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President's Column

Veneta Ianakieva, MD



Dear colleagues and members,

It has been one year since SARS-CoV-2 pandemic changed our personal, professional, and social lives. I am happy to write that there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

Science has prevailed, and we finally have safe and effective vaccines. The distribution of the vaccines has been limited by the supply and demand, but we will soon have enough vaccines for every adult. Counseling our patients about the need to vaccinate is paramount. Patients have an immense amount of trust in us, and we are able to explain the science behind the vaccines and expected reactions in a way they can easily understand. Patients can further increase the spread of accurate information and rationale for vaccination in their family and community.

This has been a year of tremendous and unusual strain on all of us, but I would like to highlight some positive outcomes and challenges we have overcome by staying united. There has been increased collaboration between the main hospital systems

in the state, the State of New Mexico, Los Alamos and Sandia National Labs, and the Department of Health. Although socially distant, we have had more opportunities to support each other. Telemedicine has increased access to medical care due to convenience for the patient and the provider. Despite its challenges, this platform can be effective in providing care when a physical exam does not contribute to the diagnosis and management. It has allowed some of us to enjoy the luxury of working remotely on occasion. Patients that have limited access to transportation, paid time off and child care have enjoyed the increased accessibility to their provider. Virtual patient care also provides the opportunity to increase access to specialty care in the future. The expansion in services can have a tremendous impact on our rural and underserved communities.

The pandemic has provided us with additional insight into the health disparities in our communities. Hispanic, African American, and Native American patients have had significantly increased morbidity and mortality from COVID-19. In order to diminish the care gaps, we need to partner with the communities to understand how lifestyle, circumstances, employment, and trust in the medical system contribute to these disparities. Mitigating the devastating consequences of this virus for the most vulnerable New Mexicans should take precedence. I hope that as a state we can ensure that the distribution of vaccines for these

most vulnerable populations is equitable. We can all support and advocate for our patients, friends, neighbors, and local business owners.

Our state has challenging decisions ahead with the reopening of public schools. There is no easy or perfect solution, and there are many intricate factors that contribute to the complexity of the situation. Most students do need the in-person interaction for effective learning. The detrimental effects of isolation and distant learning on the education, development, and mental health of our children and adolescents, need to be addressed urgently. It is imperative that we are able to vaccinate our teachers in order to ensure safe reopening of schools. Our continuing medical education has also been impacted. We just had our first virtual conference, chaired by Dr. Lynch, which had excellent speakers, attendance, and interaction with the participants! I look forward to our summer conference.

We should not underestimate the importance of medical student education during these challenging times. I have had the pleasure of participating in the clinical experience of some exceptional medical students during the pandemic. They have been robbed of a significant amount and quality of clinical experience, and they need us now more than ever. Let's help inspire and educate the next generation of physicians! Please reach out to us, and we can help connect you with students to precept or mentor.

39th NMAFP Annual Winter Refresher Virtual and Dynamic

By Dr. Bridget Lynch, Scientific Program Chair

The New Mexico Academy of Family Physicians held our first-ever virtual conference, the 39th Annual Winter Refresher, on Saturday, February 27th. This conference was sponsored by the UNMSOM Department of Community Faculty, had over 115 registrants, and was worth 7 Prescribed Credits approved by the American Academy of Family Physicians. As a member benefit, the AAFP has already uploaded these credits to the CME transcripts of attendees who are AAFP members.

This conference was full of high-quality speakers and time-sensitive, relevant topics. Held on Zoom, this allowed us to see each other, ask our questions to the speakers, and

share our own reflections and wisdom with one another as the day moved on. The success of this conference is a testament to the strong community and bonds that we hold with one another in our Academy. We want to thank all attendees and their full spirit of engagement throughout the entire day, and all our speakers, who gave the following cutting-edge lectures:

Jason Mitchell, MD - SARS-CoV-2 N.M. Pandemic Update

Ariel Scott, MD - Reflective Writing in Medicine

Miranda Aragon - Innovations and Advancements in Reproductive Health
Sheila Acheson, DNP, FNP, ONP - Skeleton Keys (Osteoporosis Updates)

Dan Stulberg, MD - Skin Cancer Exams, Treatments & Prevention in this New Era

Larry Leeman, MD, MPH - Healing Trauma & Addiction with Psychedelic-Assisted Psychotherapy

Armand Krikorian, MD, FACE, FACP - Exploring Continuous Glucose Monitoring - Essentials for Primary Care

We also thank the UNMSOM Department of Community Faculty for their sponsorship and hosting of an engaging virtual reception with guest speaker, Dr. David Scrase, our New Mexico Cabinet Secretary for Health and Human Services. Dr. Scrase spoke about GME expansion plans that will very soon nearly double the number of Family Medicine Residents that graduate each year here in New Mexico, serving our goal of building the pipeline to have more Family Medicine Physicians practicing in New Mexico.

This reception was organized by Dr. David Rakel, Chair of the UNMSOM Department of Family and Community Medicine, and Dr. Jennifer Philips, Associate Chair of the UNMSOM Department of Family and Community Medicine and interim CMO for the UNM Medical Group, as a continued example of their commitment to primary care in New Mexico. This is a commitment that our Academy is here to serve all along the way.

Future Board Meetings:

Saturday, May 15, 2021
12:00 pm
Via zoom

Thursday, July 22, 2021
5:30 pm
Via Zoom

Saturday, November 6, 2021
12:00 pm
NMAFP Office
Lunch Served

Friday, February 18, 2022
5:30 pm
Sandia Resort Conference
Center, Roadrunner Room
Hors d'oeuvres Served

Med Student Reception & Budget Meeting:

Saturday, September 11, 2021
16th Annual Med Student
Reception
Sandia Resort & Casino
Eagle Room
5:30-8:30 pm
Dinner Served

Sunday, September 12, 2021
Annual Budget Meeting
NMAFP Office 10:00 am
Breakfast Served

From Your Legislative

Affairs Committee

By Steve Lucero, NMAFP Lobbyist &
Dr. Rick Madden, Legislative Affairs
Committee Chair

Thanks to those that responded to the 2021 Legislative Priorities Survey. Results identified the following as priorities for advocacy: 1) pharmaceutical costs and the overall cost of healthcare for patients, 2) the Primary Care Council Act (House Bill 67), 3) the Health Security Planning & Design Board (House Bill 203), and 4) the affordable access to safe and legal medical options for reproductive healthcare; including abortion care.

- On February 26th, the Governor signed Senate Bill 10 repealing the 1969 law that bans abortion.

- The Primary Care Council Act passed and is waiting for the Governor's Signature. Many of you provided public comment, sent emails, and called legislators in support of the bill; it made a huge difference.

- Although HB 203 did not pass, the sponsor and advocates for the Health Security Act Planning & Design Board were able to raise enough funding from legislators in the junior budget bill to fund the work of the Board.

- The Governor has until April 9th to decide on signing or vetoing bills. It was a big year for some legislation that had been proposed for years.

- House Joint Resolution 1 passed both chambers and New Mexico voters will decide in the general election of 2022 whether or not 1.25% of the Land Grant Permanent Fund should be used for Early Childhood Education.

- The Elizabeth Whitefield End-of-Life Options Act passed and, if signed by the Governor, will give New Mexicans the autonomy to make their own end-of-life decisions.

- House Bill 75 Medical Malpractice Definitions passed, and if signed by the Governor, will raise caps on damages awarded to patients in substantiated malpractice cases. It moves hospitals out of participation in the Patient Compensation Fund by 2026.

The virtual Doctor of the Day program was not as busy as other years but still informative and provided our members with important legislative updates. Medical consults were understandably low due to the virtual environment. We thank all the volunteers for taking the time to be Doctor of the Day.

Elizabeth Whitefield End-of-Life Options Act (HB 47)

By Elizabeth Armijo, National Advocacy
Director

On March 15, 2021, New Mexico's legislature passed the Elizabeth Whitefield End-of-Life Options Act (HB 47). With Governor Lujan Grisham's signature, this bill will become law within 90 days.

This has revolutionized end-of-life care for the more than 2 million people who call New Mexico home. It will, for the very first time allow terminally ill, mentally competent adults in New Mexico the autonomy to make their own end-of-life decision to access medical aid-in-dying should they need it. Compassion & Choices is grateful to their partners in the New Mexico End-of-Life

Options Coalition for their tireless work in this effort.

We will continue to partner with the NM End-of-Life Options Coalition to proactively implement the law and ensure communities have access to the end-of-life options act within health systems across the state and ensure medical aid in dying is part of the standard practice of care. Training, resources, and information will be provided to health care providers, health systems, hospitals, hospices, and more.

It has been 22 years since Oregon became the first state to enact a medical aid-in-dying law. Collectively, there are more than 50 years of combined evidence and cumulative data on medical aid in dying, which is currently authorized in 10 jurisdictions: California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, New Jersey, Oregon, Vermont, Washington and Washington, D.C. Currently, more than one in every five Americans (22%) have access to this compassionate end-of-life care option. (Editorial Comment: The final legislation includes safeguards against coercion of patients and of clinicians.)

UNM Family Medicine

Residency Program Update

By Erik Unruh, MD, MPH and Bailee Lutz, MD

We are overjoyed that Covid-19 infections have been dropping in the state. Many of us felt a sense of lightening in our hearts as we received some of the first injections and are truly grateful for the efforts of our Governor, the health department, and all those involved in making these accessible to healthcare workers. Many residents have helped to continue to cover ICU calls and cross cover for our medical colleagues as teams have been rearranged to provide care to the overflow of patients.

We are incredibly proud of our class of interns as they are weathering the challenges of the first year of residency in the midst of the worst pandemic in a century. This past month, they have spent time in their population health block, learning about different bills moving through the legislature and learning of various community-based organizations while developing their own projects for residency.

It's hard to believe we are preparing for another season of transition, but it is almost Spring and our third-year residents are busy finalizing their future jobs! So far, a majority of the third-year residents plan to stay and practice in New Mexico. They will be filling a critical need for additional Family Medicine Physicians in both rural and urban communities from First Choice Clinics, to the Shiprock and Zuni Reservations, and to Gallup in both outpatient and hospitalist settings.

We would also like to congratulate our new Chief Residents for the 2021-2022 year: Chelsea Travers, MD, MPH and Orli Florsheim, MD will be serving as the new Maternal Child Health chiefs. Jaron Kee, MD and Erik Unruh, MD, MPH will transition to the Inpatient chief role.

We are eagerly awaiting the results of the upcoming Match Day when we will welcome an intern class who interviewed completely virtually. We know it's been a very different year for evaluating programs, but we can't wait to meet our new interns and show our out-of-state residents the beauty and culture that New Mexico has to offer as well as the caliber and kindness of staff, faculty, and residents that we call our colleagues at UNM!

Silver City Family Medicine Residency Program

Update

By James Shen, MD

All Silver City residents have been vaccinated. The biggest update for our Residency Program is that Dr. Darrick Nelson, Program Director, has decided to step down from this position and focus solely on being the Chief Medical Officer. The ACGME has been notified that Silver City has started a search for a new Program Director. Dr. Nelson will continue to be the acting Program Director until that is finalized. The Silver City Residency Program has completed its rank list, and it has been submitted.

Santa Fe Family Medicine Residency Program Update

By Maya Armstrong, MD

There is something wonderful about the days getting longer in the springtime – even more so this year, after what at times has seemed an endless season of darkness. As a gardener, the lengthening daylight and promise of warmer weather always stirs the urge to plant things. I also am a lover of metaphors. And gardening – with all of its processes and variables and effort and rewards – is probably the ultimate metaphor for life. So, I'd like to share with you some of what we're sowing, growing, and reaping at the Northern New Mexico Family Medicine Residency Program.

Sowing: Much preparation and planning are beginning to pay off in the form of a dedicated hospitalist service being built specifically for our residents. The soil has been tilled and amended to

support this seedling service, which will grow and expand, with the expectation of providing a fertile training ground for future generations of residents.

Growing: It is with much anticipation that our program will soon grow from four to six interns per year, with the hope of training even more family docs who stay in northern NM and other rural and underserved regions.

Reaping: All our graduating seniors will soon enjoy the fruits of many years of labor. Two will remain in the state – one in an addiction medicine fellowship at UNM and the other doing the important work of primary care in northern NM. Two others will be serving rural populations elsewhere – in Washington state and Guam, perhaps carrying a bit of pollen from green and red chile plants to spice up their new environments.

As any garden is shaped and influenced by its gardeners, our program continues to evolve along with the passions of its residents, who every year break new ground and gently (but with much perseverance) tend new seedling opportunities. These range from rekindling relationships with Indian Health Services and Healthcare for the Homeless to building new experiences in addiction medicine, wilderness medicine, and LGBTQ health.

Gardening requires a lot of patience, keen observation, and a willingness to learn by getting one's hands dirty. Ultimately, it is not simply about growth but optimism. We at the Northern NM Family Medicine Residency are optimistic about the future, even amidst the changing landscape of medicine. More than that, we know that home-grown tomatoes and chile make the best salsa!

Southern New Mexico Family Medicine Residency Program Update

By Emilia Vesper, MD

News from the South is always exciting. All of the residents have had the opportunity to be vaccinated against COVID-19. We celebrated with an on-line media campaign of #ThisIsOurShot to advocate for vaccine safety by posting photos of ourselves on social media getting the vaccine.

The COVID-19-to-home program has been a success, as Dr. Fitzsimmons-Pattison, faculty at SNMFMRP, has coordinated & collaborated resident involvement from both Memorial and Internal Medicine residents at Mountain View. After the SNMFMRP declared a state of emergency, residents were pulled from their elective rotations to cover COVID-19 to home. Now that more New Mexicans begin to

obtain the vaccine, we see COVID-19 cases fall, and the residents will soon hopefully begin to resume their normal electives. We also are welcoming two new chief residents: Drs. Pramod Kayathi & Jazmin Rodriguez. Congratulations to you both!!

Our program continues to look for new ways to expand resident involvement in active education, and it has created an opportunity to work with the Women's Medical Associates group. Residents will now take a more active role in the OB Department at Memorial Medical Center. Residents will triage all OB patients, and continue to manage labor and delivery during their stay while working with new mid-wife faculty, giving us an opportunity for interprofessional education at its best. Dr. Gomez, as always, continues to be a superhero as she provides ongoing emergency C-section care for OB walk-ins.

Match day is Friday, March 19th, where we will find out who we get to welcome into our new intern class. This past year interviews were held exclusively on-line. Given the circumstances of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we are eager to meet them in person. Our current 3rd-year residents are in the process of finding employment after graduation, many of whom plan to stay in New Mexico. Dr. Emilia Vesper, who is the current resident delegate, will be graduating in June and has been working with Dr. Jennifer Nordhauser as an alternate delegate to become our resident delegate in July. Soon, many will see some new faces.

As always, it has been a great pleasure and honor to represent my peers & physicians in Las Cruces, to have a seat at the table at the NMAFP, as well as serve the people of southern New Mexico and be trained by some incredible leadership. I look forward to what the future brings.

Be well!

Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine Family Medicine Interest Group Update

By Bridget Botsford

As we embark on another semester of predominantly virtual learning, we are thankful for the opportunities that Burrell College has provided us to be more involved. Students were offered the chance to attend various COVID-19 vaccination workshop sessions this semester to learn how to effectively administer the vaccine. This unique opportunity is followed by in-person participation in vaccine administration to community members. As medical students, it is exciting to know that we are making an impact by increasing vaccination delivery

and promoting a healthy community.

Burrell faculty members have gone above and beyond to ensure that our needs and any potential concerns are being addressed. While this has been nothing short of an overwhelming year for everyone, Burrell has created an environment for students to feel that their voice is heard and to promote success. Our Dean, Dr. Pieratt, ensures that students are at the forefront of decisions being made in light of the global pandemic. The current students have had some big milestones already this semester. The OMS-I students have been transitioning into having a few live, in-person lectures for the spring, following COVID safety protocols. This is the first time stepping into a Burrell lecture hall for many of these students. The OMS-II students just finished taking their first practice board exam. As we look into the future, we are hopeful that the vaccination efforts and hard work of the faculty and staff will continue to allow for more in-person learning opportunities.

The resilient nature of all of our medical students is evident during this time.

The compassion, mentorship, and inclusivity between different classes have been crucial. We will continue to lift each other up and celebrate each other's successes. In these unprecedented times, I will continue to be inspired by our students and their unwavering commitment to medicine.

UNM Family Medicine Interest Group Update

By Kristen Cummings and Kaleb Stevens

Over the winter holidays, we have officially made the transition to the new officers of the Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. We have Kristen Cummings as President, Kaleb Stevens as Vice President, Avalon Yi as Treasurer, and Madison Kajder as Secretary. Our goal is to continue to educate and show excitement about the field of Family Medicine by working with medical students, physicians,

and the NMAFP. Several seminars for fellow medical students are in the works including nutritional education lectures and a physician panel that will serve as an introduction to Family Medicine and its various subspecialties for the incoming first-year medical students.

We hope to be given the opportunity of being accepted for another Primary Care Leadership Collaborative (PCLC). Though the application was not released in January as expected, we are continually working on our project proposal with the hope of being accepted. This preliminary proposal includes holding an educational course for patients in our community about their chronic health conditions with the goal of educating them about the importance and best practice for management.

As we continue to transition into our official roles as the new officers, we look forward to getting to know you, and we are excited for the opportunity to work with the NMAFP.



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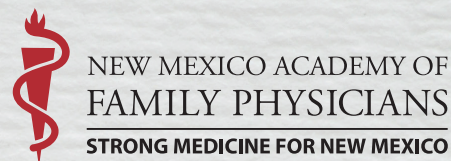
Cibola County Correctional Center is located in Milan, NM, approximately 80 miles west of Albuquerque, NM. The facility holds approximately 1100 ICE and US Marshall inmates. It has 24 hour nursing coverage with medical, dental and mental health staff.

Torrance County Detention Facility is located in Estancia, New Mexico. Estancia is approximately one hour outside of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Torrance County Detention Facility holds approximately 1100 male and female inmates for ICE and several county law enforcement agencies. It has 24 hour nursing coverage with medical, dental and mental health staff.

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From the Desk of Dr. Veneta Ianakieva
President & Scientific Program Chair



Dear Members:

Our 63rd Annual NMAFP Family Medicine Seminar will be held virtually July 23-24, 2021. Join us to learn about long haul COVID syndrome, billing and coding pearls, perimenopausal update, ABFM certification, dermoscopy workshop, and opioid use disorder treatment to name a few of the topics. We have the honor of having Dr. John Cullen, Past Board Chair of the AAFP, as one of our presenters.

Not sure about a two-day, virtual conference? We have incorporated frequent breaks and condensed the schedule to help with virtual fatigue. With the excellent speakers we have lined up, I am confident that this conference will provide you with quality CME and an opportunity to see and communicate virtually with your peers. We look forward to seeing you in July!

See Conference Agenda and registration information below and continuing on page 6.



63rd Annual NMAFP Family Medicine Seminar July 23-24, 2021

We are going virtual again!

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Veneta Ianakieva, MD, Scientific Program Chair

See reverse side for conference schedule and additional registration information.

Virtual 63rd Annual NMAFP Family Medicine Seminar

Conference Schedule - July 23-24, 2021

FRIDAY, JULY 23

7:50 am	Introduction & Welcome Veneta Ianakieva, MD
8:00-9:00 am	"Key Articles & Clinical Developments in Family Medicine" Dan Waldman, MD
9:00-10:00 am	"Better Together: Dairy & Plants" Cindy Kleckner, RDN, LD, FAND Sponsored by Dairy MAX 
10:00-10:15 am	Break
10:15-11:15 am	"ABFM Certification: What's New to Support Your Certification Journey?" Elizabeth Baxley, MD
11:15-12:15 pm	"Disparities in Native American Health" Adela Lente, MD Sponsored by Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine 
12:15-1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00-2:00 pm	"COVID-19 Long Haul, What Primary Care Needs to Know" Alisha Parada, MD
2:00-3:00 pm	"Redefining Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder - A Patient-Centered Approach" Valerie Carrejo, MD, FAAFP
3:00-3:15 pm	Break
3:15-4:15 pm	"Dermoscopy Workshop" Mac Bowen, MD

SATURDAY, JULY 24

7:50 am	Introduction & Welcome – Day 2 Veneta Ianakieva, MD
8:00-9:00 am	"Bridging the Divide: Accessing Big City Expertise in Rural Medicine" Jason Kurland, MD
9:00-10:00 am	"Caring for Survivors of Sexual Trauma: Pain and Anxiety Management Through Trauma-Informed Care" Carmen Landau, MD
10:00-10:15 am	Break
10:15-11:15 am	"Deprescribing Opioids and Benzodiazepines" Daniel Duhigg, DO, MBA
11:15-12:15 pm	"The Perimenopausal & Menopausal Woman - Updates" Tabatha Wells, MD
12:15-1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00-2:00 pm	"Billing and Coding Pearls for Primary Care" Stephanie Benson, MD, FAAFP
2:00-3:00 pm	"Health Care After COVID: A Discussion Looking at the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on US Healthcare" John Cullen, MD AAFP Past Board Chair

Registration Information

Online registration will open in April on our website: www.familydoctormn.org

AAFP Members \$200	Non-Members \$275	PhD \$200	NP/PA/RN \$150
Retired/Life Member \$150	Family Medicine Resident (no charge)		Medical Student (no charge)

Your registration includes an electronic handout. All slides will be posted as PDFs on the NMAFP website under Conference Presentations.

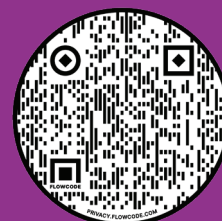
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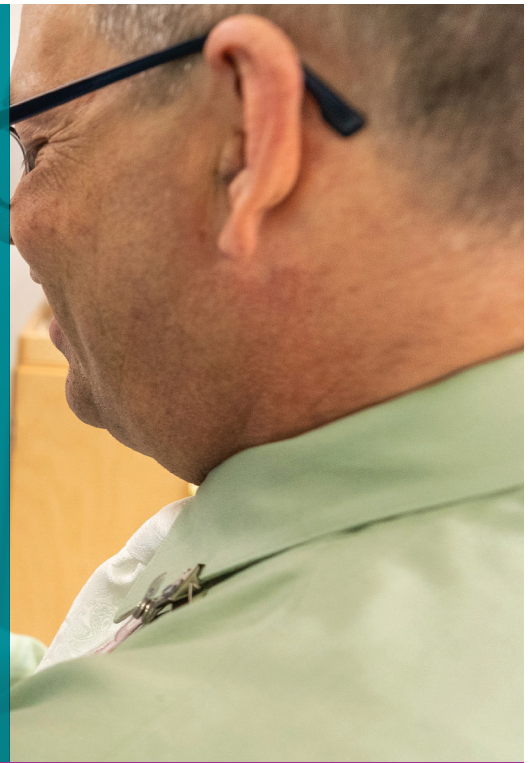
Virtual Reception



Physicians, join UNM for a virtual reception after the NMAFP seminar!

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the shoulders of giants.”

Sir Isaac Newton

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2021 NMAFP Physician of the Year Nominations Requested

NMAFP Members, nominate a peer that you know is deserving of the 2021 Physician of the Year Award! This is a very prestigious honor! A plaque is kept in the NMAFP Office with all the POY recipients' names and the year they were honored.

All nominees must be active members of the NMAFP. Include a paragraph telling why your nominee should be the 2021 POY. Please email your nomination to Sara at familydoctor@newmexico.com by May 1st.

The winner will be acknowledged at the July 22nd virtual NMAFP BOD Meeting, and a Nambe plaque and certificate will be mailed to the recipient. An article, featuring the 2021 POY, will be included in the fall issue of the Roadrunner that is mailed to 1,050 NMAFP members and posted on the NMAFP website.

I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE: _____

THE REASON I BELIEVE THIS INDIVIDUAL SHOULD RECEIVE THE POY AWARD:

NOMINATION MADE BY: _____

Feb. 26, 2021 BOD Notes

By Dr. Lourdes Vizcarra, Editor

Present:

Past Board Chair: Valerie Carrejo, M.D. (chaired the Meeting)

Tristen Adams; Stephanie Benson, MD; Sara Bittner; Cheri Blacksten, MD; Bridget Botsford; Valerie Carrejo, MD; Kristen Cummings; Dion Gallant, MD; Veneta Ianakieva, MD; Elijah Ibadlit; Steve Lucero; Bailee Lutz, MD; Bridget Lynch, MD; Rick Madden, MD; Molly McClain, MD; Charles North, MD; Jennifer Phillips, MD; Laura Shaw; James Shen, MD; Kaleb Stevens; Lisa Stolarczyk, MD; Dan Stulberg, MD; Karen Vaillant, MD; Emilia Vesper, MD; and Lourdes Vizcarra, MD.

Virtual Legislative Training Session, Jan. 16, 2021:

Steve Lucero, NMAFP Lobbyist

Training session was attended by Representative Deborah Armstrong. Representative Armstrong, who is sponsoring HB 67 Primary Care Council Act & HB 47 Elizabeth Whitefield End-of-Life Options Act, both of which NMAFP are interested in. She shared valuable background information about the bills. It was an excellent session with a lot of dialogue and Representative Armstrong giving insight into how the Session might unfold.

Virtual Doc of the Day Program:

Steve Lucero, NMAFP Lobbyist

Thanked those that took the 2021 Legislative Survey. The results are important to the Legislative Affairs Committee for preparation for the Legislative Session. There were 89 responses this year compared to 79 last year. Committee reviewed and confirmed the re-

sults of the member survey and ranked the issues as follows:

High priority for advocacy:

1. Pharmaceutical costs and overall cost of healthcare
2. Primary Care Council Act
3. Health Security for New Mexicans Act
4. Affordable access to safe and legal medical options for reproductive healthcare, including abortion.

Support, but do not actively advocate:

1. Prior authorization and paperwork burden
2. Gun safety
3. Substance abuse treatment including naloxone
4. Efforts to mitigate the COVID 19 pandemic

Neutral, take no position when asked:

Recreational marijuana legalization

House Bill 2 (Budget Bill) and Senate Bill 10 (Ban Abortion Bill) passed both chambers. This has been a very unusual year for the Doc of the Day Program. With everything being mostly virtual, there have been few medical needs by the Legislators. The human interaction is definitely missed, and we all look forward to the day when it returns. Volunteers are still needed, so it was determined that one more blast would be sent to the NMAFP membership.

Virtual 39th Annual Winter Refresher:

Bridget Lynch

To date, 116 registrants for Conference, worth 7 Prescribed credits. The annual UNM SOM mixer will follow the conference. NMAFP is grateful to the UNM SOM for sponsoring this year's Winter Refresher.

Virtual Stand-alone Poster Session before Graduation:

Bridget Lynch, Chair Scholarly Activities Committee

Poster Session will not be included in the 2021 Winter Refresher because it's virtual. The Primary Care Training Consortium will be presenting a Poster Session on May 19th from 1-4 pm in order for graduating residents to meet this graduation requirement.

Health Equity & Racial Justice Committee Update:

Dr. Veneta Ianakieva

Continuing to build the pipeline for Medical Schools and other Healthcare professions. Their survey included a question regarding interest in having students in their clinics. Dr. Ianakieva shared that her clinic at Kaseman has had many students, and it has been a very positive experience. Committee hopeful that they will be involved with the distribution of COVID 19 vaccines in underserved populations.

63rd Annual Family Medicine Seminar, July 2021:

Dr. Veneta Ianakieva

In-depth discussion regarding Conference being in person or virtual. Motion that NMAFP present the Conference in a condensed two-day virtual version with the Board Meeting taking place on Thursday evening, July 22nd, 5:30 pm, and the Conference taking place on Friday-Saturday, July 23-24. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The Scientific Advisory Committee will meet in the very near future to work out all the details with results to Board via email.

Fact Sheet and Board Orientation Documents: (For Informational Purposes Only)



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