

1 **INDIANA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS**
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7 September 18-21, 2016 saw the gathering of Family Physicians from across the country in Orlando,
8 Florida for the annual Congress of Delegates. Indiana was represented at this meeting by Dr. Teresa
9 Lovins and Dr. Windel Stracener as delegates and Dr. Jason Marker and Dr. Risheet Patel as alternate
10 delegates. This was a great opportunity to renew friendships, debate resolutions and set policy that
11 will direct our Academy over the next several years.
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13 A diverse set of topics was brought to reference committees and great thought and debate was
14 undertaken as each was considered. Many practice issues such as prior authorizations, opioid
15 prescribing, and burnout were discussed and resolutions adopted and referred covering these areas.
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17 Also discussed was a quality improvement (QI) exercise to examine the Congress of Delegates and
18 how it conducts its business. This debate was intense with great passion on all sides of the question.
19 Ultimately it was decided that a QI study should be carried out with a report to be brought back to the
20 Congress at the 2017 meeting in San Antonio. This study should bring even more discussion and
21 thought to the best ways to conduct the Academy's business into the future.
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23 There were many social issues addressed during the Congress as well. Hot button issues such as gun
24 violence, discrimination, and social determinants of health were discussed as well. A resolution
25 requesting the formation of an Office of Diversity for the Academy was referred to the Board of
26 Directors for further study, consideration and report back to the Congress next year.
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28 As a result of action taken by the 2016 IAFP Congress of Delegates, the Indiana chapter introduced
29 Resolution No. 315 concerning Autism Coverage, containing the following resolved clause:
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31 *RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support coverage by medical*
32 *insurance policies and health maintenance organization contracts for evidence-based therapies for*
33 *autism spectrum disorders.*
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35 The resolution was heard by the Reference Committee on Practice Enhancement. There was
36 discussion about coverage improvements since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, but the
37 reference committee recognized that there are still gaps in coverage. The resolution was ultimately
38 referred to the Commission on Quality and Practice.
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40 As in past years the selection of new leaders for the Academy was completed during the Congress.
41 Dr. Wanda Filer (Pennsylvania) transitioned to the Chair of the Board of Directors. Dr. John Meigs
42 (Alabama) was installed as our new President. Dr. Michael Munger (Kansas) was elected to the
43 President Elect position. New board members were Dr. Robert Raspa (Florida), Dr. Leonard Reeves
44 (Georgia), and Dr. Ada Stewart (South Carolina). At the conclusion of the congress the 2017
45 candidates for President Elect were announced: Dr. Mott Blair (North Carolina), Dr. John Cullen
46 (Alaska), Dr. Lynn Lillie (Minnesota), and Dr. Javette Orgain (Illinois).
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48 Next year the Congress will meet in San Antonio, Texas. The dates will be September 11-13, 2017. If
49 you have any interest in the operations of the Academy and have never been able to attend the
50 Congress make this the year that you come and check it out. All members are able to testify in

1 reference committees if you feel so inclined. This is an excellent way to witness firsthand how policy is
2 developed in our Academy. Hope to see you there!

3 Respectfully Submitted,
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