



**Family Medicine Leadership Consortium  
AAFP Foundation – Organizational Update  
January 2023**

**AAFP Foundation Officers**

The AAFP Foundation is pleased to announce 2023 Officers, who were installed at the November 2022 Board of Trustees meeting.

David R. Smith, MD, MPH *President*  
Tomás Owens, MD, FAAFP *President-elect*  
Jay-Sheree Allen, MD *Vice President*  
Renee Markovich, MD *Treasurer*

**New and Returning Board of Trustees**

The AAFP Foundation is also pleased to welcome three new trustees and one trustee returning for a second term. New terms begin January 1, 2023.

Ashesh Gandhi, PharmD – Seqirus *Corporate Trustee (3-year term)*  
Christopher Watson, MD, MPH *Physician Trustee (3-year term)*  
Patrick Falvey, PhD *Public Trustee (3-year term)*  
Justin Bartos, MD *Physician Trustee (second 3-year term)*

**Family Medicine Cares (FMC) USA, Humanitarian Signature Program**

FMC USA supports free health clinics, both new and existing, by providing grant funding for health clinics to purchase tangible items such as exam tables, computers for EHR systems, and medical equipment. Since 2011, the AAFP Foundation has awarded new and existing free clinics over \$1.8M. After this funding cycle, 107 free clinics in 34 states and one US Territory have been awarded an FMC USA free clinic grant.

The funding for this program (up to \$150,000 annually) supports new clinics up to \$25,000 and existing clinics up to \$10,000 for durable medical equipment and instruments for the diagnosis and treatment of primary care patients. In October, the AAFP Foundation awarded three new clinics and nine existing clinics. FMC USA awarded clinics provide services at no charge to patients who would otherwise not have access to affordable primary care. The FMC Work Group envisages this need will only continue to increase as our country struggles to provide care post COVID-19 pandemic. The 2023 application period will open January 15 and close July 15 at 7:00 PM (CDT).

**Family Medicine Cares (FMC) International, Humanitarian Signature Program**

Family Medicine Cares International (FMCI), created in 2013, is the global component of Family Medicine Cares. This program provides sustainable and accessible health care to underserved populations at home and around the world through patient care, medical education, and training in Family Medicine, and by providing essential personal, medical, and educational items to children living in the Batey communities or attending local schools in the Dominican Republic (DR).

Highlights include:

- Discovery trip #2 (June 25-July 2, 2022): Due to the success of the first discovery trip in November 2021 and confidence of the FMCI team in developing a partnership with One World Surgery (OWS), an 11-member pilot delegation trip was scheduled to assist with the implementation of the FMCI three program components (medical education, patient care and children's service project) and test drive FMCI in the DR.

During this trip, activities included:

- Hosted a One-Day Medical Education Symposium with our partner Universidad Central de Este. Interest was so high within the DR family medicine community that registration for the conference closed in less than a day. Final count at the symposium was approximately 135 family physicians from 7 Santo Domingo East regions including members of the Sociedad de Medicina Familiar Y Comunitaria. The symposium included bidirectional learning that included speakers from both the US and DR addressing CME approved topics requested by local Family Medicine residents.
  - Conducted a Medical Education Workshop in partnership with a local medical school, Universidad Central de Este. Speakers from both the US and DR discussed the history of FM as well as career options within our specialty with medical students in their final year of school. We had over 60 medical students attend.
  - Hosted a lecture for local primary care physicians led by Dr. Lisa Hirschhorn, Interim director of the Northwestern Institute for Global health. Her academic work has focused on understanding and improving disparities in quality and outcome of healthcare in the US and globally using implementation research.
  - Primary Care Outreach Clinics: Visited four Batey communities and assisted in providing care to almost 400 patients.
  - Children's Project: The Foundation provided \$4,000 in funding to the Nuestros Pequenos Hermanos (NPH) school to purchase school shoes for 130 children.
- FMX Global Health Pre-Conference presentation by Anna Doubeni, MD, Jay-Sheree Allen, MD and Odinaka Ananwu, MD titled, "Family Medicine Cares International: Using a Human Rights-Based Approach for Global Health Program Development."
  - 2023 FMCI Scholars were selected to participate in the 2023 delegation trip scheduled for January 14-21, 2023.
    - The David and Karen Smith Foundation FMCI Scholarship was awarded to Dr. Jessica Li Eason of Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) in Charleston, South Carolina. Dr. Li Eason is Spanish speaking and a PGY-4 in the process of completing her fellowship in geriatrics and most recently finished a medical mission trip as an attending physician in Santo Domingo, DR.
    - A partial scholarship was awarded to Dr. Nahara Saballos courtesy of Dr. Martin Devine. She is a PGY-2 from the University of Pennsylvania Health System. Dr. Saballos is fluent in Spanish and has worked in rural Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic as a volunteer and researcher. She also did a semester abroad in Botswana learning about community health.

**Family Medicine Discovers, Scientific Signature Program**

Family Medicine Discovers Rapid Cycle Scientific Discovery and Innovation (FMD RapSDI) is a collaboration between the AAFP Foundation and the AAFP National Research Network (AAFP NRN) that seeks to build research capacity for scientific discovery and innovation in family medicine by funding practicing family physicians to generate new evidence and innovative

models for “what works” in real-world primary care settings. FMD RapSDI seeks to attract and support practicing family physicians who are inexperienced researchers but interested in contributing to the knowledge base of family medicine to execute short-term innovative and high-impact projects.

This program has a two-tiered application. The first-round application is a low-burden application. Questions should address scientific & clinical questions that have a high potential to advance the knowledge base of the specialty and proposed projects should be feasible to accomplish within a 12-month timeline. Four applicants (“finalists”) advance to a second round, in which finalists complete an in-depth standard research application with assistance from a mentorship team comprised of AAFP NRN leadership and external content or methods experts. Physicians selected as FMD RapSDI Scholars serve as Principal Investigators for their projects while receiving support and mentorship from experienced researchers to perform project activities, conduct data analysis, and disseminate results.

**Key Highlights:**

- The 2022-2023 program cycle (“Cycle 4”) Round 1 application closed on August 23, 2022 with 27 unique applications.
- Cycle 4 finalist were selected, and they are working on their final applications.
- Cycle 2 Scholar, Dr. Sanjay Batish presented research findings at FMX in September; as well as attended a Chat and Chew to promote the program and the AAFP Foundation Donor Dinner.
- In November 2022, Cycle 2 Scholars Dr. Sanjay Batish and Dr. Iman Majd presented at the North American Primary Care Research Group Annual Meeting in Phoenix, AZ.
  - Dr. Batish won a 2022 NAPCRG Clinical Pearl Award

Program staff are working with Cycle 2 scholars in accomplishing dissemination activities and Cycle 3 scholars in carrying out their projects. We anticipate the fourth round of awards (2 x \$40,000) will be awarded to Cycle 4 FMD RapSDI Scholars in July 2023.

**Family Medicine Leads (FM Leads) – Education Signature Program**

Family Medicine Leads (FM Leads), the Education Signature Program, focuses on the future of the Family Medicine specialty by supporting efforts to fill the workforce pathway with the best and the brightest, as well as developing more and better trained Family Medicine leaders through attendance at the AAFP National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students and participation in the FM Leads Emerging Leader Institute.

**FM Leads Scholarships**

The AAFP National Conference was held in person after being virtual for two years due to COVID-19. The AAFP Foundation offered 250 scholarships, including 30 scholarships for FM Leads Emerging Leader Institute. We also offered 20 additional scholarships, made possible by the generosity of donors to the Douglas & Mary Henley Fund.

Collaboration between the AAFP Foundation and AAFP Medical Education team continues to be a great relationship. Medical Education handles all the logistics for the FM Leads Scholarship component and provided the following data:

- A total of 352 scholarship applications were received.
- National Conference had an attendance of 1,819 medical students. In total, 4,905 individuals attended the student and resident conference.

## **FM Leads Emerging Leader Institute**

The 2022 Emerging Leader Institute (ELI) was conducted following National Conference. The 2022 Class of Scholars consists of 12 residents and 18 students, each divided into one of three leadership tracks: Policy & Public Health, Personal & Practice, and Philanthropic & Mission-Driven. Scholars will develop and complete a project related to their track with a family physician volunteer mentor providing guidance and support.

The leadership development program was held at AAFP headquarters, with breakout rooms for each track on Saturday and a project management session for the cohort on Sunday. The efforts of the dedicated family physician volunteer faculty and leadership led to interactive discussions and a memorable experience for the participants. The longitudinal approach, implemented in 2021, included one session scheduled two weeks prior to the NC/ELI weekend with several sessions planned for the following months post-ELI.

The schedule included many opportunities to learn:

1. An orientation session offered an overview of the program and an opportunity to meet Faculty and Scholars.
2. Attendance at National Conference.
3. A Welcome Breakfast on Thursday with special guests Dr. Dave Smith, AAFP Foundation President, and Shawn Martin, AAFP Executive Vice President and CEO.
4. Engagement with the 2021 Project Award recipients at the Poster Exhibition during National Conference.
5. Track workshops on Saturday.
6. A project management session on Sunday.

Seven Leadership Project Award recipients from the 2021 class showcased their project work with posters that were displayed during National Conference as well as at the Poster Exhibition; two winners were unable to attend. The three Best Leadership Project Award recipients, one from each track, presented at National Conference and joined the Poster Exhibition for a Q&A.

The Emerging Leader Institute 2023 application period opened December 15 and will close on March 1. The FM Leads Scholarships for National Conference Scholarship application period will be open from January 1-May 1, 2023.

## **Family Medicine Philanthropic Consortium Grant Awards**

The Family Medicine Philanthropic Consortium (FMPC) is a collaborative program of the AAFP Foundation and 55 AAFP Constituent Chapters/Foundations. Since 2006, FMPC Grant Awards have facilitated sharing of expertise, best practices, and outcomes of healthcare initiatives implemented by Constituent Chapters across the country. The FMPC Grant Awards program has provided \$1,352,920 to support 417 projects from 41 states, the District of Columbia, and the Family Medicine Midwest Collaborative.

Total funding awarded for the 2022 grant awards was \$38,750, the maximum amount of funds available for distribution. A summary description of each project listed below by priority area is available on our website. The 2023 application period will open January 1 and close February 28.

<b>PRIORITY AREA Topic</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>FMPC AWARD</b>
<b>Member Outreach Projects</b>			
Advocacy	Health Equity and Social Justice Discussion Club	OH	\$2,500
	Advocacy Bootcamp-Putting Advocacy into Practice	MD	\$1,000
	Leadership Training in Advocacy- Advancing Issues	WI	\$1,000
Curriculum	EasyPI	OH	\$4,500
	Health Equity Champion Program	CO	\$2,500
	2022 Bite-Sized Learning Session	OH	\$2,500
	Health Equity Strategies in a Pandemic World	GA	\$2,000
	Leadership Mentor Program	NY	\$1,000
<b>Public Health Projects</b>			
Healthy Living	Georgia Tar Wars Regional Strike Force Project	GA	\$2,000
Patient Advocacy	Primary Care Beyond Clinic Walls	OR	\$2,000
<b>Student and/or Resident Projects</b>			
Curriculum	Capturing FM History with Narrative Scribes	OR	\$2,750
	Investing in an Equitable Healthcare Future	IL	\$2,500
	Rural Track Student Med Kit	UT	\$1,000
	Family Medicine Mentor Connection Program	IL	\$1,000
	Resident, Student, Physician Engagement Project	AK	\$1,000
Meetings	Student and Resident Leadership Conference	NE	\$2,500
	Students to National Conference	WI	\$2,000
	Student and Resident Education at Annual Meeting	MD	\$1,000
	Building a Student Pipeline	SD	\$1,000
Workshops	Transition L2L Student Workshops to Med School	KS	\$2,000
	Advanced Procedures Workshop for FM Residents	CA	\$1,000
<b>Total Amount Awarded</b>			<b>\$38,750</b>

### **Family Medicine Philanthropic Consortium Chapter Engagement Awards**

The FMPC Chapter Engagement Project, started in 2020, is a fundraising effort to increase FMPC revenue and highlight Chapter and Chapter Foundation activities. Through this initiative, Chapters and Chapter Foundations use inspiring, storytelling tools to illustrate the value that FMPC has on the specialty of Family Medicine, but also increase FMPC funding and build a stronger brand identity for the FMPC for the amazing work being achieved by physicians and staff on the Chapter level. The FMPC provides each AAFP Chapter or Chapter Foundation with \$750 to showcase a Chapter program/activity that connects with one of the three FMPC priority areas: Student/Resident, Member Outreach, and Public Health. In 2022, 29 Chapters/ Chapter Foundations received a total of \$42,775. The 2023 application period will open January 1 and close February 28.

### **Student Externship Matching Grants**

Established in 1992, the Student Externship Matching Grant Awards program provides an important partnering opportunity between the AAFP Foundation and AAFP Chapters and Chapter Foundations. The goal of the Student Externship Matching Grants program is to stimulate interest among medical students to select a career and/or pursue research opportunities in Family Medicine. Each matching grant is a dollar-for-dollar match of \$1,250

between the AAFP Foundation and the sponsoring Chapter/Chapter Foundation. Sponsoring Chapters/Chapter Foundations are encouraged to work with an academic institution or Family Medicine residency program to identify and provide a one-on-one, student-to-mentor experience in a research or clinic setting.

Since its inception, the Student Externship Matching Grant Awards program has partnered with AAFP Chapters and Chapter Foundations in 43 states and the District of Columbia and provided \$1,171,750 in matching grants to support 959 student externships. In 2022, the AAFP Foundation awarded 23 matching grants to 11 states, totaling \$28,750 in funding. The 2023 application period will open February 1 and close April 1.

### **Center for the History of Family Medicine (CHFM)**

Throughout the past year, the CHFM handled a total of 994 engagements. CHFM engagements encompass all engagements Center staff have with users of the Center (both internal and external), including handling reference requests, giving tours and presentations, and handling loans, exhibitions, anniversaries, meetings, and conferences. CHFM exhibited at the AAFP Foundation's booths during the 2022 AAFP National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students, AAFP Leadership Conference, and FMX.

The 2022 Sandy L. Panther Fellowship was awarded in May to Catherine Smith, Ph.D., a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for her research project, "The Doctors Riddle: Pioneers in consumer health information". This year CHFM was able to increase the Fellowship from \$2,000 to \$3,000. The CHFM presently sponsors one Fellowship each year to support research using the collections of the CHFM to advance understanding and appreciation of the history of family medicine, with interested family physicians, residents, students, health professionals, historians, scholars, educators, scientists, and others invited to apply. The 2023 application period will open January 15 and close March 31.

CHFM launched its annual Student and Resident Essay Contest in 2021, calling for scholarly essays on topics relating to the history of Family Medicine in the United States. The 2022 Essay Contest first place winner with a \$1,000 prize went to Audriana Mooth, a second-year resident for the essay "Family Physicians and the Humanizing of Opioid Use Disorder Management." Second place with a \$500 prize went to Jonothan Segars, a second-year resident for the essay "Over Yonder." The application period is August 15-November 1.

### **2021 Family Medicine Experience**

The 2022 Congress of Delegates and FMX, held in Washington DC from September 18-23, was a celebration of family medicine and being "Better Together United for Family Medicine", the AAFP Foundation's FMX theme.

**Silent Auction** – The Foundation silent auction during FMX was a great traffic driver and conversation starter for Foundation staff, Trustees and volunteers to build relationships with AAFP members. Auction items were displayed during Congress of Delegates for the first time since 2019. Bidding was accomplished through the online bidding platform OneCause. The auction generated nearly \$50,000!

**Booth** – Our "Better Together" themed booth at FMX allowed staff, Trustees and volunteers to become reacquainted with donors, meet potential donors and talk about Foundation programs. A Better Together t-shirt was provided in exchange for a \$50 minimum donation. The Center for the History of Medicine was included in the Foundation booth and displayed medical instruments from days past that stumped many FMX attendees.

**VIP Experience** – The VIP Experience saw changes due to an overall reimagining of FMX by the AAFP. The VIP Experience included a hosted bar, private buffet, 360 photo booth and swag bags with Foundation branded merchandise. A speed painter, contracted by the AAFP, provided entertainment with proceeds from the two paintings, MLK Jr and Lady Liberty, benefiting the Foundation,

**Main Stage** – The Foundation was featured during the Main Stage with Malcolm Gladwell and included a Foundation t-shirt giveaway. The Foundation also received mention during Dr. Frank Domino’s Main Stage presentation. Main stage mentions of the Foundation help drive donors to our booth.

**Personal Finance and Insurance Sessions** — Building on the success of Foundation-hosted presentation, the topics of personal finance and wealth management were incorporated into the Career Track of the AAFP’s new education model at FMX 2022. In cooperation with the Foundation, the Academy offered two sessions, one for early-career members and the other geared toward mid-to-late-career members. “Comprehensive Wealth Management for Family Physicians,” was presented by Jim Ciarmella, a managing director at Creative Planning, speaking at FMX for the 4th consecutive year. “Financial Planning & Risk Management for Early Career and Resident Physicians” was presented by Jered Hunt of the AAFP Insurance Program and Craig Gordon of Prevail Innovative Wealth Strategies.

**Annual Recognition Dinner** – The annual donor recognition dinner was held at the Grand Hyatt. Following a cocktail reception and welcome by AAFP Foundation president Dr. David Smith, the guests were surprised with a visit from past AAFP Foundation leadership, Dr. Doug Spots, Dr. Jason Marker, Dr. Rebecca Jaffe and Dr. Julie Anderson who recognized award recipients from 2020 and 2021 when FMX was hosted virtually. At the conclusion of dinner, guests were invited to stay and enjoy coffee, cordials and fellowship.

The dinner program included the announcement of Dr P. Brent Smith as the 2022 Philanthropist of the Year. The Outstanding Program of the Year, accepted by Dr. Justine Bartos, was awarded to the Texas Academy of Family Physicians for the Texas Family Medicine Scholars Program. The program concluded with a video featuring Family Medicine Discovers and a preview of what is ahead for the newly re-launched Family Medicine Cares International.