like to run for VP. Dr. Bridget Lynch shared her interest in running for this position. Dr. Lynch, is currently an NMAFP Alternate Delegate to the AAFP Congress of Delegates and also a member of the Legislative Affairs Committee. Dr. Jennifer Phillips also agreed to run for VP. She is currently serving as Chief of Staff for UNM Hospitals and Clinics (2017-2019). NMAFP has asked Dr. Phillips numerous times to speak during our winter and summer conferences, and she always says yes. A big thank you goes out to Drs. Lynch and Phillips, and NMAFP knows they will be in good hands regardless of the outcome.

**Resolutions for AAFP COD:** Dr. Dion Gallant addressed the Board regarding Resolutions that the Delegates and Alternate Delegates will take to the AAFP COD, Oct. 8-10, 2018, New Orleans. Besides the Aid in Dying Resolution (Dr. Nancy

Guinn) and the Resolution on Medical Licensure (Dr. Jennifer Phillips), Dr. Dawn Drumm, Las Cruces Resident, has written a Resolution about receiving compensation for all the time spent on prior authorizations. Dr. Arlene Brown suggested that unless there are evidenced-based reasons for a prior authorization, the process should be eliminated. Other Resolutions are currently being formulated and will be presented to the Board on July 28<sup>th</sup> in Santa Fe.

**Member Reception at the FMX in New Orleans, Oct. 11, 2018:** Dr. Dion Gallant shared that Sara attended a member reception hosted by the Montana and South Dakota Chapters last year in San Antonio. There were 50-60 in attendance, and it provided Delegates, Alternates and Officers an opportunity to reach out and network with members that don't always attend the local Chapter activities. NM has been invited to join MT and SD this year in New Orleans. It will take place at Mulate's--The Original Cajun Restaurant, across the street from the Convention Center. The menu has been set, and the price should not be more than \$2,500 per Chapter. Dr. Brown suggested we track graduating Residents and Students that have moved out of state and invite them to also join us in New Orleans if they are attending FMX. A motion was made to move forward with this reception, a vote was taken, and it passed. This project will be included as a line item in the 2018-2019 Proposed Budget presented at the Annual Budget Meeting on Sept. 8, 2018.

**Legislative Update:** (handout from Dr. Rick Madden & Steve Lucero) According to Dr. Arlene Brown, Legislative Affairs Committee Member, the Legislative Affairs Committee had a dinner meeting the night before which was very well organized and quite productive. Upcoming Legislation was discussed, and a feel from the Board is requested regarding the following: 1. Marijuana Derivative Drug Exemptions – support and work with DOH on providing a speaker for the 2019 NMAFP State Conference; 2. Explore Medicaid Buy-In Plan – support; 3. Pediatric Specialty Care Task Force – support and Dr. Madden will write an article for the summer newsletter; Health Insurance Market Stability Task Force – support; 4. Study Heroin-Assisted Treatment – support the study; 5. Medical Marijuana & Opioid Use Disorder – support.

Another Legislative item to be discussed is how can the Legislative Affairs Committee better engage the NMAFP Board Members? Perhaps a breakfast session on Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> during the Santa Fe Conference, between 7-8 am. Ask the Eldorado Hotel to have breakfast ready at 6:45 and meet over breakfast in the Exhibit Hall.

The NMMS has a new format for their state meeting in 2018. The new format includes a partnership with some of the specialty societies, and the revenue will be split among the organizations. This will be considered by NMAFP for 2019.

**Draft Policy on Healthcare Reform:** (handout from Dr. Rick Madden) Dr. Andazola led the conversation regarding this topic. It was determined that NMAFP would support the AAFP Document as a Board and also support universal access to coverage. Dr. Andazola will write the response that will be sent to AAFP by May 15th.

### **Resident Reports:**

Dr. Jamie Weinand – Las Cruces: Dr. Weinand shared there will soon be a 1+2 in Alamogordo. Great news for all.

Dr. Pedro Armendariz – Silver City: Dr. Armendariz shared their 2 new Residents will begin training in Las Cruces. He thanked Dr. Andazola and staff for a wonderful first year of training. Another note of interest - the 3<sup>rd</sup> year SC Residents all passed their Boards.

Dr. Jaleh Akhavan – UNM: Dr. Akhavan shared that UNM is very excited about their Match with the Santa Fe 1+2 Residents and their core Residents. She shared that 13 out of 14 of the UNM graduates last year are still in NM which is very good news for all. UNM has started doing Residency Retreats for each class this year which creates more cohesiveness in the classes.

### **Student Reports:**

Joseph Sanchez – FMIG President: Joseph shared the Officers are organizing workshops for the different classes. The FMIG Dinner was held for a second year and hosted by Dr. David Rakel. It is open to all Medical Students at UNM. There was an informal panel about the breadth of Family Medicine. It was very well received.

Anna Kistin – Delegate to the National Resident & Student Conference and Past FMIG President: The Board welcomed Anna and thanked her for her work on behalf of the FMIG.

### **Future Board Meetings, Med Student Reception & Budget Meeting**

July 28<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting, Eldorado Hotel, Santa Fe, 12:30 pm, Lunch Served

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Med Student Reception, Nativo Lodge, Albuquerque, 6-9 pm

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, Annual Budget Meeting, NMAFP Office, Noon, Lunch Served

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Board Meeting, NMAFP Office, Noon, Lunch Served

Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Board Meeting, Hotel Albuquerque, Rendering Room, 5:00 pm

May 4<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting, NMAFP Office, Noon, Lunch Served