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President's Column

Bridget Lynch, MD



Dear Fellow Colleagues:

As Fall descends upon us, familiar yet magical changes are in the air. These changes bring opportunities for reflection and continued growth, along with a spirit of hopefulness for the love, care, and warmth that help us through the longest and darkest days of the year. The NMAFP strives to be a source of such comfort and support, this season and always.

Community is a strong pillar of the NMAFP. We recognize and value your contributions and engagement within your respective communities. Your families, friends, colleagues, co-workers, patients, and students rely on you every day to be uniquely present and committed. You bring value and opportunity by allowing people

to meet the challenges they face through determined, compassionate, and individualized care. We thank you for showing up in all these ways as a trusted source, a Family Physician at heart.

During the COVID pandemic, finding ways to connect remains uniquely challenging. Working with medical students is one way you can stay engaged with your community. To experience the awe that comes with learning and the gratitude that students express when their successes and milestones are achieved, in part because of your contributions, adds meaning to this work and fuels us through trying times. This next generation is bright, dedicated, and ready to meet the challenges on the horizon. Both UNM School of Medicine and Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine are actively recruiting community preceptors. I encourage you to consider adding this unique joy to the current chapter in your lifelong practice of medicine.

Yet another tool we can use when navigating challenging times is reflection. The practice of reflection is essential in learn-

ing new skills and ways of thinking and in processing information. Incorporating the new into the familiar allows for personal growth and delivers a sense of accomplishment. Finding time to reflect is challenging. For some, meaningful reflection occurs in a series of brief moments, while others require time and revisiting of thoughts in development; deciding what works for you is a unique and necessary gift to yourself.

The life of a Family Physician is dynamic. We each have challenges before us, and we have community in the NMAFP to help us navigate, better understand, and flourish. As colleagues, we have been through similar trials and have collected wisdom we can use to support each other. NMAFP events provide us opportunities to get to know one another, share ideas, and provide support in the face of successes and challenges alike. Thank you to each of you for your continued commitment to the NMAFP community and for trusting in each other to navigate through the familiar, the new, the trying, and the joyful.

Health Equity and Racial Justice Committee Update

By Emilia Vesper, MD, Chair

Dear Fellow Members,

We are always looking for new ways we can enrich our members' experiences. By now most of you have received an email discussing mentorship and were invited to sign up for this experience. Along with this survey, there was a letter sent detailing some statistics on New Mexico's family docs and our demographics and ways we can help build a pipeline into medicine. We hope that through mentorship, you may find a renewal and joy in sharing your knowledge and expertise to the next generation of family docs.

I also wanted to take a moment and thank each and every one of you for all that you have done over this past year and for allowing me to take the time to introduce myself as the Chair of our new committee: NMAFP Health Equity and Racial Justice Committee. Our committee was established during events that took place at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, where economic stress highlighted gross health disparities

facing people of color and health disparities that were exacerbated by the stress of the pandemic. We learned and continue to learn about the systems of oppression that were designed in the past and have been built into our governments, policies, schools, and healthcare systems, and continue to dramatically affect people to this day.

We believe racism is a public health crisis, and there is much work to do towards adjusting systems to reflect our modern-day values of ensuring health equity and equal access to care for all New Mexicans. Our goal is to identify these systems or policies, advocate and educate, and challenge ourselves to do more than maintain a status quo. Part of the work involves our own internal reflection of our individual implicit biases, while part of the work involves taking a look into how our current healthcare systems operate through reflection by asking ourselves if these systems allow for ease of access to care. Do these systems benefit others and allow others to be treated dif-

ferently demonstrated through poorer outcomes?

The AAFP has various resources, which we hope to facilitate a hyperlink on our webpage in the near future for those interested in learning more regarding health equity and earning CME at the same time. I appreciate and value prior responses to questions and concerns I have posed to our membership in relation to gun-related violence and how we may help in our advocacy efforts. I appreciate those of you who have kept the dialogue open on how we can come together to help solve the public health crisis of gun-related violence. If anyone (including residents) is interested in joining our committee, please reach out to familydoctor@newmexico.com, and we look forward to hearing your perspective on how we can help bring health equity to all New Mexicans. I look forward to reviewing our members' responses to the annual survey to know where to focus our advocacy efforts.

Second Quarterly New Mexico State Primary Care Council, October 27, 2021

By Jennifer Phillips, MD

The State Primary Care Council met for a half-day meeting on October 27th with the nine-member Council and the thirteen-member Advisory Board as well as staffers from HSD. The Council was created after House Bill 67 was passed in last

winter's legislative session. The first meeting was in July. Cabinet Secretary Scrase, from New Mexico Human Services Department, was also present.

I am one of the nine Council Members representing UNM. There are sub-committees that are meeting weekly at 7:00 am to create our five-year plan and make sure we meet the objectives of the bill. The whole Council meets quarterly.

At the meeting I expressed interest and was elected the Chair of the Council. The Strategic Plan, that the Council is creating, will be available for the full Council to

review by the 3rd week in November. The plan will include a description of the state of primary care in New Mexico and the overview of the mission and vision. The five subgroups include Equity, Payment Strategies, Health, IT, and Workforce Sustainability. There is now work being done around stakeholder engagement. The full strategic plan will be finalized and presented to the Legislative Finance Committee on December 4th with Primary Care Council recommendations.

New Mexico Family Medicine Residency Reports

Northern New Mexico Family Medicine Residency Program

By Jennifer Prosser, MD

There are many exciting new developments happening in the Santa Fe program. The residents recently toured a new larger clinic site which will play a role in helping our program increase availability of primary care in Santa Fe. We are also welcoming new faculty who will continue efforts to build a dedicated hospital service.

Several of the third years have been involved in exploring the development of an OB track and a hospitalist track to focus practice interests and training opportunities during their 3rd year. Residents are looking forward to their rural away-rotations including Gallup, Taos, and on the Navajo nation in Piñon, AZ.

Interview season is off to a great start. We're enjoying meeting applicants who may join our residency or become our future colleagues in Family Medicine.



UNM Family Medicine Residency Program

By Kate Kollars, MD & Ricardo Galicia, MD

Hello from the UNM Family Medicine Residency!! We are so glad that fall is finally here. In addition to the cooler temperatures and changing Aspen leaves, interview season has started and we are excited to meet all of the wonderful applicants interested in our program.

This year is especially exciting given that it is the first year we will be interviewing for our new residency program in

partnership with IHS at Shiprock. Starting in 2022, interns will spend their first-year learning with our program at UNM before completing their final two years of residency in Shiprock. We are proud to be helping grow residency positions in the state and look forward to a great interview season recruiting future physicians to New Mexico.

To follow up from our last update, our interns are doing a fantastic job providing patient care and learning in their busy new roles. Dr. Rohan-Minjares has excelled in her new role as interim department chair, and we look forward to how our department will continue to improve and grow in the coming months.



Southern New Mexico Family Medicine Residency Program

By Jennifer Nordhauser, MD

The Southern New Mexico FM Residency Program is continuing to find new opportunities for residents in our ever-evolving medical environment.

One opportunity is our call schedule to assist with medical care for refugees and asylum seekers. Every night through the beginning of December, senior residents are on call to answer medical questions and perform basic triage to assess new immigrants. We are humbled and excited to be part of the effort to support refugees and asylum seekers at the border. We also recently toured the clinic and asylum seeker/refugee receiving facilities.

Our inpatient service is excited to welcome back our seniors from Silver City and Alamogordo for four weeks at a time throughout the year. This rotation gives the seniors more management and educational

opportunities while working with the interns who will be going to their programs next year.

Didactics every Wednesday has also grown to include more hands-on experiences since the pandemic began. Recently, we enjoyed a joint injection workshop led by our new attendings and recent graduates, Dr. Provencio and Dr. Rachelson. We have also added a weekly five-minute presentation regarding social issues, increasing our awareness of social determinants of health and the broader sociopolitical context of public health.

Finally, we wish our former faculty members and program graduates Dr. Salvador Adame-Zambrano, Dr. Yuri Montanez, and Dr. Minerva Medrano the best of luck on the next steps of their career. We appreciate all they taught us in their time with the Residency program.



Hidalgo Medical Services Residency Update

By Philip Manzano, MD

We are currently still recruiting/interviewing for the APD position and will hopefully have the position filled before the start of the new year or academic year. Dr. Ferguson, who has accepted a position in Ruidoso, will be leaving Hidalgo Medical Services. He and his wife will be continuing on as rural healthcare practitioners in Ruidoso.

Our interview season (all virtual) is also underway. We are currently matching for only one residency position as a candidate that matched into our program last year had to defer for personal reasons. She will be joining us this upcoming year and will be starting at Memorial Medical Center at the start of the academic year.



2021 AAFP Congress of Delegates Update

By Stephanie Benson, MD & Bridget Lynch, MD

Due to rising COVID numbers and associated health risks, the AAFP 2021 Congress of Delegates (COD) will be held in three parts. The first part was held virtually as a Special Session from September 27-28, 2021. The Special Session was necessary to follow through with AAFP bylaws requirements for the timely election of and transfer of authority to new officers and board members. The AAFP Candidates gave speeches and interacted with members and state delegations. The delegates then cast their votes. A complete listing of lead-

ers voted in during the Special Session can be found here: <https://www.aafp.org/about/meet-our-leadership.html>. Notably, Sterling Ransone, MD, FFAFP is now the AAFP President and Tochi Iroku-Malize, MD, MPH, MBA, FFAFP was voted in as President-Elect. Dr. Ada Stewart, MD, FFAFP is our Board Chair. Russell Kohl, MD, FFAFP is our speaker and Daron Gersch, MD, FFAFP was voted in as Vice-Speaker.

The second part of the AAFP 2021 COD is the 2021 COD Reference Committee Hearings, which will be held virtually from January 22-23, 2022. The reference committees are where the resolutions are first debated and delegates, alternate delegates, AAFP members and constituent chapter staff have the opportunity to testify

in support or opposition to each resolution.

The third and final part, the 2021 COD Regular Session, will be held in person in Kansas City from February 5-6, 2022. This is where delegates will vote on each reference committee recommendation and final debate and voting on resolutions will occur. Registration for both the virtual Reference Committee Hearings as well as the in-person Regular Session can be found here: <https://www.aafp.org/about/congress-delegates.html>. Registration is free and open until January 10, 2022. Your Delegates, Alternates, and Chapter Executive look forward to representing our members in each of these sessions as we all work together to advocate for our patients, our communities, and the specialty of Family Medicine.

Urgent Need for FM Preceptors for 3rd-year Medical Students

Dear Colleagues,

I hope that your December is going well. The medical student reception was a fantastic event and extremely well attended.

UNM has an urgent need for family medicine preceptors for our third-year FM clerkship students for the January-February clerkship experience. This is one of those formative opportunities to get students really excited about family medicine and its value. Would any of you be able to take a University of New Mexico student? In addition, since we need 5 placements, could you also check with your colleagues at your various institutions to see if any of them are willing? Please let me know as soon as you are able so we can line up the logistics.

Sincerely,

Daniel Stulberg, MD, He, him, his, Professor and Vice Chair of Education

Department of Family and Community Medicine, University of New Mexico School of Medicine

<https://fcm.unm.edu/education/index.html>

New Mexico Medical School Updates

Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine

By Logan Harris, FMIG President

Wow! I cannot believe how fast this semester flew by and how overjoyed I've been with our Family Medicine community at Burrell. We're ending our calendar year just as strong as we started; with a large number of students excited and eager to be part of this great group that we built.

Our first- and second-year members have impressed us tremendously with their willingness to participate and lend us their time with FMIG events.

Recently, we had nearly a third of our students volunteer in conjunction with the Ophthalmology Club as we worked to host a health fair at the Las Cruces City Hall. It was an amazing experience for us. We practiced alongside our Burrell physicians as we assessed local residents' blood glucose levels, blood pressures, body mass index, and even administered vaccinations for Co-

vid-19, as well as influenza. We were able to help educate our patients about normal vital signs and the important role they play in maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

I am very much looking forward to seeing what our next semester brings us. As of now, we plan on hosting a diversity and inclusion event on MLK day and a combined event with the Psychology Club as we work to educate people on mental awareness.

Best to all and Happy New Year!

University of New Mexico, School of Medicine

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

The Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) at the UNM School of Medicine has had a busy and satisfying conclusion to the fall semester. In November we were happy to participate in the NMAFP Medical Student Reception, which generously hosted over 80 students and physicians for a night

of networking, dinner, and celebration. We are immensely thankful to the NMAFP for putting together a tremendous event that will undoubtedly help spark interest in the field of family medicine at UNM SOM.

In the month of December, we have participated in and hosted a variety of events, including a health fair alongside the Vietnamese Student Health Organization, a hands-on cryotherapy workshop, and a high-yield question and answer dermatology session. These events have been successful in reaching our fellow students and

members of our community. Student interest in our group continues to grow, and we are thrilled with the level of participation we have seen at these events.

In the spring, we plan to organize a BLS training in Obstetrics, help plan a medical student dinner with the Family Medicine Department to help celebrate their 50th anniversary, and celebrate the future student matches in the UNM Family Medicine Program. It has been a very productive semester for UNM FMIG, and we thank you all for your help along the way.



16th Annual Med Student Reception By Lisa Stolarczyk, MD

The New Mexico Academy of Family Physicians returned to its traditional, face-to-face 16th Annual Medical Student Reception on Saturday, November 20, 2021, after meeting last year via Zoom. The event took place at Albuquerque's Sandia Resort and Casino in the beautifully decorated Eagle Room. There were 82 participants including 21 Family Medicine Doctors, 3 staff members, and 58 Medical Students from the Burrell School of Osteopathic Medicine (Las Cruces) and the University of New Mexico School of Medicine (Albuquerque).

Following a New Mexican fajita dinner, Dr. Melissa Martinez and two of her medical students, Sarah Bouquin and Evelyn

Lozano, presented a fun-filled group quiz. In this session, we learned about the educators, physicians, and policies that formed the foundation of medicine in the state of New Mexico.

NMAFP Family Physicians rotated tables at 15-minute intervals. Sara Bittner rang the "bell" to start each rotation of "musical chairs."

These sessions are the highlight of this event. Physicians and medical students meet each other and discuss many topics pertaining to medicine. Also, questions about the profession of Family Medicine are addressed and answered.

The medical students present at this event were enthusiastic, fun, interesting,

and inspiring. They are an impressive group of young physicians who will eventually serve in the clinics, hospitals, skilled facilities, and academic settings in both rural and urban communities. We hope they will join us in the service of others as Family Medicine Physicians in the great Land of Enchantment - New Mexico.

The Annual Medical Student Reception was envisioned and initiated 16 years ago by Dr. Dion Gallant who celebrated his birthday on 11/21/2021. Thank you, Dr. Gallant, and Happy Birthday!

The NMAFP is grateful to the Family Medicine Physicians who traveled across New Mexico to participate in this event. See you all again next year.



L-R Kaleb Stevens, UNM FMIG Vice President; Madison Kajder, UNM FMIG Secretary; Sara Bittner, NMAFP Chapter Exec; Avalon Yi, UNM FMIG Treasurer; and Kristen Cummings, UNM FMIG President



Dr. Dion Gallant sharing stories about Family Medicine with the Medical Students



The room was filled with Medical Students eager to hear more about the specialty of Family Medicine

NMAFP Represented at UNM Alumni Association Annual Alumni Reunion, October 16, 2021

By Jennifer Phillips, MD

It has been two years since New Mexico Academy of Family Physicians celebrated at the University of New Mexico Alumni Reunion with students, residents, and other alumni of UNM School of Medicine. The pandemic changed many things in 2020, and one of them was all the in-person parties, gatherings, and celebrations didn't happen or were only virtual.

This year, with Covid-19 safety precautions in place, we were able to gather, dine, and dance together again at the Hotel Andaluz. The requirements were that we had to be fully vaccinated to Covid-19 or have proof of a negative Covid test in the last 72 hours. Partiers also had to wear their masks when they were not actively eating, drinking, speaking at the mic. or taking photos. There was also a way to virtually attend and limited in-person seating.

There was a feeling of relaxation and celebration, and people really seemed to enjoy themselves and being together. There was even dancing with a live mariachi band at the end. Some of us were able to take home the lovely bouquets that graced the elegant tables as a memento. Things are not quite 'back to normal'; however, it is nice that, with some precautions, we can have a lovely time together in times as stressful and isolating as these.



L-R Dr. Bridget Lynch, Dr. Lourdes Vizcarra, Dr. Jennifer Phillips, and Sara Bittner visiting the Photo Booth at the UNM SOM Alumni Reunion



Flowers from the UNM SOM Alumni Reunion



NMAFP was well represented at the UNM SOM Alumni Reunion in October: L-R Dr. Linda Stogner, Sara Bittner, Dr. Lourdes Vizcarra, Dr. Dion Gallant, Dr. Valerie Carrejo, Dr. Jennifer Phillips, Dr. Bridget Lynch, and 4th year Medical Student, Meagen Tuveffort





40th Annual NMAFP Winter Refresher in Albuquerque

This program has been reapproved by AAFP for 9 Prescribed Credits if Registrants attend the Poster Session/Happy Hour beginning at 4:45 pm

Sandia Resort & Casino
Saturday, February 19, 2022
Dr. Mac Bowen, Scientific Program Chair

Schedule of Events and Lectures

7:00 am - 8:00 am
Registration/Exhibits Open
Breakfast - Exhibit Hall

Sponsored by UNM SOM Office for Community Faculty



7:55 am - 8:00 am
Introduction & Welcome/Lecture Hall
Dr. Mac Bowen, Scientific Program Chair

8:00 am - 9:00 am
"Vaccine Update: COVID and More"
Dr. Melissa Martinez

9:00 am - 10:00 am
"Rheumatology in Primary Care"
Dr. Suzanne Emil

10:00 am - 10:30 am
Break – Exhibit Hall
Sponsored by Montañas del Norte AHEC



10:30 am - 11:30 am
"Integrating Palliative Care into Your Busy Practice:
Practical Tips You Can Use Next Week"
Dr. Dion Gallant

11:30 am - 12:30 pm
"Syphilis/STI Update"
Dr. Christopher Novak

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
Lunch – Exhibit Hall
Sponsored by TriCore



1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
"Respiratory Syncytial Virus: Protecting Older Adults
at Risk for Serious Complications"
Dr. Stefan Gravenstein

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
"Maternal Mortality in NM: Data and Recommendations
from the Maternal Mortality Review Committee"
Katrina Nardini, CNM

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
"Care of Transgender Patients"
Dr. Molly McClain

4:45 pm - 6:45 pm
Poster Session/Happy Hour – Exhibit Hall
Sponsored by Burrell College of
Osteopathic Medicine



40th Annual NMAFP Winter Refresher in Albuquerque



Hotel Information

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A room block will be held until January 18, 2022. After this date, rooms will be on a space-available basis.

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Save a stamp and register online at www.familydoctornm.org!

Or mail form & check to: NMAFP, Educational Fund, 2400 Louisiana Blvd. NE, Bldg. 2, Suite 101, Albuquerque, NM 87110

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November 6, 2021 Board Notes

Present: Sara Bittner; Cheri Blacksten, MD; Mac Bowen, MD; Valerie Carrejo, MD; Dawn Drumm, MD; Ricardo Galicia, MD; Dion Gallant, MD; Logan Harris; Bridget Lynch, MD; Rick Madden, MD; Jen Nordhauser, MD; Chuck North, MD; Jennifer Phillips, MD; Jennifer Prosser, MD; Laura Shaw; Kaleb Stevens; Lisa Stolarczyk, MD; Dan Stulberg, MD; Karen Vaillant, MD and Emilia Vesper, MD. The meeting was chaired by Valerie Carrejo, MD, Past Board Chair.

Virtual Summer Conference: The 63rd Annual Family Medicine Seminar took place on July 23-24, 2021, and Dr. Veneta Ianakieva was the Scientific Program Chair. Final Evaluations and the Financial Statement were shared with the Board. The speakers scored high marks, the attendees were pleased with the content, and the finances for the virtual conference worked out well.

Budget: Dr. Dion Gallant, Budget Committee Chair, shared the Administrative and Educational Budgets for 2021-2022 with the Board Members. Both of the 2021 virtual Conferences were financially successful, and the NMAFP investments have steadily increased during this COVID year. Dr. Gallant reminded the Board that NMAFP moved their savings several years ago to AAFP Pooled Investments which has proved to be an excellent location for our reserves.

Virtual COD Campaign for National Office: Sept. 27-28, 2021- Dr. Bridget Lynch explained that it was important to vote in the new national leaders virtually in Sept. 2021 in order to keep things moving forward. The Resolutions and other work of the COD were postponed until Feb. 5-6, 2022 due to the COVID increase.

16th Annual Med Student Reception Rescheduled to Nov. 20th: Due to the COVID increase in late summer, the Reception was moved from Sept. 11th to Nov. 20th. Dr. Lisa Stolarczyk, Moderator for this year's Reception, shared that, as of today, there are 37 Med Students and 15 Docs signed up. We are hopeful there will be many more by the 20th. Dr. Melissa Martinez will once again be our guest speaker.

2021 Resolutions for AAFP COD, rescheduled to Feb. 5-6, 2022: Two Resolutions were submitted from NM, and NMAFP Co-Sponsored one Resolution with New York. 1. Resolution NO. --- (New Mexico A) Gun Safety Question Inclusion on Medicaid EPSDT Forms and Medicare AWW Questionnaires; 2. Resolution No. --- (New Mexico B) Remove Caps on Prescribing Buprenorphine for Opioid Use Disorder; 3. Resolution No. --- (Co-Sponsored F) X the X Waiver.

40th Annual Winter Refresher in Albuquerque, 2-19-22, Update: Dr. Mac Bowen, Scientific Program Chair, shared that the brochures have been printed and will be mailed on Monday. A discussion ensued regarding whether or not to look into the possibility of having a hybrid meeting. It was determined that we would wait a little longer before going to Plan B. Dr. Bridget Lynch, Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee, made a motion that this Committee meet in the next month (Bridget will select the date) to determine what further action should or should not be taken due to COVID. A vote was taken, and the Motion passed unanimously. Dr. Lynch will share the date with the Committee in the next few days.

Peer-Reviewed Poster Session – Winter Refresher, 2-19-22: Dr. Cheri Blacksten shared an invitation with the Board Members to review submissions for the scholarly project poster presentation. The Poster Session will take place immediately following the Winter Re-

fresher. There is one poster submission at this point in time. Deadline is Nov. 22nd. Dr. Karen Vaillant feels that a personal invitation to submit their posters will help encourage students and residents to participate. NMAFP is very appreciative to the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine for sponsoring this Poster Session. Dr. Lynch thanked Dr. Blacksten for taking on this Poster Session Project.

Governmental Affairs Committee Update: Dr. Rick Madden shared a few words regarding the NMAFP Lobbyist's wife's health condition. Flowers from the BOD will be sent on Monday.

1. Primary Care Council update – Dr. Jennifer Phillips reviewed the last meeting on 10/27 outlining its mission, objectives, and work groups. Kudos for a robust beginning. She was elected Chair.
2. Legislative picture. The January-February 30-day session is reserved for budget and revenue bills, and the governor's call (her agenda [bills] and messages on bills she would support but not advocate for). Expect emphasis on crime, environment and energy, the education lawsuit about meeting needs in public schools (Yazzie Mtnz), and teacher salaries. New money estimate \$1.4B (18.7% increase above last year's \$7.4B, final estimate due in December.). Legislative redistricting session will occur Dec 6-10; legislators will be consumed with this until Dec 11.
3. At this point there isn't much health-related legislation on the horizon. The NM Medical Society expects some action on nursing education, rural practice loans, Crisis Standards of Care Immunity, Easy Insurance Enrollment, a Harm Reduction Act (about Medically Assisted Treatment for Opioid addiction), and an initiative to fully fund the Healthcare Workforce Report efforts at UNM (mandated by the state, but underfunded).
4. Health Security for NM, project work by the Superintendent of Insurance Office. Rick Madden participated on a panel on provider payment. Other foci: global budgets, bulk drug purchasing, IT requirements, claims processing, federal waivers, surveys of providers' admin costs, etc.
5. Membership legislative survey - Mac Bowen condensed last year's survey using a tabular format. Content of this season's survey is yet to be determined. Mac, Bridget Lynch, and Rick will work on content and next steps to deliver to members, but share with this committee first.
6. Doctor of the Day for 2022 session: We decided to provide this service again this year. We will plan for a hybrid model (in person and remote). We may be challenged by not having Steve Lucero as our lobbyist there to help with the educational part for residents and students. There is uncertainty due to Steve's family illness. We will need to contact Legislative Council Services to arrange remote contact access for patients at the Capitol.

Health Equity & Racial Justice Committee Update: Dr. Emilia Vesper informed the Board that her Committee had a second meeting in late October, and gun violence was one of the main issues covered. They discussed several strategies but then came up with the idea of having an educational course/event on the prevention of gun violence since education isn't as polarizing. Many suggestions were shared, and the Committee wants to continue the conversation about gun safety.





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Future NMAFP Dates

Board Meeting

Friday, February 18, 2022
Sandia Resort
(night before the
Winter Refresher)
5:30 pm
Hors d'oeuvres served

Board Meeting

Saturday, May 8, 2022
NMAFP Office
Noon
Lunch served

Board Meeting

Sunday, July 24, 2022
Eldorado Hotel
8:00 am
Breakfast served
(Scientific Advisory
Committee Meeting
immediately following
the Board Meeting)



*Happy Holidays
from
the New Mexico
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Family Physicians*