FROM YOUR CAFP PRESIDENT
The Colorado Academy of Family Physicians continues to remain a strong organization representing the family physician in education and practice development, advocacy as well as health of the public. I am pleased to present the academy’s 2015 annual report.

In 2015, the AAFP held the annual Congress of Delegates and the FMX (Family Medicine Experience) in Denver. This was a terrific week of CME and networking with fellow family physicians in our back yard. And true to Colorado, we were proud to have John Bender, MD, FAAFP elected to AAFP board of directors. He will undoubtedly represent us well on a national level. We of course held our Annual Scientific Conference in Colorado Springs at the beautiful Cheyenne Mountain Resort in April. It continues to be a wonderful experience in its own right and is well attended. Your academy continues to be very active and a leader nationally in efforts to promote family medicine. Efforts include issues related to practice transformation and payment reform. Leaders are sent regularly to Washington DC to discuss important legislative topics with your US Senators and Representatives. In addition, leaders convened in Kansas City at the Annual Chapter Leader Forum as well as the National Conference of Constituency Leaders. We were able to advance professional and leadership development as well as continue policy development on a national level. We continue to be active with the Doctor of the Day at the state capitol. This very important opportunity allows all family physicians to interact directly with your legislators.

The CAFP continues to be active in the Colorado Primary Care Collaborative (CPCC), a collection of stakeholders including providers, payers and hospital systems, to advance continued efforts for payment reform and practice transformation. I was honored to be selected by Governor Hickenlooper to sit on the SIM (State Innovation Model) advisory board. SIM as you may know is a $65 million grant to Colorado to integrate primary care and behavior health. Your CEO Raquel Rosen, also sits on a working group for SIM which will be instrumental in transforming how we practice along with our behavior health specialists.

Your Academy continues to be financial sound. Please be assured that your annual dues are being used with great intention, care and responsibility. Membership continues to grow with over 2200 total members in the state, which represent over 80% of family physicians in the state. This qualifies Colorado as a “large” chapter (small, medium, large, extra large). We boast 100% family medicine resident membership and have an ever growing medical student membership. We have several social gathering for students at both University of Colorado and Rocky Vista medical schools as well as for all residents.

I would personally like to thank every member of the CAFP as well as the CAFP board. Your continued support of the Academy’s efforts is a tremendous investment in the future of family medicine and frankly in the future of our nation’s health care system success. Please consider joining any and all efforts of the CAFP.

Sincerely,

Glenn Madrid, MD

2015 MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

2,302 Members

1,562 Active Members
206 Resident Members
366 Student Members
143 Life Members
22 Inactive Members
3 Supporting Members
COLORADO ON THE NATIONAL STAGE
COLORADO REMAINS ONE OF THE MOST INNOVATIVE STATES IN THE NATION FOR FAMILY MEDICINE. THE PHYSICIANS AND PRACTICES MAKING WAVES HERE ARE RECEIVING NATIONAL ATTENTION, AND FOR GOOD REASON. FROM THE PRIMARY CARE TEAMS ON THE WESTERN SLOPE REDUCING COSTS WHILE IMPROVING CARE, TO TRAILBLAZING PHYSICIANS ALONG THE FRONT RANGE EXPERIMENTING WITH NEW MODELS OF PAYMENT LIKE DIRECT PRIMARY CARE, THE #FMREVOLUTION IS ALIVE AND WELL IN OUR STATE.

ELECTED
Dr. John Bender of Ft. Collins was elected to the American Academy of Family Physicians Board of Directors during the Congress of Delegates in September. Having a voice from Colorado on the national Academy’s board means that the concerns and challenges of Colorado family physicians and patients are understood and tackled by national leaders. Congratulations to Dr. Bender!

SHARING EXPERIENCES
The national Health is Primary campaign stopped in Denver in conjunction with the October FMX conference. Physicians and other primary care leaders from across the state gathered to share their stories of success, and discuss what it will take to move primary care forward in our state, and in our country. The panel discussions, moderated by Colorado’s T.R. Reid, featured local leaders including Clint Flanagan, MD, Cissy Kraft, MD and Luke Casias, MD (pictured).

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NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED
Dr. Glenn Madrid of Grand Junction (pictured in purple tie) was invited to the White House to meet with President Obama in recognition of the significant work his practice has done to reduce costs while improving the quality of care patients receive. Because of Colorado’s success with programs like the Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (TCPi) and the Accountable Care Collaborative, additional programs, like the State Innovation Model (SIM), continue to be made available.

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THE FUTURE OF FAMILY MEDICINE
SUPPORTING THE NEXT GENERATION OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS IS A TOP PRIORITY FOR THE COLORADO ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS. BY ENGAGING WITH STUDENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND ROCKY VISTA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE, AND RESIDENTS IN THE NINE FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAMS ACROSS THE STATE, WE HELP FOSTER NOT JUST THE NEXT GENERATION OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS, BUT THE NEXT GENERATION OF FAMILY MEDICINE LEADERS. AS COLORADO CONTINUES TO ATTRACT THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST, WE REMAIN #FAMMEDSTRONG.

STUDENT & RESIDENT CONNECTIONS
Family medicine residents are some of the most helpful resources for medical students. As they begin their careers in family medicine, with memories of Match Day still fresh, they are a great influence for those feeling inspired by primary care. In October, the CAFP hosted a Nosh & Gather in Denver’s RiNo neighborhood where students and residents were able to network and discuss what makes family medicine great.

LEARNING WITH LEADERS
Choosing family medicine isn’t always the easiest path in medical school. That’s why CAFP works to connect students interested in primary care with practicing family physicians. This year, over 50 medical students joined CAFP leaders at Dry Dock Brewery for a Brew & Chew to discuss why family medicine matters, what the future of family medicine is, and why students should have a passion for it.

EXPANDING EDUCATION
CAFP worked with the family medicine student groups at CU and RVU to bring family medicine experts into the classroom for discussions on topics not covered in typical curriculum, but that are important to the next generation of doctors all the same. With presentations ranging from marijuana to LGBT medicine to financial management, students got an extra dose of learning over their lunch hours.
ADVOCATES FOR CHANGE
PROTECTING THE FUTURE OF FAMILY MEDICINE DEMANDS LEGISLATIVE ACTION. FROM PAYMENT REFORM TO PRESERVING THE SCOPE OF FAMILY MEDICINE, THE CAFP IS ON THE FRONTLINES, DETERMINING WHERE POLICY IN OUR STATE NEEDS TO GO, AND FIGHTING FOR WHAT IS RIGHT FOR FAMILY PHYSICIANS. BE IT THE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR, INDIVIDUAL LEGISLATORS OR LARGE ORGANIZATIONS, THE CAFP ENSURES FAMILY MEDICINE HAS A SEAT AT THE TABLE AND DECISION MAKERS KNOW THAT IN COLORADO, #HEALTHISPRIMARY.

MAKING OUR VOICES HEARD
When legislators are making healthcare policy decisions, they need to hear the voice of the family physician. CAFP members frequently testify during the legislative session on a broad range of issues, from tobacco cessation to payment reform, and many issues in between. Because of CAFP’s strong presence at the Capitol, our physicians are heard and respected at the legislature.

SHAPING THE FUTURE
In June, the Colorado Primary Care Collaborative (CPCC) brought together leaders from all corners of healthcare, including physicians, legislators, public and private payers, researchers, educators and more. The conversation was all about primary care in our state—where are we, and where do we need to go? The discussion helped to formulate what actions the CPCC, CAFP, and other supporters will need to take to make primary care in our state the strongest in the country.

A CENTRAL FOCUS
In February, leaders from the CAFP and other Colorado primary care organizations met with Kyle Brown, PhD, a senior health policy advisor in the office of Governor John Hickenlooper. As statewide healthcare decisions are made, and opportunities like the State Innovation Model become available, primary care must be at the center of these discussions, so policymakers understand that family physicians are indeed the center of our greater healthcare system.
A LOCAL FAMILY MEDICINE MOVEMENT
CHAMPIONING OUR MEMBERS AND THE HEALTH OF ALL COLORADANS ARE TWO OF THE CORNERSTONES OF THE CAFP. STUDENTS WELCOME FAMILY PHYSICIANS INTO THEIR CLASSROOMS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DANGERS OF TOBACCO, AND AFTERWORD CREATE POSTERS WITH MESSAGES OF HEALTHY LIVING. THE CAFP AWARDS ARE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE THE PHYSICIANS AND PRACTICES CHANGING PATIENTS’ LIVES FOR THE BETTER. AND THE ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE IS A WAY FOR US ALL TO GATHER AND LEARN WITH EACH OTHER. OUR MEMBERS ARE PROOF THAT IN COLORADO, WE #MAKEHEALTHPRIMARY.

2015 CAFP AWARD WINNERS
The CAFP recognized exceptional physicians and practices in 2015. The 2015 CAFP Award Winners included Elias Hernandez, MD, Family Physician of the Year (pictured below), Leah Cooper, MD, Teacher of the Year, Kari Mader, MD, Resident of the Year, and University Family Medicine of Westminster and Boulder, Patient-Centered Medical Home Best Practice of the Year.

TAR WARS WINNERS
Colorado students continue to enjoy Tar Wars presentations in their classrooms, and the annual poster content that goes along with it. The 2015 winner was Joshua Jeffers from Saints Peter and Paul School, with his global themed poster pictured below. In second place was Molly Merrill from Aspen Creek Pre K-8, and in third place was Marley Cristillo from Chipeta Elementary School. Honorable mentions went to Sophie Christopher from Aspen Creek PreK-8, Keira Peterson from Aspen Creek PreK-8, and Porscha Jacobs from Idalia Elementary School.

CAFP ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE
In April, family physicians, medical students, family medicine residents and other primary care professionals from across the state gathered in Colorado Springs for the CAFP Annual Scientific Conference. The extended weekend of education and networking included presentations on some of the hottest topics in Colorado, including opioids, immunizations, and marijuana. Attendees also took part in family-friendly activities, like a super hero themed exhibit hall, square dancing lessons, and a family dinner.
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