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Troy Fiesinger, M.D., sworn in as TAFP President

AUSTIN, TEXAS — Troy Fiesinger, M.D., of Sugar Land, Texas, was sworn in as president of the Texas Academy of Family Physicians during the 63rd Annual Session and Scientific Assembly in Austin. Dr. Fiesinger assumed his duties July 14 at the annual Installation of Officers and Awards Lunch.

Dr. Fiesinger currently serves on the faculty of the Memorial Family Medicine Residency Program where he practices full-spectrum family medicine including obstetrics and office procedures.

He earned his medical degree at Baylor College of Medicine in 1996 and completed his family medicine residency at the East Carolina University School of Medicine/Pitt County Memorial Hospital in 1999. Before joining the residency program, Dr. Fiesinger practiced family medicine at the Scott and White Clinic in Waco and served as the regional clinic director for quality and safety at the Scott and White Memorial Hospital and Clinic in Temple. From 2006 to 2009, he served as the clinic medical director of the Lone Star Family Health Center in Conroe, a federally qualified health center.

Dr. Fiesinger is involved in many aspects of TAFP and AAFP. Over the years he has served as a member of the Commission on Core Delegation to the American Academy of Family Physicians; chair of TAFP's Commission on Public Health, Clinical Affairs, and Research; as a member of the TAFP Liaison Committee with Managed Care Companies; and as a member of the TAFP Executive Committee.

Family physicians like Dr. Fiesinger are qualified to work in all major medical areas and trained to treat more than 90 percent of all cases they encounter. Family physicians care for patients of all ages.

In his presidential address, he acknowledged that the health care system is in the midst of a painful rebirth, with different interest groups pulling family physicians in different directions. "We stand with our patients at the middle of this storm of abbreviations and acronyms: ACA, ACO, PCMH, EHR, and the Medicaid 1115 waiver."

"It is easy to get frustrated by the changes hitting us daily, but I urge you to channel your anger into action. We understand better than most the reality on the ground – and what our patients need." Our

patients deserve our best, he said, and there's nothing I'd rather be doing than pushing each day to get my patients the health care they need.

As TAFP president, Dr. Fiesinger will represent the entire Academy, amplifying the voice of 7,000 family physicians, family medicine residents, and medical students. He will establish goals and objectives for the organization, and monitor and evaluate the organizational effectiveness and accomplishments of the membership.

He will be accompanied by President-elect Clare Hawkins, M.D., of Baytown; Vice President Ajay Gupta, M.D., of Austin; Treasurer Dale Ragle, M.D., of Dallas; and Parliamentarian Tricia Elliott, M.D., of Galveston.

The Texas Academy of Family Physicians is the premier membership organization dedicated to uniting the family doctors of Texas through advocacy, education and member services, and empowering them to provide a medical home for patients of all ages. It has 33 local chapters and is a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Visit www.tafp.org for more information.

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