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President's Column

Veneta Ianakieva, MD



Dear members,

It has been a great honor to serve as NMAFP president over the last year, and I am extremely grateful for the continuing support, inspiration, and mentorship from my dear colleagues and friends at NMAFP. I will always cherish this experience and continue to be part of the NMAFP family.

This has been a long and eventful year; but, at the same time, it has passed quickly. Our world was turned upside down by the COVID 19 pandemic, and we are finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. I am so thankful for the privilege to have an adequate number of vaccines in the US to protect our most vulnerable and elderly patients, as well as family members, knowing that not all other countries have this privilege. As primary care providers that have been trusted by our patients, we are in a unique position to influence our patients by educating them on the risks and benefits of getting vaccinated. The long-standing trustworthy relationship with our patients is our strongest tool to advocate for better health, lifestyle, and quality of life for them.

I am looking forward to having more social interactions in person with my colleagues, patients, friends and family. It is incredibly liberating to be able to see people's faces and communicate with more ease, especially with the older and more vulnerable patients that are now vaccinated. This pandemic has taught us a lot: how to adapt, endure change, and create novel ways to deliver healthcare. Some of the challenges have become a blessing in disguise. Telemedicine, once challenging and daunting, is improving and will likely be here to stay as an option to deliver quick and accessible care to the busy patient who cannot take time off from work to come in for an office visit and does not require an exam.

Technological advances in artificial intelligence, with assistance from a virtual scribe, can help physicians with the overwhelming burden of documentation and thus prevent physician burn out. I am fortunate

to participate in a pilot study that uses artificial intelligence in conjunction with a scribe that is working remotely to construct timely documentation without disturbing the patient/physician interaction. Such advancements give me hope for the future of medicine to allow us to have more quality time with the patient and focus on decision making instead of documentation.

In addition to the pandemic, our country has been faced with social unrest and protests. I believe that the vast racial and cultural diversity in the United States is the essence of the fabric of our society and the unique opportunities our country provides. This diversity does, however, provide a challenge for our society to ensure equity for all regardless of race, country of origin, or economic status. We have the opportunity to make reforms to address the inequalities that have plagued our country. As a first-generation immigrant from Bulgaria, I am thankful for the sacrifices my parents made for me to have the opportunity to become a physician and serve the community that accepted us 25 years ago. I believe that the strength of the United States lies in the unique cultural and ethnic diversity, and I hope we see it that way and protect it. Our chapter has created the Health Equity and Racial Justice Committee to continue to support health equity and reduce the health disparities in the patient care in New Mexico.

The COVID 19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of primary care in keeping families and communities healthy and has proven that this can be done with less resources spent. It has become even more apparent that high quality primary care is critical to achieving health equity. According to the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, primary care accounts for 35% of health care visits in the US but receives only 5% of the health care expenditure in the nation. The NMAFP Legislative Affairs Committee was instrumental in crafting House Bill 67 Primary Care Council Act, which will make recommendations to the legislature and New Mexico Human Services Department to invest in the efficient utilization of primary care in New Mexico. These efforts to recognize the value of primary care and increase investment in it gives us hope for sustainable advancements in the delivery and quality of primary care.

16th Annual NMAFP Med Student Reception

NMAFP Members, the 16th Annual Med Student Reception is hopefully going to take place in person this year on Saturday, September 11, 2021 in the Eagle Room at Sandia Resort in Albuquerque. The Reception provides a venue for medical students at all stages of education to have access to the Family Physicians of New Mexico.

The buffet dinner and cash bar will begin at 5:30 pm. There will be a student-focused introduction with informal small group discussion to follow. The Students will remain in their original seats, and the Docs will rotate among the student tables. The Docs' name badges will have a ribbon attached to inform the students whether the Docs are Residency-based, ER/Hospitalists, Solo/Small Group or Employed Physicians.

The critical component lies in having plenty of Family Docs present to informally discuss their work and lives as Family Physicians. Experience with recruiting has consistently shown there is nothing more powerful for a student doctor, contemplating his or her future in medicine, than to hear from and connect with an experienced physician. You all have a wealth of amazing and powerful experiences to share, so please join us for a fun and interesting evening of developing our future Family Medicine Physicians of New Mexico.

WHEN:

Saturday, September 11, 2021

TIME:

5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

WHERE:

Eagle Room, Sandia Resort
30 Rainbow Road
Albuquerque, NM 87113

RSVP:

familydoctor@newmexico.com (Sara)

Future Board Meetings:

Thursday, July 22, 2021

5:30 pm
Via Zoom

Thursday, August 5, 2021

Scientific Advisory
Committee Meeting
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

Your Legislative Affairs Committee is moving along with robust activity. Due to passage of House Bill 67, the Primary Care Council is in its formation stage. Five or more of our members have applied for positions on the Council. We expect one or more will serve, either as voting members or on the Advisory Board. The Primary Care Council is a long-term strategy in New Mexico with a mission to research and make recommendations that will promote efficient use of our primary care dollars for the benefit of our patients.

The Health Care Security for New Mexico Planning and Design Board received funding from the Legislature to operate within the Office of the Superintendent of Insurance. Dr. Rick Madden and Steve Lucero will be reaching out to candidates interested in serving on this Board. This is an additional opportunity for NMAFP members to participate in a statewide effort designed to increase access and affordability to healthcare. Please let us know if you're interested in this work.

In our May 15th meeting, the committee decided unanimously to seek approval from the Board to rename the Legislative Affairs Committee to the Governmental Affairs Committee. We feel this is the most appropriate name to represent the work that we do.

Southern New Mexico Family Medicine Residency Program Update

By Jennifer Nordhauser, MD

The SNMFMRP is pleased to be steadily progressing and adapting to the evolving CDC and NM DOH guidelines. We can't wait to start welcoming back medical students and NP, social work, and psychology trainees into our clinic as well as have small social gatherings to promote resident wellbeing and bonding. As these opportunities open up, so will our community involvement as we continue to build and supplement our Border Health, Community Medicine, Health Policy, Care of Marginalized Populations, and Older Adult rotations.

We are also excited about our program's match results and are looking forward to new resident orientation in July, when we will welcome a diverse group of 15 FM and 2 pharmacy interns to our program. Four of the new FM residents will be based out of our partner clinic, La Clinica de Familia, while 5 will be in our 1+2 programs with 2 heading to Silver City HMS and 3 continuing in Alamogordo Gerald Champion Medical Center after their intern year.

Our program is also expanding our OB opportunities through enhanced collaboration with MMC Women's Medical Associates and full coverage of the L&D service at MMC Hospital. Through this partnership, residents are gaining experience with higher complexity OB cases, participating in more vaginal and cesarean deliveries, and learning from OB/Gyn, Midwife and FM attendings. We look forward to continuing to explore and expand the opportunities afforded by this unique relationship. Our residents are now 1st call for all OB admissions to our hospital and are looking forward to more hands-on training through this partnership.

Finally, we are incredibly proud of our six FM graduates this year, five of whom will be staying in New Mexico. We look forward

to their continued contributions to our state's population and primary care community! A special congratulations and thank you to Dr. Emilia Vesper, who represented our program for the past couple of years as our Resident Representative to the NMAFP Board of Directors and will be continuing her work with NMAFP as Chair of the Committee on Health Equity.

Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine Family Medicine Interest Group Update

By Jonathan Kreger, Past FMIG President

As the academic year comes to a wrap at Burrell, we are sad to say goodbye to the graduating class of 2021 but eager for them to begin the next step of their journey as physicians. This year's class finished on a strong note with an overall match rate of 97% and with a total of 26% matching into Family Medicine. The school also made headway in addressing its mission of improving the health shortage of the Southwestern US, with a total of 41 doctors or one-third of this year's class remaining in the New Mexico, Arizona, and Texas region.

This year has been a whirlwind for both faculty and students, with the challenge of constantly adapting to different teaching styles, studying strategies, and maintaining in-person classes. Students and faculty were thrilled this week to hear about the college's plan to fully reopen in June, with the hope to collaborate once again in person.

UNM Family Medicine Residency Program Update

By Kate Kollars, MD & Ricardo Galicia, MD

Ricardo and I are so excited to be joining the NMAFP Board, following the lead Drs. Erik Unruh, Bailee Lutz and other UNM residents have set before us. We look forward to working with and learning from other family medicine physicians and programs throughout the state.

Our hospital's inpatient Family Medicine service has been incredibly busy this spring. We aren't exactly sure why, but it may be because as COVID numbers are declining more patients are seeking care for issues they had been delaying during the pandemic. In addition to working in the hospital, we are seeing more and more patients in person in our continuity clinics, as we transition back from mostly phone and video-based visits in the past year. We hope that virtual visits and telemedicine will continue to be available and reimbursed going forward, as it has helped increase

access to care for many patients, but it is a welcome relief to be able to see folks face-to-face as well.

We are also incredibly excited about our nineteen incoming interns who will be joining our UNM and UNM-Santa Fe programs this June! They hail from all parts of New Mexico, the country, and globe, and we look forward to showing them all that our program and Albuquerque have to offer. At the same time, we are sad to bid farewell to our graduating third-year residents, although we are thrilled so many of them will be staying to work in the state. We look forward to seeing several of them on our rural rotations in Shiprock, Zuni, and Santa Rosa, and to hearing about the next great adventures they embark upon!

Silver City Family Medicine Residency Program

Update

By James Shen, MD

The Silver City Family Medicine Residency Program is still looking for a new Program Director, however, Dr. Darrick Nelson is still acting Program Director until a replacement can be found. We are also still looking for a replacement for Dr. Virginia Hernandez as Assistant Program Director. Our Residency Program submitted a project for the Virtual Scholarship Presentation on May 19, 2021.

Santa Fe Family Medicine Residency Program Update

By Maya Armstrong, MD

Birthdays, anniversaries, and graduations are various versions of “personal New Year’s” that encourage reflection as well as envisioning the future. As we approach graduation, our training year comes to an end, inviting us to look back on our residency experience and forward to what lies ahead. In this past academic year, our residency family has grown by 5 interns, 2 babies (the latter credited to last year’s graduates who continue to inspire us), 3 dogs, 2 bunnies, and numerous houseplants. Our residents grieved losses of parents, relationships, dear friends, and beloved pets. Our PGY-3s have secured jobs and fellowships, and our rising seniors have already stepped into their roles as mentors and teachers.

In a year when everyone’s bandwidth was significantly compressed and energy reserves ran low, we came to a deeper and more personal appreciation for many things that previously may have been taken for granted – chief among these for our residents were time and attention.

Time: So often a hot commodity in modern life, it is particularly precious to all of us in healthcare. Many of our residents have lamented the time restrictions of clinic visits. How can we effectively manage multiple chronic conditions and their sequelae, do all the important preventive work, which includes education and empowerment, invite conversation about stress and behavioral health concerns, and (lest we forget) address the actual reasons that brought the patient to the clinic that day – all in 15 to 20 minutes? We have practiced the mantra of “setting the agenda” and heeded the advice of attendings to “bring the patient back for multiple visits,” both of which can be helpful but so often are insufficient.

Several of us have had amazing experiences working with specialists in geriatrics and diabetes education, where visits are often a mind-blowing 45 to 60 minutes! Of course, not every patient needs that much time at every visit, but we have witnessed the power of a few extra minutes to listen, answer questions, teach, share, and explore.

Attention: Whether inpatient or outpatient, multitasking and interruptions are the norm. And yet, we absolutely know without a doubt the critical importance of paying attention to our patients in the moment – being able to listen to their stories, attend to their medical needs, and simply notice the clues that there’s more to their concerns than they are letting on. We also know that we must pay attention to our own lives, our families, our health and wellness, and our personal barometers that indicate if something isn’t quite right.

One of the ways that our program encourages us to pay attention to our mental, physical, and emotional needs is our monthly support group. It’s based on the concept of “co-counseling,” which mostly consists of being quiet and genuinely listening and paying attention to whomever is talking as well as paying attention to one’s own internal response while resisting the doctorly instinct to fix, instruct, or advise. This group has provided a safe place to rant, cry, question, and deconstruct. And today, we got to meet in person for the first time in over a year. It was pretty awesome. So, what are we looking forward to? Here’s a taste:

- Participating in an elective in border health with the Southern NM Family Medicine residency program in Las Cruces
- Breaking in new paddle-boards (and, later in the year, snowboards)
- Closing on a new house and starting a “real” job
- Moving to Santa Fe for the “2” part of our “1+2” program and getting to build relationships with my new patients
- Having a whole year to focus on addiction medicine and trauma
- Welcoming and getting to know the new interns

And, from rising-senior, Sebas Soche, who recently completed a sports medicine rotation back at UNM just as team sports were opening back up:

“I was thrilled to be part of the medical team present for the UNM women’s soccer game. Being on the field, seeing the fans cheer, and watching an awesome winning goal gave me goosebumps. I look forward to more normalcy as we tackle this pandemic.”

Indeed, as I was walking my dog this evening, I heard the almost-forgotten sounds of a group of adults and children playing in a park with music blaring and people laughing... and it was glorious.

Alamogordo Family Medicine Residency

Program Update

By Leandrita Ortega, MD

It has been an exciting first year for our new 1+2 Rural Training Track in Alamogordo. We recruited our first class of three phenomenal young residents in 2020. They are nearing the end of their first year of training in Las Cruces and are excited to begin their next two years (and possibly beyond) as part of the Alamogordo community. Our new class of interns will begin training in Las Cruces in July as well. We look forward to training excellent family physicians to serve the great people of Southern New Mexico!

UNM FMIG Update

By Kristen Cummings, FMIG President & Kaleb Stevens, FMIG Vice President

The Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) of UNM would like to congratulate medical students from UNM School of Medicine that have matched into Family Medicine this year. Unfortunately, we were unable to host our annual Family Medicine Mixer Celebration due to the pandemic, but we have sent our best wishes and a commemorative gift.

The FMIG of UNM has continued to work with and show excitement for the field of Family Medicine. We are very excited to have officially scheduled two upcoming seminars occurring in July. The first involves a physician and resident panel that will introduce all the first-year medical students and others who are interested in Family Medicine and its various subspecialties. The second seminar will be given by Dr. Rakel, where students will hear about dietary options for patients and techniques for nutrition counseling.

The Primary Care Leadership Collaborative application was not released by the AAFP this year in order to give more time

UNM FMIG Continued

to previous groups and projects that were affected by the pandemic. UNM is one of the groups that has had an extension. The new officers of the FMIG are participating in leadership training and working with the previous officers to continue to better our community here in Albuquerque through service.

UNM Awards Annual Ship Prize For Health Of Indigenous People

By Annette Sobel, MD, MS

About 200 million people representing 5000 indigenous groups face unprecedented health and survival challenges globally (WHO, 1999). Given the significant American Indian population in the desert Southwest, UNM is an ideal academic and health services institution to address these challenges. Most recently, the increased susceptibility of the Navajo and other Native Americans to COVID-19 and other emerging infectious diseases such as Hantavirus has highlighted the importance of improved understanding of population susceptibility factors, prevention, and treatment strategies.

The SHIP Prize (Science for Health of Indigenous Populations) was established in 2021 as an annual prize to recognize outstanding work of UNM and UNM School of Medicine students, residents, and faculty advisors addressing underlying science and applications to improve the understanding of health challenges, solutions, and research methodologies. The intent is to further this area of health advances through interdisciplinary research locally and through academic partnerships.

The 2021 SHIP prize was recently awarded to Jalene Herron, PhD candidate in the UNM Department of Psychology and her faculty advisor Professor Kamilla Venner, for outstanding collaborative research addressing "Culture and Contingency Management: Reducing Alcohol Use in American Indian Adults." A part of UNM Team Research Symposium focused on SHIP.

Additional information may be found at <https://isco-op.unm.edu/community/news/ship-award.html> or by emailing chemistrychair@unm.edu. This area of work is particularly of value to Family Physicians, students, residents, and related health care professionals.

State Recruits Primary Care Providers to Join COVID-19

Vaccine Distribution Effort

Primary care providers in a unique position to hold intimate, meaningful conversations with patients about vaccination

NEW MEXICO – The New Mexico Departments of Health, Aging and Long-Term Services, and Human Services today announced a new initiative to recruit primary care providers into the COVID-19 vaccine distribution effort.

"At this point in our COVID-19 vaccine distribution, no group is more important than primary health care providers," said DOH Cabinet Secretary Dr. Tracie Collins. "Primary care providers have longstanding relationships with their patients and are ideally placed to hold open, trusting conversations and encourage vaccinations. To support that work, DOH encourages providers to enroll as COVID-19 vaccine providers – and DOH will get you the doses you need to reach your patients."

"COVID-19 vaccinations are the roadmap to successfully reopening," said Dr. David Scrase, Secretary of the New Mexico Human Services Department. "We need all of our medical primary care partners to proactively make the vaccine available in their clinics and talk with their patients at every opportunity – in-person and virtual – about the importance of getting vaccinated for COVID-19. Please listen to any patient concerns regarding vaccine hesitation, ask your patients about who's in their home or whether they have elderly parents or grandparents, and discuss the importance of getting the vaccine to protect them."

Secretary Katrina Hotrum-Lopez of the Aging and Long-Term Services Department also encouraged New Mexicans to connect with their providers about getting protected with the COVID vaccine.

"We want New Mexicans, especially those who are the most vulnerable to this disease, to be able to make informed decisions about protecting themselves and their loved ones through vaccination. Thankfully, many seniors and adults with disabilities have established and trusted relationships with their primary care physicians. These important relationships pave the way for honest, well-informed conversations surrounding the COVID vaccine."

Primary care providers can enroll as COVID-19 vaccine providers at the following link: <https://cv.nmhealth.org/providers/vaccines/vaccine-provider-portal/>

NMAFP Slate of Officers 2021-2022

Members, please see the 2021-2022 NMAFP Slate of Officers below. If you have any objections to the uncontested positions, please respond to familydoctor@newmexico.com

Board Chair will be elected from among the current Board members during the July 22nd BOD Meeting

President Veneta Ianakieva, MD will become Immediate Past President

President-Elect Bridget Lynch, MD will become President by automatic ascension

Nominations are:

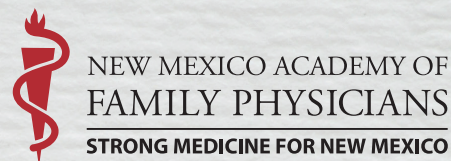
President-Elect
Mac Bowen, MD

Secretary-Treasurer
Lisa Stolarczyk, MD

Vice President
Lourdes Vizcarra, MD

The newly-elected NMAFP Officers will be inducted by Dr. Rick Madden, past AAFP BOD Member, during the July 22, 2021 NMAFP Board Meeting.

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!

This program has been reviewed and deemed acceptable for up to 13.00 Online, Live AAFP Prescribed credits

**Live streamed in real time with
presenter and learner interactive Q&A**

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.

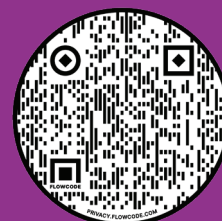
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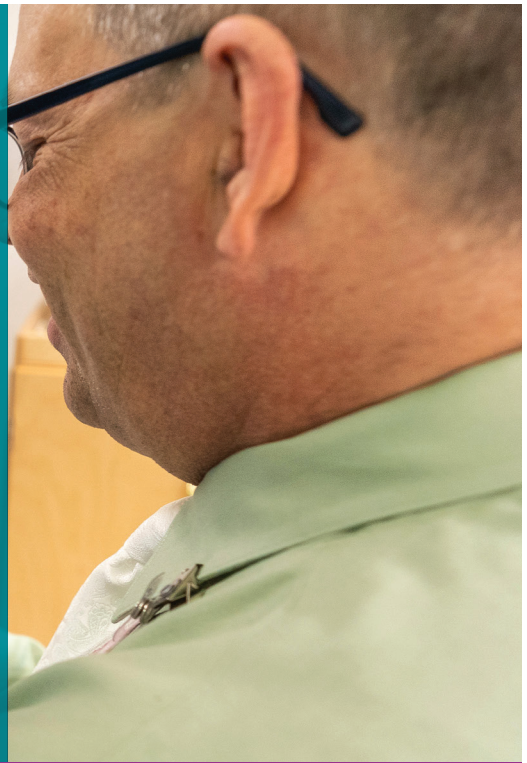
Virtual Reception



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

SCAN CODE TO REGISTER





“If I have seen further it is by standing on
the shoulders of giants.”

Sir Isaac Newton

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May 15, 2021, BOD Notes

By Dr. Lourdes Vizcarra, Editor

Present:

Chair: Valerie Carrejo, MD, Interim Board Chair
Tristen Adams; Maya Armstrong, MD; Stephanie Benson, MD; Sara Bittner; Kristen Cummings; Dawn Drumm, MD; Gregory Engel, MD; Dion Gallant, MD; Veneta Ianakieva, MD; Kate Kollars, MD; Bridget Lynch, MD; Bailee Lutz, MD; Rick Madden, MD; Molly McClain, MD; Jennifer Nordhauser, MD; Charles North, MD; Laura Shaw; Lisa Stolarczyk, MD; Daniel Stulberg, MD; Karen Vaillant, MD; Amelia Vesper, MD; and Lourdes Vizcarra, MD.

Old Business:

39th Annual Winter Refresher, Feb. 27th, Final Report: Bridget Lynch, Scientific Program Chair

First virtual conference in NMAFP's history, was very well received. Ninety-nine attendees in total. Speakers received high evaluation scores.

DOD Program, Final Report: Rick Madden, Chair Leg. Affairs Com.; Steve Lucero, NMAFP Lobbyist

Dr. Madden complemented Steve Lucero on a job well done. Having him amplifies our voice incredibly during the Legislative Session, throughout the year and is an organizing influence for the Legislative Affairs Committee.

DOD done virtually. Legislative session had a reduced number of bills with a lot of debate.

- HB67 Primary Care Council Bill, Chuck North

- Purpose is to increase share of funding from insurance companies to pay for Primary Care; hope is to lead to better reimbursement, a better/more sustainable business model for private practices improving status of PC providers

- Five NMAFP members applied for positions on the Council -expect one/more will serve either as voting or advisory members; Members to be chosen by David Scrase, Secretary of Human Services Depart.

- SB317 No Behavioral Health Cost Sharing & HB122 Health Insurance Premium Surtax: will improve access to behavioral health and to insurance coverage through state exchanges

- Medical malpractice legislation passed: a compromise influenced by trial lawyers & NMMS

Health Security for NM Planning & Design Board: soon-to-be formed within the Superintendent of Insurance Office; NMAFP needs to solicit candidates; would lend another voice to improve health care for patients/community.

Annual membership survey on legislative issues takes place in fall -plan to shorten it inviting board's input using new software tool. Thanks to Bridget and Steve for their work on the survey each year. It has been very helpful in designing our advocacy efforts at the state legislature.

National Conference of Constituency Leaders April 29-May 1, 2021:

Bridget Lynch
Two Conferences normally take place annually in KC at the same time and location: Annual Chapter Leader Forum (ACLF) and National Conference of Constituency Leaders (NCCL). The NCCL is made up of six constituencies: Women physicians, Minority physicians, New physicians, International medical graduates (GRE), and Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender physicians. One of Dr. Lynch's favorite parts of this conference was the President & President-Elect Breakfast because of the networking possibilities even when virtual.

New Business:

National Bureau of Firearm Injury Prevention (NBFIP): Gregory Engel, National Steering Committee for Gun Violence Prevention Addressed the BOD and asked if NMAFP Chapter would please consider putting out a formal statement of support for a NBFIP and if we would consider signing on to a COD Resolution likely to be put forward by the Washington AFP in support of a NBFIP. In summary of Dr. Engle's presentation to the BOD, he shared the Doctors for America executive summary on supporting a NBFIP.

Name Change for the Legislative Affairs Committee:

Rick Madden
Request for approval to change name of committee to Governmental Affairs Committee. Would better reflect the nature of the work to include the other branches of government, particularly Executive. The Primary Care Council and the Health Security for NM Planning and Design Board are examples of executive branch work we will be intimately involved in. Motion made, discussion was heard, Motion seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Physician of the Year Nominations & Vote:

Valerie Carrejo
Nominations and voting information provided in chat. BOD to vote via links provided in chat.

63rd Annual Family Medicine Seminar,

July 23-24, 2021, Virtual: Veneta Ianakieva
Scientific Advisory Committee had difficulty shortening the 3-day in-person conference to a two-day virtual conference in order to keep the attendees engaged. More afternoon breaks will be included, and questions will be held until the end as per the evaluation form from winter conference. Approved by AAFP for 13.00 live Prescribed credits.

Vice President Nominations from the BOD:

Valerie Carrejo
Nominations opened up to the BOD. Dr. Carrejo nominated Lourdes Vizcarra who accepted the nomination.

August 3rd Resolution Submission Deadline for the AAFP Congress of Delegates,

Sept. 26-29, 2021, in KC: Stephanie Benson, Bridget Lynch, Jennifer Phillips, Valerie Carrejo

NM Delegation consists of 2 Delegates, Stephanie Benson & Bridget Lynch and 2 Alternate Delegates, Jennifer Phillips & Valerie Carrejo. They will use a Google doc for brainstorming in preparation for selecting topics and writing resolutions. Several ideas were brought forward for discussion. Deadline for sending Resolutions to Board will be July 1st. Final Resolutions will be presented at July 22nd BOD Meeting.

16th Annual Med Student Reception, Sept. 11, 2021, Sandia Resort:

Lisa Stolarczyk, Moderator

Sandia Resort has in-person activities scheduled in mid-August. NMAFP planning to have a dinner for the Med Students in the Eagle Room from 5:30-8:30 pm. Working on Agenda.

40th Annual Winter Refresher in Albuquerque, Feb. 19, 2022:

Mac Bowen, Scientific Program Chair

List of potential topics were shared with Board.

Annual Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting for 2021:

Bridget Lynch
Thursday, August 5th, 5:30pm would be a better time to meet rather than the day after a 2-day virtual conference. The Board agreed, and the BOD schedule has been updated.

Update from the Health Equity & Racial Justice Committee:

Dr. Veneta Ianakieva
Emilia Vesper was nominated to Chair this committee.

Announcement: Valerie Carrejo

Tristen Adams has served on Board for years as Student Representative and on various committees. She will be graduating from UNM Medical School this month and has matched in a FM Residency Program in CA. "NMAFP has been so fortunate to have Tristen on our Board". Hope she returns to NM upon graduation.

Physician of the Year Results:

Valerie Carrejo
2021 POY awarded to Dolores Gomez who was nominated by Stephanie Benson. Dr. Gomez is a past-president of the NMAFP and has done so much for our Chapter as well as for the Las Cruces Residency Program where she has served as CMO of their hospital since 2016. NMAFP will contact Dr. Gomez to let her know of this honor that has been bestowed upon her.



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