

Feb. 24, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes, Sandia Resort Conference Center

Roadrunner Room, 5:30 pm, hors d' oeuvres served

Dr. Bridget Lynch, Board Chair

Present: Sara Bittner; Mac Bowen, MD; Valerie Carrejo, MD; Alicia Gonzales, MD; Veneta Ianakieva, MD; Clea Lopez, MD; Bridget Lynch, MD; Steve Lucero; Rick Madden, MD; Molly McClain, MD; Samantha Morris; Maxwell Randall; Luke Sanchez; Lisa Stolarczyk, MD; Karen Vaillant, MD; Lourdes Vizcarra, MD; Davin Wyman; and Meggan Yancey.

Old Business:

Legislative Training Session: Dr. Rick Madden and Steve Lucero, NMAFP Lobbyist, led the Training Session held on Jan. 21st at the NMAFP Office. The in-person training session was also offered virtually. There were 10 volunteers at the office and another 5 or 6 online. NMAFP is very grateful to these individuals that took time out of their Saturday to learn more about the DOD process. Lunch was served, and Steve took the volunteers through an ordinary day for a DOD volunteer. A handout with pertinent information about being a DOD was shared with the volunteers and a signup sheet was passed around, both in-person and virtually.

Doc of the Day Program, Jan. 17-March 18: Dr. Rick Madden and Steve Lucero were present at the BOD Meeting. Steve shared that the number of volunteers is lower this year. The last two sessions have been virtual due to Covid, and overall attendance at the session is lower this year. It may take a year or two for members to get used to going up to the Round House again. The FM Doctors are also extremely busy since many of their peers retired over the last two years. Telemedicine is being considered for potential DOD volunteers. Dr. Bridget Lynch added that the DOD Program is a great service to the Legislators.

New Business:

41st Annual Winter Refresher in Albuquerque, Feb. 25, 2023: Dr. Lisa Stolarczyk, Scientific Program Chair, informed the Board that as of this evening we have 157 registrants and 21 vendors signed up for tomorrow's conference. Our numbers are looking more and more like the NMAFP conference numbers before COVID. We also have 26 Posters participating in the Poster Session at the end of the lectures tomorrow. This is the highest number we have ever had. If you attend the Poster Session as well, you will receive 9 Prescribed credits, approved by the AAFP. We also have a Free Raffle at the end of the day for all attendees who visit each booth in the Exhibit Hall and obtain a signature. The Free Raffle prize will be a piece of Nambe, and the drawing will be held at the end of the seven presentations.

65th Annual Family Medicine Seminar, August 3-5, 2023, Ruidoso: Dr. Mac Bowen, Scientific Program Chair, shared the final Agenda with the BOD, which has been approved and accredited by AAFP for 20.00 Prescribed credits. The line-up of speakers and topics are fabulous. Dr. Bowen would like to entertain the idea of having some informal wellness sessions during the conference and will share further information with the Board by email.

Governmental Affairs Committee Report, Dr. Rick Madden, Steve Lucero, NMAFP

Lobbyist: The 2023 Legislative Session is almost back to normal with in-person committee meetings including public comment. There is still opportunity for virtual public participation via zoom and the committee chairs are including virtual experts and those offering public comment. We have been able to be present at many hearings and have testified when appropriate in your interests. We expect a busy end of the session as always, often described as roller-coaster and a blizzard of activity.

The Doctor of the Day Program hasn't been as robust as previous years, but we're hoping as comfort rises in public settings that you will consider volunteering for Doctor of the Day in the future.

Thanks again to those of you that participated in the Legislative survey. We had the highest number of respondents of any year. Survey results identified overwhelming support for:

- Access to Reproductive and Gender-Affirming Healthcare
- Issues related to the Social Determinants of Health
- Enhancements to Primary Care such as Gross Receipts tax reform, increased Medicaid payments, and Medical Malpractice reform
- Health Security for New Mexico including legislation to study healthcare cost drivers
- Expanded Payment for Telehealth
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment including Overdose Prevention Programs
- Strategies to increase the healthcare workforce including NMDOH waivers such as the 'State 30 Day Program'

Here's an update, as of February 22, 2023, on some of the bills related to the survey topics. A final Legislative Update will be provided in April 2023.

HB2: General Appropriation Act of 2023

This bill passed a House Floor vote on February 16th (52-17). The bill totals over \$9 billion. It includes \$49,645,900 for provider rate increases. HB2 currently sits in Senate Finance Committee. The Senate will offer their amendments over the next two or three weeks and return the amended bill to the House for concurrence.

SB290: Healthcare Costs Drivers Analysis

This bill received a Do Pass in Senate Rules Committee on February 22, 2023. It is referred to the Senate Finance Committee. This appropriation could be added as a Senate amendment to HB2.

According to SB290's Fiscal Impact Report, this bill "appropriates \$400 thousand from the general fund to Legislative Council Service for the purpose of hiring a contractor to analyze healthcare cost drivers and analyze the feasibility of applying to the New Mexico healthcare system methods developed by other states and countries for managing those cost drivers."

HB264: Study Medicaid Managed Care Structure

This bill received a Do Pass in House Health and Human Services Committee on February 20th. It is referred to House Appropriations and Finance Committee.

HB264 would appropriate \$250 thousand from the general fund to the Legislative Council Service to analyze the fiscal viability of the Medicaid managed care structure and develop methods to make the managed care system more transparent.

HB263: Overdose Prevention Program

This bill received a Do Pass in House Health and Human Services Committee on February 20th. It is referred to House Judiciary Committee.

According to the Fiscal Impact Report, HB 263 “would amend the Harm Reduction Act to create an overdose prevention program, which would allow for the operation of overdose prevention facilities and provide liability protections for individuals operating or utilizing overdose prevention programs. The amendments would limit the data the Department of Health could collect in association with harm reduction programs, require the department to promulgate rules about the operation of overdose prevention programs, and require the department to provide program participants with a safe and hygienic space to consume previously obtained substances under the supervision of trained personnel.”

HB88: Medical Malpractice Damages Cap

This bill was Tabled in House Health and Human Services Committee on February 20th. There is no indication that it will be given another hearing.

HB88 would amend the Medical Malpractice Act to impose a limit of \$750 thousand per occurrence for claims for injury and death against outpatient facilities that are not majority-owned and controlled by a hospital.

HB7: Reproductive and Gender-Affirming Healthcare

This bill passed a House Floor vote on February 21st (38-31). It will be introduced in the Senate and assigned committees.

HB7 would prohibit public bodies from discriminating against persons based on their use or non-use of reproductive or gender-affirming care.

HB177: Drug Product Selection Act Changes

This bill received a Do Pass in House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee on February 14th. It currently sits on the House Calendar awaiting a Floor vote.

HB177 would give pharmacists wider authority to substitute prescribed medications for cheaper equivalents.

SB92: Pharmacist Scope of Practice

This bill received a Do Pass in Senate Judiciary Committee on February 20th. It currently sits on the Senate Calendar awaiting a Floor vote.

Senate Bill 192 would give pharmacists limited ability to do CLIA-Waived testing and treatment. There are changes from the version of the bill that passed Senate Health and Public Affairs Committee. For example, protocols for treatment will require Medical Board approval and treatment of skin conditions will no longer be an option.

SB16: Create Healthcare Authority Department

This bill is waiting for its first hearing in Senate Rules Committee.

SB16 would re-organize and re-name the Human Services Department to the Healthcare Authority Department. The result would merge the Human Services Department with some of the Department of Health's programs.

HB47: Rural Healthcare Project Revolving Fund

This bill still awaits its first hearing in House Health and Human Services Committee. It is unclear at this time as to whether any funds for this project were placed in HB2 General Appropriations Act of 2023.

HB47 would allocate \$7.5 million for the purpose of providing loans to rural healthcare providers.

SB7: Rural Health Care Delivery Fund

After receiving a Do Pass in Senate Health and Public Affairs Committee, this bill currently sits in Senate Finance Committee awaiting a hearing.

SB7 would create a fund to construct new healthcare facilities and/or help defray the costs of operating a clinic in counties with fewer than 100,000 in population.

HB370: Surprise Billing Protection Act Sunset Date

This bill received a Do Pass in House Health and Human Services Committee on February 20th. It currently sits on the House Calendar awaiting a Floor vote.

House Bill 370 delays by five years the repeal date for the reimbursement rates paid by health insurance companies to nonparticipating providers (providers not under contract with the insurance company) as part of the Surprise Billing Protection Act. Under HB370, the rates would sunset on July 1, 2028, instead of July 1, 2023.

SB273: Health Insurance Mental Health Coverage

This bill waits for its first hearing in Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee.

HB273 would prohibit insurers from placing a greater limitation of coverage for mental health or substance use disorder services than for other healthcare services.

HB306: Purchase of Firearms for Another

This bill waits for its first hearing in House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee.

HB306 creates the new crime of unlawful purchase of a firearm for another. Unlawful purchase of a firearm for another consists of a person knowingly purchasing or conspiring to purchase any firearm for, on behalf of, or at the request of or demand of another person, if they know the other person.

SB232: Health Insurer Provider Info & Reimbursement

This bill received a Do Pass in Senate Health and Public Affairs Committee on February 13th. It is referred to Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee awaiting a hearing.

Senate Bill 232 would require insurance companies to credential a provider within 30 days of their application.

HB247: Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

This bill received a Do Pass in House Health and Human Services Committee on February 15th. It is referred to House Judiciary Committee awaiting a hearing.

HB247 enables New Mexico to join an interstate medical licensing compact to expedite a physicians' license to practice in New Mexico if they already held a license in another compact state.

HB51: Prescription Drug Affordability Board Act

This bill received a Do Pass in House Health and Human Services Committee on February 13th and is referred to House Appropriations and Finance Committee. It is unclear at this time whether funds for this Act exist in HB2 General Appropriations Act of 2023.

HB51 would appropriate \$750,000 to the Superintendent of Insurance to coalesce a Drug Affordability Board tasked with studying and making recommendations that would lower prescription drug prices for consumers.

SB448: Health Practitioner Gross Receipts

This bill waits for its first hearing in Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee. SB448 would allow a deduction of gross receipts for co-pays or deductibles.

Resident Reports:

Santa Fe FM Residency Report, Dr. Alicia Gonzales: Spring is in the air and with it comes new life and many changes. In this regard it seems silly to yearn for the seasons past but still I find myself looking back over this past year already with a sense of nostalgia. As I look to hand off the baton to Silivia Santiago Morales and we anticipate the soon coming match, with these successes comes my imminent completion of residency training and that big and ominous step into the "real world." These general sentiments were amplified by the all too apt closing statements of Dr. Warren Heffron and Dr. Art Kaufman as they called upon their audience before

them to ask, “What will you contribute to this field over the next 50 years,” a moving and penetrating message to be sure.

With all that in mind, I am pleased to announce the new leaderships within our residency program. Our new lead will be Dr. Alyssa Vecchio, current PGY2 and her co-lead will be Dr. Ashten Duncan, PGY2. This is the first time in the history of our residency that we will have equal representation from both continuity clinic sites; and, with this move, I look forward to the progress ahead.

We are celebrating a new role in our residency – Lead in Legislation and Advocacy. This was my own personal mark on the program and developed after recognizing the situational and educational advantages our program has, to make a difference in the legislative process each year. Dr. Silvia Santiago Morales, current PGY2, will step into this role under my guidance over the following year.

While many of the PGY3s have either signed or have contracts on hold, our greatest disappointment comes in saying goodbye to our current PGY3 and *Chief* resident Dr. Abhishek Tomar. After nearly a decade of dedication to the state of New Mexico and an inscrutable job as *Chief* we can all, without hesitation, lament the missed opportunity New Mexico has shown to allow him to seek employment on the east coast. As the legislative sessions all too quickly come to a close, and we have learned of many of the deficits New Mexico has in healthcare, Dr. Tomar’s exodus is a perfect example of how much work we have to do in this state to improve the system.

And with that I will sign off until next time. I wish you all presence and mindfulness in this season change---strength to let go of that which does not serve us and equal strength to accept new opportunities that will.

UNM FM Residency Report, Dr. Hannah Udell: The typical winter happenings are underway at the UNM Family Medicine Residency Program. Interviews are now complete, and we excitedly wait to learn who our new class of interns will be on the upcoming Match Day.

Current interns are on the first of two Population Healthy and Scholarship blocks. In this block, they learn from faculty and other community experts about topics like health equity, population health, and leadership development. They also start working on their scholarly project, within the Community-Based Participatory Research model. We look forward to seeing the interests of this cohort and how they use their skills to contribute to and learn from projects underway in our community.

One change this season is the February 1st launch of the new integrated labor and delivery model. This model has already brought changes to how we practice on the labor and delivery service. One major change for our department is the addition of an attending physician dedicated to postpartum and newborn rounding and teaching. Other changes are yet to come as our leaders iron out how to construct our time as residents on this service most effectively, serving our patients, learning excellent patient care, and working with our colleagues in other fields.

Las Cruces FM Residency Report, Dr. Kaela Moldawan: Throughout the application season, we had the opportunity to interview numerous strong candidates. Our faculty and residents enjoyed getting to meet and spend time with them. We look forward to the Match for our Family Medicine Residency.

The Maternal Child and Reproductive Health Fellowship is now more than halfway through its first year. As we look forward to graduating our first class of fellows, Dr. Beachum and Dr. Rodriguez, we prepare for the next two fellows that will start this coming summer. Our new fellowship had many applicants and again anticipates filling both positions.

At this point, most of our second-year residents have had the opportunity to take and pass their Step/Complex 3, and we congratulate them on their achievement. Now our third-year residents are preparing to take their boards, and we wish them the best of luck!

Recently, two of our residents, Dr. Kandagari and Dr. Moldawan, as well as one of our attendings, Dr. Fitzsimmons-Pattison, went to the New Mexico State Capitol in Santa Fe to participate in the Doc of the Day Program. There, they met with the New Mexico Academy of Family Physicians lobbyist, Steve Lucero, who shared some of the policy positions of the organization and bills that were coming to a vote that affected the practice of medicine. They sat in on bills being discussed and learned more about the legislative process and how becoming politically involved can be vital as a physician as a means of advocating for ourselves, the practice of medicine, and our patients.

Shiprock FM Residency Report: At the Shiprock UNM Residency Program, Family Medicine Physicians are trained to work rurally and beyond. This Residency is the first federal Indian Health Service (IHS) residency program in the country and the only residency located on Navajo Nation. The program accepts two residents per year. They are a 1+2 program: residents train as part of the University of New Mexico Hospital and the North Valley Clinic during their first year, and at Northern Navajo Medical Center (NNMC) in Shiprock during years 2 and 3. Inpatient rotations during year 1 are at the Veterans Affairs Hospital and UNM Hospital, the only level 1 Trauma Center for the state of New Mexico. NNMC in Shiprock is a 65-bed rural hospital and clinic that combines emergency medicine, obstetrics, inpatient medicine, and ICU care with robust outpatient clinics where volume averages approximately 600 visits per day. Dr. Molly McClain, UNM FM Residency Director, and Dr. Heather Kovich, Shiprock FM Residency Director, are working closely together on this 1+2 program.

Student Reports:

UNM FMIG Report, Maxwell Randall: As the new UNM School of Medicine Family Medicine Interest Group officers, we are beyond thrilled to work with and learn from the NMAFP. Please take a moment to read a few brief introductions to our new officers and our goals for the year:

Maxwell Randall, Co-President: My name is Max Randall and I am excited to take on the position of Co-President of the UNM FMIG this year. While I grew up in Austin, Texas, Albuquerque has

become my second home since completing my degree in Biochemistry as a Regents Scholar at UNM. My desire to practice community-centered medicine, advocate for patients' well-being, and to build long standing relationships with patients has drawn me to family medicine, where I have an interest in addiction care.

Meggan Yancey, Co-President: I was born and raised in Roswell, NM. I attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock where I received my bachelor's in Psychology and went on to complete my master's in Healthcare Administration from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. I am glad to be back in our beautiful state to attend UNM SOM. I am interested in primary care and want to serve my state as a Family Medicine physician in a rural and underserved area when I complete medical school and residency. I am honored and excited to serve on the FMIG board as co-president and look forward to drawing more interest into this awesome field.

Luke C. Sanchez, Vice President: My name is Luke Sanchez. I was raised in Albuquerque, NM with strong roots & family ties tracing back to our family farm & ranch in Puerto de Luna, NM. I graduated from NMSU with a bachelors in Biology in 2020 after serving an appointment on the NMSU Board of Regents & moved to Albuquerque to be closer to my family. I worked several odd jobs before applying to the University of New Mexico School of Medicine, where I'm currently a 1st year student with the ambitions of becoming a community-centered physician, possibly within the field of family medicine. I'm looking forward to serving as an FMIG officer and finding new ways to help students lead the charge on becoming leaders in healthcare and within our communities.

Irene Cantu, Secretary-Outreach: I am from Hobbs, New Mexico and have lived in Albuquerque as I have worked towards my bachelors and master's degree in Family and Child Studies. I am interested in family medicine because of the variety it entails, while providing advocacy, community engagement, and multi-generational care. I am so glad to be a UNM FMIG officer this year and am excited to see what we can achieve!

Lizbeth Luna, Treasurer: I am originally from Las Cruces, NM, but have called Albuquerque home for the past four years as I completed my Bachelors in Biochemistry at UNM. I am excited to get involved through the FMIG and showcase the variety of possibilities Family Medicine has to offer. Community engagement has always been a huge part of my life; and, as a future physician I would like to continue to not only help patients from the inside, but from the outside environment they live in day-to-day.

As students interested in Family Medicine careers, community advocacy and service learning are at the heart of what we aim to promote as the new FMIG team. Additionally, we hope to shine a light on the versatility of Family Medicine as a practice, and by doing so garnering interest in the specialty among our classmates for the future of primary care in New Mexico. To achieve these goals, we're planning several workshops for the school at large. Our first event will be a subspecialty workshop, where we plan to showcase the diversity of fellowship options found in Family Medicine with the help of FM specialists such as sleep medicine, addiction medicine, and obstetrics. We're also planning a workshop in collaboration with community physicians and other student interest groups geared towards helping students practice their clinical skills before our

Practical Immersion Experience (PIE), a 6-week early clinical exposure across rural and urban communities in New Mexico for MS1's. In addition to these hands-on and engaging workshops, we're also planning an introduction to a Family Medicine physician panel earlier in the school year with the hopes that this will encourage interest from the incoming class of 2027 at the start of their medical school journey.

We look forward to strengthening our relationship with the NMAFP and want to thank you for welcoming us as students at the inception of our careers. We look forward to meeting you all and are ecstatic to be continuing the work of expanding the community of students interested in Family Medicine at UNM.

Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine FMIG Report, Davin Wyman & Carl Brayton:

The Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine started off the new year with exciting news. Burrell President John Hummer announced that Burrell will be opening a sister campus in affiliation with the Florida Institute of Technology. The new branch will be located on Florida Tech's Melbourne campus and the first class will matriculate in July 2024. This new Osteopathic medical school will help strengthen ties between communities located in both New Mexico and Florida that have a long and rich history in Aerospace, it will address the physician shortage in Florida and give more Floridians the opportunity to attend a medical program in their home state.

In February, Burrell hosted a STOP THE BLEED instructor teaching event. This event was led by Burrell's Emergency Medicine club with the aid of multiple student organizations including our own. While most STOP THE BLEED courses are designed to educate the community members who attend on how to control hemorrhaging at the point of injury, this event focused on training and certifying instructors to assist in future classes. The hope is spread this knowledge throughout Dona Ana County to have the greatest amount of impact.

The Burrell Family Medicine Interest Group will be conducting elections in the month of March, putting in place new executive board members from our current first-year class and allowing our current second years more breathing room to prepare for their board examinations. As this will be the last report given on behalf of the current Burrell FMIG executive board members, we thank the NMAFP BOD, and in particular, Sara, for allowing us to participate in this institution and affording us opportunities that we would not receive anywhere else. We hope our paths cross again one day in the future.

Future Board Meetings:

Saturday, May 6, 2023 NMAFP Office, Noon, Lunch Served

Sunday, August 6, 2023 Ruidoso Convention Center, 8:30 am, Breakfast Served

18th Annual Med Student Reception: Friday, September 8, 2023, Sandia Resort, Eagle Room, 5:30-8:30 pm

Annual Budget Meeting: Saturday, September 9, 2023, NMAFP Office, 10:00 am, Breakfast Served