

May 6, 2023 BOD Minutes
NMAFP Office, Noon, Lunch Served
Chaired by Dr. Bridget Lynch

Present: Sara Bittner; Erin Bouquin, MD; Valerie Carrejo, MD; Clea Lopez, MD; Bridget Lynch, MD; Steve Lucero; Rick Madden, MD; Molly McClain, MD; Samantha Morris; Lisa Stolarczyk, MD; Hannah Udell, MD; Lourdes Vizcarra, MD. Kaela Moldawan, MD, joined virtually.

Old Business:

Feb. 25th Winter Refresher in Albuquerque: Dr. Lisa Stolarczyk was the Scientific Program Chair for our Winter Refresher this year and reported the conference was well attended as the numbers were back to where they were before COVID. Dr. Stolarczyk shared the final evaluations with the Board which showed high scores for the speakers and many positive comments about the conference in general. The financial statement was also very positive. Good job Dr. Stolarczyk!

New Business:

65th Annual Family Medicine Seminar, August 3-5, 2023: Dr. Bridget Lynch spoke on behalf of Dr. Mac Bowen, Scientific Program Chair for this summer's conference. The brochures have been mailed and online registration is live. The number of registrants and vendors signing up are increasing by the day. The Conference will end late Saturday afternoon. On Sunday morning there will be a Breakfast Board Meeting followed by a Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting. NMAFP has not had a conference in Ruidoso since 2019 due to COVID.

2023 Physician of the Year: Dr. Bridget Lynch read the nomination that Dr. Dion Gallant wrote about Dr. Jennifer Phillips. The Board voted unanimously to present Dr. Phillips with this prestigious award during the Awards Dinner and Dance, August 4th, Ruidoso Convention Center. Congratulations Dr. Phillips!

42nd Annual Winter Refresher in Alb., Feb. 24, 2024: Dr. Lourdes Vizcarra will be the Scientific Program Chair for the 2024 Winter Refresher. She shared her draft Agenda with the Board, and a discussion ensued about potential topics/speakers. Hopefully this Conference will be complete in time to share with the attendees in Ruidoso in August. Good job, Dr. Vizcarra!

Nominations for Vice President: Dr. Lynch shared with the BOD that Dr. Clea Lopez, one of our newest members, who is on the Governmental Affairs Committee, would like to run for Vice President this summer in Ruidoso. Dr. Lynch shared that Dr. Lopez was very involved in this year's Legislative process. She served as the Doc of the Day on several occasions and stepped up to the mic and gave testimony multiple times. Dr. Lynch told the Board that they are very lucky to have Dr. Lopez as one of our members. A motion was made to accept the nomination of Clea Lopez for Vice President of the NMAFP, a vote was taken, and it passed unanimously.

Governmental Affairs Committee Report: Dr. Rick Madden & Steve Lucero

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Present: Val Carrejo, Erin Bouquin, Bridget Lynch, Clea Lopez, Steve Lucero, Rick Madden (recorder)

Review and discussion of NMAAFP Legislative Report

Reproductive health care, gender affirming care, HB 7 and SB 13: we discussed one NMAFP member resigned from AAFP over the abortion issue. Our survey was 89% in favor and helps us understand that our advocacy at the legislature was in line with our members. The loss of one member over this issue, while regrettable, does not rise to the level of avoiding advocacy on these two bills. We acknowledge there may be other members who remain silent. We may use this in our planning for next steps for our committee.

Opioid Antagonist Warning Requirements SB18: cleaned up older legislation to exempt health care providers.

Rural Health Care Delivery Fund SB7

Create Healthcare Authority Department SB16: large undertaking that will alter and disrupt the bureaucracy, no news yet on how this will be organized. (**UPDATE:** At the Medicaid Advisory Committee meeting on 5/8 we heard that HSD will be formulating plans for their involvement.)

Health Care Cost Drivers Analysis SB290 and State-Administered Health Coverage HB400:

These both will be helpful in informing any reform, one for access to care, the other for overall cost data.

Medical Malpractice SB253: passed with great effort over the objection of the chair of Senate Judiciary (Cervantes).

Medicaid payment to primary care, maternity & child care, and behavioral health clinicians will be increased to 120% of Medicare, 100% for other specialties as contained in the budget bill **HB2** that passed. The budget directs the payment increases to be passed fully to clinicians (I **confirmed** this at the Medicaid Advisory Committee meeting on 5/8/2023.)

Behavioral health payment equity with other healthcare services in SB 273 passed, which will bring state law in line with federal law.

State and county correctional facilities will be required to provide Medication Assisted Treatment (such as Suboxone) by SB425.

Plan for our committee to evolve to higher functional level

We would like to get to next level to prepare for legislative sessions through getting to know our legislators and watch/develop evolving legislation. Offer to entire membership. Half day retreat at Steve's home well in advance of November, say next 2 months on a weekend. We will send an email query. Could we reimburse out of towners?

We will continue to try to clarify options for **medical malpractice insurance coverage for Doctor of the Day volunteers** who may not be covered by an employer.

UPDATE 5/7/2023: Laura Parajon, MD, Deputy Director of the NM DOH, informs us that the DOH Medical Reserve Corps provides liability protection for those who volunteer service such as ours. Here is the link:

<https://www.nmhealth.org/about/erd/bhem/mrc/>

NMAFP Fact Sheet

Current Active NMAFP Committees:

Governmental Affairs Committee, Dr. Rick Madden, Chair: Concentrates on Legislative activities throughout the year and especially during the Legislative Session. Chapter Exec works closely with the Governmental Affairs Chair. This committee meets several times per year, usually in conjunction with board meetings.

Scientific Advisory Committee, Dr. Mac Bowen, Chair: Meets once a year during the state conference with the intention of building a speaker data base for the following year's conferences. Chapter Exec works closely with this Committee throughout the year. May meet ad hoc for other educational opportunities.

Scholarly Activities Committee: Dr. Bridget Lynch, Chair: Concentrates on resident & student activities during the year and works on the Annual Resident & Student Poster Session at the NMAFP Winter Refresher in Albuquerque.

Communications Committee, Dr. Lourdes Vizcarra, Chair: Editor of the newsletter, *Roadrunner*, and responsible for accepting ads for the website. Chapter Exec works closely with the Communications Chair throughout the year.

Chapter Affairs Committee, Dr. Dion Gallant, Chair, & Dr. Valerie Carrejo: Works closely with the Chapter Exec and is responsible for collecting the Chapter Exec's yearly employee evaluations and reporting the results to the Board. The Chapter Affairs Committee Chair also oversees the Budget Meeting each year in the Fall.

Health Equity & Racial Justice Committee, Dr. Emilia Vesper, Chair: NMAFP wants to acknowledge that racism is a public health crisis in New Mexico as well as the United States as a whole. This committee works to address issues around diversity, equity and inclusion at the local and state level. This committee will work closely with our Governmental Affairs Committee and the Board of Directors

UNM FM Residency Report, Dr. Hannah Udell: Dr. Udell shared that UNM has 4 new leads of which she is one. Congratulations Dr. Udell! The UNM FM Residency Program matched 22:

14 at UNM, 6 at Santa Fe's 1+2 Program, and 2 at Shiprock's 1+2 Program. Out of the 22 that matched, 4 are UNM Graduates and 2 are Burrell Graduates. Dr. Udell will find NMAFP a UNM Resident Representative before our next meeting on August 6th.

Las Cruces FM Residency Report, Dr. Kaela Moldawan: Dr. Moldawan shared that 2 LC Residents, of which she was one, and an attending were able to participate in the Doc of the Day Program in Santa Fe this year. The LC Residency is finishing their first year of Fellows for the FMOB Fellowship and a new one will be starting in August. They just had their Chief elections as well. Two residents were elected and one chief is at the clinic at the hospital and the other Chief is at La Clinica de Familia.

UNM FMIG Report, Maxwell Randall, President: The UNM Family Medicine Interest Group recently held our first meeting, a family medicine subspecialty panel. Students were able to hear from several panelists who completed additional training after residency in areas such as gender affirming care and family med-obstetrics. We had a great turn out of mostly first year med students and can't thank our panelists enough. We are now in the process of planning a "Prep for PIE" workshop before first year students begin their rural community immersion block in the summer. At this workshop, which will be a collaboration between multiple interest groups, we will have physicians helping students brush up on skills such as conducting physical exams, health coaching, and participating in procedures we may be expected to have an understanding of before we all go to our respective communities.

Annual Family Medicine Advocacy Summit in May, Washington DC: Dr. Rick Madden has been appointed to the Fam Med Pac Board and will be speaking at FMAS. It is a great educational opportunity at the state and national level.

Future NMAFP Activities:

Board Meeting, Sunday, August 6, 2023, Ruidoso Convention Center, 8:30 am, Breakfast Served

18th Annual Med Student Reception, Friday, September 8, 2023, Sandia Resort, Eagle Room, 5:30-8:30 pm

Annual Budget Meeting, Saturday, September 9, 2023, NMAFP Office, 10:00 am, Breakfast Served

Board Meeting, Saturday, November 4, 2023, NMAFP Office, Noon, Lunch Served