**July 28, 2024 BOD Minutes Eldorado Hotel, DeVargas Room, Santa Fe, 8:30 am, Breakfast Served Approved by the Board Chair, Dr. Valerie Carrejo**

**Present:** Sara Bittner; Mac Bowen, MD; Valerie Carrejo, MD; Mike Fredericks, MD; Dion Gallant, MD; Alicia Gonzales, MD; Veneta Ianakieva, MD; Clea Lopez, MD; Bridget Lynch, MD; Rick Madden, MD; Molly McClain, MD; Samantha Morris; Jennifer Phillips, MD; Kristy Riniker, MD; Lisa Stolarczyk, MD; Ali Tajkarimi; and Karen Vaillant, MD.

**Old Business:** Thank you to Dr. Stolarczyk for a terrific summer seminar! A summary of the reviews will be sent out to the scientific committee when completed.

**New Business:**

**Request to the Board:** Dr. Dion Gallant asked that the NMAFP Bylaws be sent to all BOD Members at this time, and the Bylaws were shared electronically during the meeting.

**Congratulations to N**ew **Officers:** Dr. Mac Bowen

President for Second Term – Dr. Lisa Stolarczyk
President-Elect – Dr. Molly McClain

Secretary-Treasurer – Dr. Clea Lopez
Vice President – Dr. Alicia Gonzales

**Call for Nominations and Vote for Board Chair:** Dr. Mac Bowen Dr. Valerie Carrejo was nominated for the position of Board Chair, and Dr. Carrejo accepted the nomination. A vote was taken, and it passed unanimously. Dr. Carrejo will be the NMAFP Board Chair for the next year. The Board is grateful to you, Dr. Carrejo.

**Governmental Affairs Committee Report:** Dr. Rick Madden

Review of NM Legislature Special Session, July 18, 2024: The session ended on the day it started without action on any of the bills the Governor had planned. There were no sponsors from her own party, only sponsored late by a single Republican. The Democrats may have been willing to support the public safety measures, including mandated treatment for recidivists with a mental health diagnosis that certified their incompetency, but there were problems with the bill that could have been worked out in advance of the session.

Highlights of the interim Legislative Health and Human Services meeting, July 1-3, in Taos: Many items of interest were discussed over three days, with presentations from state agencies and departments. E.g. the NM workforce report, and workforce programs and incentives; Healthcare Quality and Delivery funds analysis and cautions (supporting hospitals in crisis, but accounting is sometimes obscure); Interstate Medical Licensure Compact in the works (most states belong, including all states surrounding NM); alternate pathways to licensure for FMGs and IMGs; Sen Ortiz y Pino expressed frustration with the DOH inaction to expand BH tx facilities using previous appropriated funding from the legislature; the new HCA Dept update and overview.

NMMS ad hoc Primary Care Committee 2nd mtg report, June 26: This newly formed committee within the New Mexico Medical Society was welcomed by their leadership and will amplify our voice for primary care within the Medical Society. Rick Madden serves as Chair. There have been two meetings with a third coming in mid-August. We will complete our choice of definition of primary care, and will designate who qualifies as a primary care physician for our committee membership (expecting this to be broad). We will move on to higher levels of legislative involvement with the Medical Society.

Legislation on the horizon: We discussed a new bill to permanently authorize state oversight of healthcare consolidations (mergers and acquisitions), with the caution voiced at public hearings by the NMMS to avoid overly restrictive rules that might prevent struggling and small practices from surviving in our challenging health care environment. There will be initiatives on medical malpractice law revisions, prior authorization improvements, further analysis of Medicaid Forward expansion, criminal competency determinations and mandated treatment, health care workforce, supporting primary care residencies, EMR interoperability improvements. Possible legislation includes removing the gross receipts tax on Medicaid FFS payments and extension of last year’s one-year medical malpractice insurance premium subsidy.

Federal update from AAFP national: Prominent issues in play include the proposed 2.8% reduction in FFS payments for Medicare (related to the effect of the recent G2211 modifier code implementation and budget neutrality), an annual inflation adjustment for Medicare payment, prior authorization refinements, Teaching Health Center re-authorization and extension of funding to seven years. Reminder to donate to the FamMedPAC and to join the AAFP Key Contact and Speak Out programs for legislative action.

Other ideas: Advocate to reassess the payment structure for FQHCs, improve EMR interoperability, and Medicare first dollar coverage for colon cancer screening.

**2025 Doc of the Day Program During the 2025 Legislative Session:** Dr. Rick Madden

The NMAFP willsponsor the DOD program for volunteer physicians to serve our legislators and their staff during the 2025 session, which will run for 60 days from mid-January through mid- March. We will have a training session and legislative update in mid-January. Details will be shared in early January via our member list serve.

**Endorsement of Candidates Running for Public Office by a Non-Profit Organization:** Drs. Dion Gallant & Valerie Carrejo: Dr. Gallant explained to the Board that NMAFP is not a 501©3 but a 501©6 Non-Profit Organization which means that NMAFP is able to engage in lobbying, but the money spent on lobbying, which includes Steve’s salary, should be reported to the members of the organization. As a 501©6 non-profit, we are also able to endorse candidates. The Board thanked Drs. Gallant & Carrejo for this information.

**Update on Resolution Writing for the AAFP Congress of Delegates, Oct. 23-25, 2024, Phoenix:** Drs. Valerie Carrejo, Jennifer Phillips, Veneta Ianakieva, and Molly McClain: Dr. Carrejo shared that NMAFP has one resolution, written by Dr. Kristy Riniker and reviewed by Drs. Carrejo, Bouquin & Ianakieva. The resolution states: To advocate to reassess payment structure at community health centers for primary care services and community health centers and federally qualified health centers.

Our delegates had a request to sign onto the following resolutions put forth by the Washington Chapter (see below). There were no oppositions to supporting these resolutions:

1. RESOLVED, the American Academy of Family Physicians update its reproductive health policies to align with the American Medical Association policy H420.954, “Truth and Transparency in Pregnancy Counseling Centers,” to state any entity providing crisis pregnancy services be truthful and transparent about the services they offer or for which they refer in all communications before any services are provided to an individual patient; support the development of oversight for entities offering pregnancy-related services and counseling; ensure the care provided is performed by appropriately qualified and licensed personnel abiding by federal health information privacy laws; and support public funding for entities providing complete, non-directive, medically accurate health information to support patients’ informed and voluntary decisions, and be it further

RESOLVED, the American Academy of Family Physicians oppose the use of taxpayer dollars to fund crisis pregnancy centers or similar entities that align with the American Medical Association’s policy statement H420.954, titled, “Truth and Transparency in Pregnancy Counseling Centers,” and support funding for programs that provide, “complete, non-directive, medically accurate health information to support patients’ informed, voluntary decisions.”

2. RESOLVED, that the American Academy of Family Physician advocates for and supports legislation to promote availability of health savings accounts for all Americans, regardless of their insurance or employment status, health care plans, or age.

3. RESOLVED, that the American Academy of Family Physicians update its policies to reflect that it is the standard of care to address pain and anxiety during office-based gynecological procedures, including the insertion of intrauterine devices, and to counsel patients on options for pain and anxiety control, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the American Academy of Family Physicians offers education to members on how to perform paracervical and/or cervical blocks, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the American Academy of Family Physicians supports further research into managing pain and anxiety during office-based gynecological procedures, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the American Academy of Family Physicians work with other partner organizations, such as the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the Society for Family Planning, to advocate for better gynecologic pain guidelines for office-based gynecologic procedures.

**19th Annual Med Student Reception, Saturday, Sept. 13, 2024, Sandia Resort, Ballroom C, 5:30-8:30 pm:** Dr. Clea Lopez, this year’s Moderator, shared with the Board that Save the Date Cards were passed out during our Santa Fe Conference. Dr. Melissa Martinez has agreed to again be the guest speaker for the evening. NMAFP is extremely appreciative to Dr. Martinez for her continued support of this very important activity, and we anticipate another large group of Med Students from each of our Medical Schools in NM.

**Annual Budget Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024, 10:00 am, Location TBD:** Dr. Dion Gallant, Chair of the Budget Committee, shared with the Board Members that our annual budget committee meeting will take place on Sept. 14th, 10:00 am, breakfast served, Location TBD. He asked the Board Members to contact the Budget Committee in advance if they want to request financial support for upcoming projects during the 2024-2025 budget year.

**43rd Annual Winter Refresher in Albuquerque, Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025, Sandia Resort:** Dr. Molly McClain shared that most of her speakers and topics have already been confirmed: Dr. Miranda Durham, DOH update; Dr. Sevy Gurule, substance use in pregnancy update; Dr. Sara Doorley, homeless healthcare; Dr. Paul Charlton, climate change; and Dr. Anjali Taneja has been contacted about speaking on value-based care, but has not yet responded. Many more suggestions were shared by the group. Dr. McClain thanked the group for recommendations and will be in contact at a later date.

**Scientific Advisory Committee Update for next summer’s 3-day Ruidoso Conference, August 7-9, 2025:** This committee will meet immediately following this Board Meeting.

**Resident & Student Reports:**

**BCOM Student Report:** The Burrell FMIG President, Ali Tajkarimi, shared they just announced new Board Members for their FMIG Executive Board. The first engagement of the year for the new Burrell Med Students will be the 19th Annual Med Student Reception that NMAFP is presenting on Sept. 13th at Sandia Resort in Albuquerque. The Burrell students are already working on plans to get their group up to Albuquerque and back to Las Cruces for this event. NMAFP is very appreciative to both NM Med Schools for their participation in this annual event.

**UNM Resident Report:** Dr. McClain shared with the board they are still waiting to get a new resident representative for this year and added what a great job Dr. Julia McIntyre has done for the UNM FM Residency this past year. The new UNM interns are currently being acclimated in a month-long orientation.

**Future NMAFP Activities:** 19th Annual Med Student Reception, Friday, Sept.13, 2024, Sandia Resort, Sandia Ballroom C 5:30-8:30 pm. Dinner Served

Annual Budget Meeting, Saturday, 10:00 am, September 14, 2024, Location TBD Board Meeting, Saturday, Noon, November 9, 2024, Location TBD Board Meeting, Friday, Feb. 21, 2025, Sandia Resort, 5:30 pm, hors d’oeuvres served 43rd Annual Winter Refresher in Albuquerque, Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025, Sandia Resort Poster Session/Happy Hour, 4:45-6:45 pm, Sandia Resort (immediately following the WR Conference)