

# 2025 Congress of Delegates Report to the NHAFFP BOD

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Once again, thank you to the NHAFFP board of directors for the support of our delegation. We approached the 2025 Congress of Delegate (COD) with our usual enthusiasm and focus.

In addition to our delegation's full participation in the business of the Congress, Marie chaired the *Commission on the Health of the Public and Science* for the past year; Lou served on the Rules Committee, Bylaws Committee, and Extraction Committee; and Xinuo may become a member of the Commission on Health of the Public and Science.

One of the main activities of the COD is to elect our President-Elect and three new board members. We are very pleased with the results:

## President-Elect

**Kisha Davis, MD, MPH, FAAFP**, is **President-Elect** of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

- Dr. Davis was Chief Health Officer for Montgomery County, Maryland. She previously served as Vice President of Health Equity at Aledade. Prior to joining Aledade, she was Medical Director at CHI Health Care, an integrative primary care practice in Maryland. Dr. Davis was Vice Chair of the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC), advising Congress, the Secretary of Health and Human Services and states on Medicaid policy. Dr. Davis was as a White House Fellow at the US Department of Agriculture working to strengthen the health and food safety net. Davis is as a preceptor for the Uniformed Services Preventive Medicine Residency and a Clinical Instructor at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

## New BOD members:

**Tracy Hendershot, DC, MD, FAAFP** of Parkersburg, West Virginia at West Virginia University Medicine

- Dr. Hendershot practices family medicine at West Virginia University Medicine, providing care in various settings, from the newborn nursery to skilled nursing facilities. His passion is around providing comprehensive care to his rural community

**Robyn Liu, MD, MPH, FAAFP**, Northwest Permanente in Portland, Oregon

- Dr. Liu practices within Northwest Permanente, a multi-specialty physician-owned group in a fully integrated health system. She is the physician-in-charge of the second-largest primary care clinic in the region, overseeing operations of over 40 clinicians and working with teams to improve the health of the urban Portland neighborhood

**Douglas Spotts, MD, FAAFP**, practices in Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania and is an associate professor of health policy and administration at Penn State University

- Dr. Spotts established the Meritus Family Medicine Residency in 2019 and teaches full-time at Penn State University's MHA program and in clinical setting

Our new President of the AAFP is **Sarah C. Nosal, MD, FAAFP**

- Dr. Nosal is Vice President for Innovation & Optimization and Chief Medical Information Officer at The Institute for Family Health, an FQHC network with 27-plus Mid-Hudson, Bronx, Manhattan, and Brooklyn locations. Her focus is on the care of marginalized communities with two decades of practice in the South Bronx. She has served as Medical Director for NYU and Einstein student-run free clinics. As CMIO, Dr. Nosal secured financial support for IT infrastructure and helped her institution become a regional leader in data sharing and ensuring equitable information access.

## **Resolutions:**

Our NHAFP resolution, **Res 407 (New Hampshire A) - Minimizing Patient Exposure to Food Contaminated by Toxic Sludge**, cosponsored by chapters Illinois and Massachusetts, was adopted without amendment. It calls for the AAFP BOD to develop a toolkit for chapters, AAFP members at-large, and other relevant professional medical organizations to develop model state legislation to prevent the use of sludge as fertilizer. The toolkit will also have informational resources that family physicians can use to educate their patients and create greater awareness and support as citizens at-large.

Other resolutions focused on maintaining evidence-based vaccine policy, protecting patients from immigration enforcement in health care settings, improving healthcare for people experiencing homelessness, and ongoing discussions about Medicare Advantage and prior authorization burdens. For perhaps the first time ever, the Congress adopted a substitute resolution around evidence-based comprehensive reproductive training that incorporated feedback and language from the Physicians for Life MIG (Member Interest Group) as well as pro-choice groups within the caucus.

## **General Summary:**

Link: [Congress of Delegates adopts measures to strengthen physicians and patient health | Inside the Academy](#)

We also had a variety of opportunities to hear from Board members about the AAFP's work, particularly around the chaos in DC. Our sense is that the academy is being very thoughtful about when to make public statements (for example, September's statement asking the president to reconsider HHS Secretary Kennedy's ability to serve) and when the Academy and its members would be best served by intensive work behind the scenes. They have been very focused on supporting vaccines, as well as Medicare payment.

In the non-political realm, the AAFP has done a lot of work on [familydoctor.org](http://familydoctor.org) and encourages us to use it with patients.

AAFP President-Elect, Board Chair, and President

Dr. Davis

Dr. Brull

Dr. Nosal



Beloved outgoing AAFP Board Chair, Steve Furr, MD

