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Janet Hurley, MD, sworn in as TAFP President

GALVESTON, TEXAS — Janet Hurley, MD, of Whitehouse, Texas, was sworn in as president of the Texas Academy of Family Physicians during the 2017 Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in Galveston. Hurley assumed her duties Nov. 11 at the TAFP Business and Awards Lunch.

“I believe that family medicine’s time for resurgence is now. The giants who wore this medallion before me set the stage for what we can become,” Hurley said. “Do you believe as I do that family medicine is this nation’s best hope for a sustainable, practical, and financially sound health care system? Do you believe as I do that we are positioned well as a specialty to finally be valued for the work we do? Are you ready to transform your practices into something better than it had been, to do your part to make this health care system the best that it can be? If the answer is yes, then we must continue to act.”

Hurley is Medical Director of Population Health at CHRISTUS Trinity Clinic in Whitehouse, Texas. She received her medical degree from Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine and completed her postgraduate training with the Family Practice Residency Program at the University of Texas Health Center at Tyler in Tyler, Texas.

She previously served as president-elect of the Academy, chair of TAFP’s Commission on Health Care Services and Managed Care, chair of the Section on Leadership Development, and chair of the Section on the Medical Home. She is also a member of the Texas Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the Smith County Medical Society, and the Christian Medical and Dental Society.

As TAFP president, Hurley will represent the entire Academy, amplifying the voice of more than 8,000 family physicians, family medicine residents, and medical students. She will establish goals and objectives for the organization, and monitor and evaluate the organizational effectiveness and accomplishments of the Academy.

Family physicians like Hurley 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.

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 32 local chapters and is a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Visit www.tafp.org for more information.