

## **Report of the Delegates to the 2023 AAFP Congress of Delegates**

The 2022 AAFP Congress of Delegates was held in Washington D.C. in September. This was the first time for both of us to have the opportunity to represent New Jersey as delegates. There was a lot of enthusiasm to be back in person for the Congress of Delegates and a lot of work to be done, addressing resolutions from both 2021 and 2022. Despite the large volume of work to be done the congress went very smoothly and efficiently. The resolutions made up a wide range of topics and were discussed thoroughly. Prior authorizations were a large concern for the Academy with the subsequent adoption of the resolution calling for the AAFP to “advocate for the reduction of prior authorization requirements of health insurance companies through the creation of and adoption of standardized prior authorization criteria.” A resolution for the AAFP to advocate against restrictive covenants and noncompete clauses was also adopted.

New Jersey did not have any resolutions for the AAFP Congress of Delegates for 2022. Our resolution from 2021 that the AAFP “advocate for public and private payer coverage of sign language translation” passed in committee and met no opposition on the floor. Interestingly, there was a resolution from Idaho regarding notification of formulary alternatives when prescriptions are denied very similar to our 2019 resolution which was passed back in 2019. The AAFP COD reaffirmed the resolution as current policy.

The AAFP had many excellent candidates for the national positions this year. Steven Furr, MD of Jackson, AL was elected to be president-elect. Tochi Iroku-Malize MD, MPH, MBA of Long Island, NY was inducted as president. Kisha Davis, MD, MPH, of Bethesda, MD; Jay Lee, MD, MPH of Costa Mesa, CA; and Teresa Lovins, MD of Columbus ID were the newly elected members to the board of directors.

At the end of the last session of the Congress of Delegates, we were very proud to announce the candidacy of Mary Campagnolo, MD, MBA for AAFP President-Elect in 2023. We look forward to supporting Dr. Campagnolo and hope to have a large New Jersey contingent at the AAFP COD in Chicago this October! We very much appreciated the opportunity to serve as your delegates and look forward to the upcoming year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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