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Erica Swegler, MD, wins election to AAFP Board of Directors

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS — Erica Swegler, MD, of Austin, Texas, has been elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Family Physicians. The election was held on Sept. 13, 2017, at the annual meeting of the AAFP Congress of Delegates in San Antonio, Texas. The board of directors advocate on behalf of family physicians and patients nationwide to inspire positive change in the U.S. health care system, according to an AAFP statement.

“I believe in family medicine,” she said in a statement announcing her candidacy. “In our specialty lies the solution for what ails our nation’s inefficient and expensive health care system. I am determined to help effect that solution in my practice, my community, our organization, and within the halls of government.”

Dr. Swegler has practiced medicine for more than 30 years. Her meritorious career includes stints in rural communities as well as metropolitan practices. Currently she owns Beacon Family Health Care, where she cares for patients in the Austin community.

She is a past president of the Texas Academy of Family Physicians and a past recipient of the Texas Family Physician of the Year Award. She represented Texas in the AAFP Congress of Delegates for 10 years and she has served on three AAFP Commissions: Governmental Advocacy, Quality, and Health Care Services. She has also served in a variety of capacities with the Texas Medical Association, as well as on the Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke, and the American Heart Association’s Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee for Texas.

She received her medical degree from the University of Texas Medical School at Houston and completed her family medicine residency at University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

Family physicians like Swegler 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 33 local chapters and is a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Visit www.tafp.org for more information.