

## Consent Calendar for Reference Committee B

### 2023 IAFP Congress of Delegates

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Mr. Speaker, Reference Committee B has considered each of the items referred to it and submits the following report. The committee's recommendations on each item will be submitted as a consent calendar and voted on in one vote. An item or items may be extracted for debate. All page references herein are to the Congress of Delegates' Handbook unless otherwise indicated.

Recommendation: Reference Committee B recommends the following consent calendar for adoption:

Item 1- Adopt Substitute Resolution 23-09 on “Regulating Crisis Pregnancy Centers”

Item 2- Adopt Substitute Resolution 23-10 on “Supporting Physicians as Advocates”

Item 3- Adopt Substitute Resolution 23-11 on “Increasing Family Medicine Involvement in Indiana Maternal Mortality Conversations”

Item 4- Adopt Resolution 23-12 on “Recognition and Protection of Gender-Affirming Care”

Item 5- Adopt Resolution 23-13 on “Oppose Criminalization of Medical Care”

Item 6- Adopt Resolution 23-14 on “Protecting Access to Birth Control for Hoosiers”

Item 7- Adopt Recommendation of the Chairman of the Commission on Legislation

**Item 1 - Mr. Speaker, your reference committee considered RESOLUTION 23-09 entitled “Regulating Crisis Pregnancy Centers”, the resolved portion reading:**

~~RESOLVED, that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians (i) oppose the expansion of taxpayer funding of crisis pregnancy centers which offer medical and clinical services until these centers demonstrate that they meet ethical standards of licensed medical facilities and (ii) support legislation that prohibits the use of taxpayer money to fund Crisis Pregnancy Centers that violate the ethical standards of licensed medical facilities; and be it further~~

~~RESOLVED, that the Indiana State Medical Association and Indiana Academy of Family Physicians work with the medical board and Indiana state government to design and implement a framework for defining and licensing crisis pregnancy centers which market medical or clinical services; and be it further~~

~~RESOLVED, that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians seek and support policies and legislation that require crisis pregnancy centers to disclose whether or not they have been~~

~~licensed by the state of Indiana (i) on their advertising and (ii) at their physical location prior to services being offered or provided; and be it further~~

~~RESOLVED, that our Indiana Academy of Family Physicians support policies and legislation that require crisis pregnancy centers to disclose and display the credentials of the individuals who are on staff or conducting services on site; and be it further~~

~~RESOLVED, that our Indiana Academy of Family Physicians support policies and legislation that require crisis pregnancy centers to disclose what medical and non-medical service options, including, but not limited to contraception, pregnancy termination, adoption, and referral for any such services on its advertising and at their physical location prior to services being offered or provided; and be it further~~

~~RESOLVED, that our Indiana Academy of Family Physicians educate/encourage physicians NOT to recommend crisis pregnancy centers to patients without ensuring the qualifications of individuals on staff, the transparency of the crisis pregnancy center regarding services provided, and credentials of those conducting these services on site, and be it further~~

~~RESOLVED, that this resolution, reframed as a national American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) policy resolution, be advanced by Indiana Academy of Family Physicians delegates to the AAFP Congress of Delegates.~~

*Mr. Speaker testimony was heard and it was clarified that this resolution was to assist in guiding the Commission on Legislation should this issue come forward in upcoming legislative sessions. A brief description of a Crisis Pregnancy Center was given. Others in support mentioned that this money could be going to better places. Testimony was given in support saying that there is nothing requiring these centers to have oversight or requirements for operating them, specifically misdating pregnancies and a need for licensure. General concerns with CPS's were also provided in subsequent testimony. Testimony was also given in opposition to this resolution and some claims made in the resolution were opposed. This testimony claimed the only lab tests done at these sites is pregnancy tests. Some in opposition also expressed that this resolution may alienate members of the IAFP, while they recognized that some centers may be faulty, that does not mean that all of the are. In opposition they were concerned about who decides what is evidence-based medicine and that we should not be the ones to decide who should and shouldn't be practicing medicine.*

**RECOMMENDATION: The reference committee recommends that Substitute Resolution No. 23-09 be Adopted:**

**RESOLVED, Indiana Academy of Family Physicians seek collaboration with other medical organizations to encourage the design and implementation of a framework for defining and licensing crisis pregnancy centers which market medical or clinical services; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians support policies and legislation that require crisis pregnancy centers to disclose whether or not they have been licensed by the state of Indiana (i) on their advertising and (ii) at their physical location prior to services being offered or provided; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that our Indiana Academy of Family Physicians support policies and legislation that require crisis pregnancy centers to disclose and display the credentials of the individuals who are on staff or conducting services on site; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that this resolution, reframed as a national American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) policy resolution, be advanced by Indiana Academy of Family Physicians delegates to the AAFP Congress of Delegates.**

**Item 2 - Mr. Speaker, your reference committee considered RESOLUTION 23-10 entitled “Supporting Physicians as Advocates”, the resolved portion reading:**

~~RESOLVED, that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians will publicly commit to support and defend any physician subject to harassment by any party for their lawful work as an advocate regardless of that physician’s active membership in the IAFP; and be it further;~~

~~RESOLVED, that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians its tangible and intangible resources to oppose any act of political or regulatory retaliation committed by the state or federal government against a physician for their lawful role as an advocate; and be it further~~

~~RESOLVED, that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians delegation to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) urge the AAFP to strongly denounce and act in opposition to any punitive governmental actions or legislation to limit the role of physicians as advocates.~~

*Mr Speaker testimony was heard and potential issues with the current language could make this very difficult for the legislative team to enact on.*

**RECOMMENDATION: The reference committee recommends that Substitute Resolution No. 23-10 be Adopted:**

**RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians will review cases of any physician subject to harassment for their work as an advocate regardless of that physician’s active membership in the IAFP and advocate when appropriate, including the ability to utilize its resources to oppose any act of political or regulatory retaliation committed by the state or federal government against a physician for their role as an advocate; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians delegation to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) urge the AAFP to strongly denounce and act in opposition to any punitive governmental actions or legislation to limit the role of physicians as advocates.**

**Item 3 - Mr. Speaker, your reference committee considered RESOLUTION 23-11 entitled “Increasing Family Medicine Involvement In Indiana Maternal Mortality Conversation and Fostering FMOB Connection”, the resolved portion reading:**

~~RESOLVED that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians investigate the involvement of Family Medicine physicians in maternal mortality conversations across the state and advocate for representation on the Indiana Maternal Mortality Review Committee, and be it further~~

~~RESOLVED that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians will create a database of Family Medicine physicians in Indiana providing obstetrics services for the purpose of networking and data collection.~~

*Mr Speaker testimony was heard in support for this resolution citing need for family medicine members to be part of the MMRC. Others in support cited potential issues one could run into when trying to create this database which could inhibit them from collecting names. In support of the resolution one member mentioned that this is something we could actually be proactive about. Some ask that the second resolve will be to “consider” a database instead of “will” create. In support one member mentioned resources from the AAFP could help in the creation of this database. In support it was noted that OB needed to have its focus shifted to family medicine.*

**RECOMMENDATION: The reference committee recommends that Substitute Resolution No. 23-11 be Adopted:**

**RESOLVED that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians encourage the involvement of Family Medicine physicians in maternal mortality conversations across the state and advocate for representation on the Indiana Maternal Mortality Review Committee, and be it further**

**RESOLVED that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians will support networking of Family Medicine physicians in Indiana providing obstetrics services.**

**Item 4 - Mr. Speaker, your reference committee considered RESOLUTION 23-12 entitled “Recognition and Protection of Gender Affirming Care”, the resolved portion reading: RESOLVED, that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians supports access to evidence based, gender-affirming care for gender-diverse patients, including children and adolescents, and be it further**

RESOLVED, that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians lobby to actively oppose any legislation limiting access to gender affirming care including opposing the criminalization of physicians providing that care, patients seeking that care, and any who facilitate the care, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians lobbying efforts in the Indiana General Assembly will reflect the American Academy of Family Physicians policy

*Mr. Speaker testimony was heard in support of the resolution citing a story of a friend who has benefited from the use of gender-affirming care. They stated lack of this treatment will result in negative and possibly fatal consequences since those in this community experience higher levels of anxiety and mental health related issues. In support they stated we needed to have concrete policy on this topic. In support it was noted that we should support this because of the current state of evidence-based care and we need to protect physicians from being criminalized.*

*In support of this a member who works directly with this issue cited the need for support and the dangers of media and certain rhetoric to spread misinformation about the issue. In opposition to the resolution it was cited that the standards are in question for this resolution and what decides what is evidence-based.*

**RECOMMENDATION: The reference committee recommends that Resolution No. 23-12 be Adopted**

**Item 5 - Mr. Speaker, your reference committee considered RESOLUTION 23-13 entitled "Oppose Criminalization of Medical Care", the resolved portion reading:**

~~RESOLVED, that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians adopt policy on Criminalization of Medical Practice to read "The Indiana Academy of Family Physicians takes all reasonable and necessary steps to ensure that evidence-based medical decision-making and treatment, exercised in accordance with evidence-based standards of care, does not become a violation of criminal law. This includes criminalization of clinicians, patients, and those who aid patients in receiving reproductive, abortion, or gender affirming health care across state lines.", and be it further~~

~~RESOLVED, that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians oppose legislation that would prosecute or otherwise penalize physicians and other clinicians, patients, and those who aid patients in receiving reproductive, abortion, or gender affirming health care across state lines, and be it further~~

~~RESOLVED, that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians will collaborate with other state medical associations to provide a united front against further Indiana General Assembly efforts to criminalize medical care, and to educate legislators of the consequences of criminalizing medical care.~~

*Mr Speaker testimony was heard in support for this resolution citing it will support our current policy and is preemptive for a belief that more criminalization of the medical practice may be in the future.*

**RECOMMENDATION: The reference committee recommends that Substitute Resolution No. 23-13 be Adopted:**

**RESOLVED, that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP) continue to fight against criminal prosecution of physicians and patients for providing and receiving medical care and those who aid patients in receiving care across state lines per our existing policies. And be it further,**

**RESOLVED, that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians will seek collaboration with other state medical associations against further Indiana General Assembly efforts to criminalize medical care, and to educate legislators of the consequences of criminalizing medical care.**

**Item 6 - Mr. Speaker, your reference committee considered RESOLUTION 23-14 entitled "Protecting Access to Birth Control for Hoosiers", the resolved portion reading:**

RESOLVED, that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians actively oppose legislation that restricts access to contraception including but not limited to emergency contraception, hormonal and nonhormonal long acting reversible contraception, depo, pills, patches, rings, and spermicides. This includes legislation which criminalizes physicians providing contraception, patients seeking contraception, and any who facilitate access to contraception.

Mr. Speaker testimony was heard in support of the resolution citing it will help guide the lobbying team of the IAFP.

**RECOMMENDATION: The reference committee recommends that Resolution No. 23-14 be adopted**

**Item 7 - Mr. Speaker, your reference committee considered Recommendation of the Chairman of the Commission on Legislation”, the recommendation being:**

Absent a resolution submitted to the Congress, I recommend that the IAFP Board of Directors issue a membership survey on the issue of non-competes to further guide our legislative efforts. This issue will undoubtedly be further addressed in the legislature.

Mr Speaker. Testimony was heard in support of this resolution

**RECOMMENDATION: The reference committee recommends that the Recommendation of the Chairman of the Commission on Legislation be adopted.**

Mr. Speaker, this concludes the Report of Reference Committee B. I wish to thank those who appeared before the Reference Committee to give testimony. I would also like to thank Dr. Jason White, Dr. Chelsea Kolodziej, and Ms. Kinsey Broom for serving on the Committee and assisting with the preparation of this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Reference Committee Chair