

July 25, 2020 BOD Minutes - Zoom Board Meeting, Noon

Present: Stephanie Benson, MD; Sara Bittner; Cheri Blacksten, MD; Mac Bowen, MD; Valerie Carrejo, MD; Dawn Drumm, MD; Dion Gallant, MD; Virginia Hernandez, MD; Mason Heywood, MD; Veneta Ianakieva, MD; Jonathan Kreger; Irene Lazarus, MD; Steve Lucero; Bailee Lutz, MD; Bridget Lynch, MD; Rick Madden, MD; Jen Nordhauser, MD; Chuck North, MD; Jennifer Phillips, MD; Abby Pribisova; Laura Shaw; Lisa Stolarczyk, MD; Dan Stulberg, MD; Karen Vaillant, MD and Emilia Vesper, MD. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Valerie Carrejo.

Old Business:

The 63rd Annual Family Medicine Seminar, July 23-25, 2020 was rescheduled for July 22-24, 2021, Ruidoso Convention Center, due to COVID 19. All but three of the 2020 speakers agreed to present their topics next summer in Ruidoso. Drs. Virginia Hernandez & Veneta Ianakieva will Co-Chair this meeting, and Dr. Ianakieva will select topics and speakers to fill the three empty slots.

New Business:

Dr. Carrejo congratulated the new officers and asked Dr. Rick Madden, Past AAFP Board Member to please proceed with the installation. Dr. Madden asked Dr. Lisa Stolarczyk, Vice President; Dr. Mac Bowen, Secretary-Treasurer; and Dr. Bridget Lynch, President-Elect, to step forward, virtually. He read the Officer's Oath, and the three new officers were congratulated by the Board. Dr. Madden then asked Dr. Veneta Ianakieva to step forward to repeat the Oath of President. The Board congratulated Dr. Ianakieva, the new NMAFP President, and the framed President's Creed and the President's pin will be held at the NMAFP office for Dr. Ianakieva. The Board thanked Dr. Madden for helping with the 2020 officer installation. Dr. Carrejo congratulated Dr. Hernandez on her year as President and shared with the Board that she will be moved to her new role as Immediate Past President.

The 2020 Award Presentations were next on the Agenda. The Physician of the Year Award was given to Dr. Stephanie Benson. This award is selected by the members of the NMAFP. The President's Award was given to Dr. Dion Gallant by the current NMAFP President, Dr. Virginia Hernandez. The Chapter Service Award was given to Abby Pribisova by Sara Bittner, NMAFP Chapter Exec. The Board congratulated the three recipients and thanked them for their service to NMAFP and to the patients of New Mexico.

Dr. Valerie Carrejo called for nominations for the position of Board Chair. Dr. Madden nominated Dr. Hernandez, our new Immediate Past President. No further nominations were made, and Dr. Hernandez will now step into the position of Board Chair.

Dr. Carrejo shared with the Board that the NMAFP Officers have discussed the possibility of forming an NMAFP Systemic Racism Committee after receiving a letter from an antiracist group of over 40 UNM medical students, residents, faculty and healthcare professionals asking NMAFP to publicly join the AMA, ACP, ACOG, and AAFP in releasing a statement of support and solidarity condemning police brutality and stating that racism is a public health crisis. Dr. Carrejo asked Dr. Bailee Lutz, UNM Resident Representative on the NMAFP Board, to give the Board further information on this topic. The UNM group feels that working on policy change is

where they can make a real difference and wants to discuss further possibilities with the NMAFP Legislative Affairs Committee. Dr. Karen Vaillant shared that the Medical Students, staff and Administration at Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine have formed an Advisory Council. Dr. Vaillant said the FM Residency Program in Las Cruces has also been involved, and they all would like to collaborate with the UNM group on this project. Dr. Carrejo stated there is a motion on the floor to form a committee for health equities within our organization and asked for a second before further discussion. Seeing no opposition, the motion to form a committee passed, and the committee will come up with a formal name before our Nov. 7th Board Meeting. Dr. Carrejo appointed Dr. Veneta Ianakieva as chair of this newly-formed committee. Drs. Emilia Vesper, Bailee Lutz, Karen Vaillant, Jennifer Phillips, Bridget Lynch and Erik Unruh also expressed interest in joining this committee. Dr. Lutz informed the Board that she would like to send a five-question survey to the Board Members regarding this topic. This will give the committee a chance to enhance the survey before it is sent to the entire membership.

NMAFP Resolutions for the virtual AAFP COD, Oct. 12-14, 2020 was the next Agenda item to be discussed. Dr. Bridget Lynch shared the last date that Chapters can turn in Resolutions to AAFP is August 26th. Each Chapter is only allowed two Resolutions this year since the COD is virtual. The Committee communicated before the BOD Meeting and came up with two resolved clauses that they liked the best. They were:

1. RESOLVED that the AAFP engage in efforts to have Medicaid and the private insurance sector to pay for annual exams, well woman exams, and well child exams done through telehealth formats, including but not limited to telephone visits and video visits.
2. Resolved that the AAFP, as an organization committed to universal coverage, engage in efforts to address and improve the specific inequality of health insurance access and availability among the unemployed.

There was considerable discussion, and it was determined that the Delegates and Alternates will meet again to go over all the options and considerations presented today. A final copy of the two NM Resolution drafts that will be submitted to AAFP before August 26th will be shared with the BOD.

Update on the Med Student Reception, Sept. 26, 2020 was the next topic of discussion. Dr. Mac Bowen, moderator for this year's reception, communicated with Drs. Veneta Ianakieva and Bridget Lynch, moderators for the Med Student Reception in 2018 and 2019, and it was determined that an in-person Reception was not an option during COVID 19, so they are looking at a Zoom alternative. They all thought it was a good idea to have something similar to stay relevant and on the pulse of reaching the Med Students. The group would like to continue the same format with one or two speakers as well as break-out sessions which are possible via Zoom.

Questions: "Do we still have sponsors even though the cost will be minimal?" "What type of things can we offer as enticement to recruit attendance in lieu of a dinner?" "Since we are not having a meal, what about a timing change from the usual Saturday night, 5:30-8:30 pm?" "Should we have multiple sessions instead of one session?" "Should we give a gift card to Starbucks or GrubHub?" "How about an incentive of a longitudinal mentorship?" "How about asking the FMIGs what the best way to get attendance would be?" "What about renting a drive-in and purchasing a movie to be shown after the FM presentations and have sponsors pay for this?" "Should we ask the FMIG at UNM & BCOM to get together and plan how they would like this to unfold?" Dr. Bowen will contact the FMIG folks to get their ideas on our virtual Med Student

Reception for 2020. Dr. Dan Stulberg suggested that when we invite the Med Students, let's make sure to give them the link to join the AAFP/NMAFP for free. Dr. Karen Vaillant also mentioned that AAFP student members can receive *Strolling Through the Match*, put out by STFM and AAFP for free, and that might be an enticement for the Students to join.

What is our Chapter offering for CME opportunities since the summer conference was postponed because of COVID was an Agenda item added by Dr. Rick Madden:

Dr. Dion Gallant reminded the Board that there are many online live Zoom presentations available to our members who are in need of CME credits.

Dr. Karen Vaillant shared that BCOM recently had a live 4-hour CME Zoom presentation that was very well received.

Dr. Carrejo mentioned that NMAFP has a link on our website to the AAFP COVID 19 weekly CME series.

Dr. Carrejo also shared information about her recent video/documentary entitled "The Providers". It is about medical providers in Northern New Mexico treating addiction in underserved populations. The AAFP has accredited Dr. Carrejo's documentary for 2 Prescribed credits, and it is now listed on the AAFP website.

Dr. Stephanie Benson also mentioned that they have recently restarted Grand Rounds at Memorial Medical Center via Zoom with CME attached.

Dr. Carrejo suggested that the Scientific Advisory Committee discuss options over the next month and then reach out to other Board Members and start getting contributions of CME links to share with the membership. Dr. Carrejo thanked Dr. Madden for adding this topic to the Agenda.

An Update on the Feb. 27, 2021 Winter Refresher and the final Agenda, accredited by AAFP for 7 Prescribed credits, was given by Dr. Bridget Lynch, Scientific Program Chair. At this point in time, it can not be determined as to whether or not this conference will be in person or virtual. The question that arises in regard to a virtual meeting is whether or not the virtual Poster Session will meet the requirements for the Residents presenting their research. Dr. Carrejo shared ideas that should make this possible. The other question is whether or not AAFP will accredit the 2-hour Poster Session for 2 Prescribed credits if the Poster Session is held virtually. When it is determined how this Conference will be presented, a further investigation into accrediting the Poster Session for 2 additional Prescribed credits will be initiated. Thanks, Dr. Lynch, for all your work on this topic.

The Current State of Affairs with COVID 19 was the next topic of discussion. Dr. Bridget Lynch feels NMAFP should consider creating social opportunities for our members to get together. Several ideas were shared, and Dr. Lynch will look into this and report back at our Nov. 7th BOD Meeting. Dr. Dawn Drumm, Metropolitan Detention Center, reported that they were able to keep their COVID transmission rate at an internal 0% infection rate until the State opened up, and then some guards brought COVID into the MDC.

The Legislative Affairs Committee Report was put together by Dr. Rick Madden, Legislative Affairs Chair, and Steve Lucero, NMAFP Lobbyist. Dr. Madden, in order to save time, just listed the topics for the NMAFP BOD:

NMMS Legislative Agenda for 2021 Session: Gross Receipts for Medical Services; Vaccines for Children; Medical Malpractice; Medicaid Fee Increases

Primary Care Spend Memorial: Memorial & Legislation (Appropriations Bill)

Survey of Legislative Priorities for 2021 Legislative Session: Steve Lucero, NMAFP Lobbyist, hopes to have the survey ready to send to the members by the beginning of Nov. Legislative Options for Survey are: Establish Primary Care Task Force; Medical Malpractice; Medicaid Fees Increases; Gross Receipts for Medical Services; Scope of Practice; Global Budgets for Healthcare; Medicaid Buy-in; Recreational Marijuana; Health Security for New Mexicans Act; COVID 19; and Timeline to Administer Survey (Survey Gizmo). Steve asked the Board to share any further questions that we might include in this survey. Steve also addressed the Board regarding what the Doc of the Day will look like if we are still under COVID 19 regulations. This will be addressed at our Nov. 7th BOD Meeting. Dr. Madden would like to send the survey draft to the BOD Members first to get their input before sending to the entire membership.

Resident Reports:

Dr. Emilia Vesper, Las Cruces Residency, shared they are welcoming their new incoming class of 2023 who just finished their inter-professional team development with great enthusiasm. Dr. Vesper shared that the Las Cruces Residency has shifted their focus to have a stronger focus on social determinants of health with health equity to be featured at the forefront of the curriculum. All residents are going to be participating in a health-policy elective prior to graduation. The Las Cruces Residency now has two pharmacy residents instead of just one. They have also begun the 1+2 Program with Gerald Champion in Alamogordo, and they have three interns starting this year with that Program. Several of their Residents have graduated. Four have stayed locally in the region; one is doing an Addiction Medicine Fellowship, and one has returned to Utah.

Dr. Bailee Lutz, UNM Residency, said since COVID 19 is still in full force they have transferred all their didactics to online. They have been fortunate to complete some of their intern orientation in person. They are hoping to implement some fun activities with their wellness curriculum either via Zoom or via small groups to help them bond and get to know each other. The biggest news for the UNM Program is that their Program Director, Dr. Dan Waldman, will be transitioning out of Program Director, and Dr. Molly McClain will be taking over. There will be a six-month transition period, that started at the end of June, where they will be sharing the roll. Dr. Waldman will end his time as Program Director in January. More exciting news is that Dr. Waldman will be starting up the Family Medicine Residency in Shiprock. We wish them both well and will look forward to inviting Dr. Molly McClain to join the NMAFP BOD. UNM has graduated several residents, and the good news is that many are staying in NM.

Dr. Mason Haywood, Silver City Residency, shared that he enjoyed his first NMAFP BOD Meeting and feels inspired by what he heard from the group today. Silver City is a 1+2 Program and their interns spend their first year in Las Cruces. The first years have spent some time in Silver City this past month so they could all get to know each other a little more. They have also welcomed in their second years who spent their first year in Las Cruces. They have spent the last month orienting to the community health rotation which is a great opportunity for them to get familiar with the resources we have in Silver City. Because of COVID 19, Dr. Mason and the other 3rd year Resident have been asked to sit in on a wellness committee for the whole Hidalgo Medical Services Organization which has been unique and interesting. We have the opportunity

to bring the perspective of residency wellness to the organization as a whole as well as for providers who are not residents. Since there are only four residents in Silver City per year, they have been able to keep their didactics live. Of the two graduating residents from Silver City, one is staying in the area, and the other has taken a rural position in Nebraska.

Dr. Mac Bowen, Santa Fe Residency Director, shared that the Santa Fe Residency, like other folks, is adapting to COVID and struggling to get some of their specialists to continue to allow residents to rotate. They also have a community medicine orientation for the folks in their second year as they are adjusting to the Santa Fe medical community which has been very good. Of the four graduates, one went to Hobbs, one went to Zuni, and the other two graduates went off to Fellowships in ED and Sleep Medicine. Hopefully they will come back to NM upon completion of their Fellowships. Dr. Bowen said the Santa Fe Residency was initially planning an expansion from four to six; but, because of COVID, plans have been put on hold for now.

Student Report:

Jonathan Kreger, BCOM FMIG President, shared that so far this year BCOM could echo the comments by all the residencies: our didactics have all moved online which has been a challenge for some. We, as an FMIG, have reached out to our first years because I can only imagine how difficult this year is going to be for them. We are trying to work out some support for their class. We are excited about our new Dean who is from Texas A & M and will start this year. Dr. Madden commented to Jonathan about calling Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine BCOM and wonders whether or not people actually realize it is a college of medicine. Jonathan said that it has been a topic of discussion, and the school is trying to shift away from it especially in correspondence. Dr. Madden made a statement about what Med Students are having to face during this pandemic and complimented the faculty working with these students for all their efforts to try and help the students maintain during these very troubling times.

Dr. Karen Vaillant shared with the Board that there are two Family Medicine Residents in Carlsbad and two in Hobbs that are affiliated with the Texas program in Midland-Odessa. When she can travel again, she will reach out to them and report back to the Board.

Future Board Meetings:

November 7, 2020, NMAFP Office, Noon, Lunch served (or via Zoom)

Feb. 26, 2021, 5:30 pm, Sandia Resort & Casino, Snacks Served (or via Zoom)

Med Student Reception & Budget Meeting Schedule

Saturday, September 26, 2020 15th Annual Med Student Reception (via Zoom)

Sunday, September 27, 2020 Annual Budget Meeting, NMAFP Office, 10:00 am (or via Zoom)