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Lane Aiena, MD, receives the Texas Academy of Family Physicians Public Health Award

GRAPEVINE, TEXAS — Lane Aiena, MD, of Huntsville, Texas, was awarded the Texas Academy of Family Physicians Public Health Award during TAFP’s Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in Grapevine on Oct. 29. The award recognizes individuals who are making extraordinary contributions to the public health of Texas.

“In times of crisis, people will turn to you, their primary care physicians,” Aiena said as he accepted the award. “What an incredible honor that is, so step up, gather your team, don't fear failure, and most importantly don't wait for someone else to do the right thing. Remember medicine doesn't begin and end at the four walls of your clinic. Get out there, do some good, help others, and you will be the reason that primary care remains a primary focus in the state of Texas. Thank you.”

Aiena has practiced at Huntsville Family Medicine since 2017 and currently serves on TAFP’s Board of Directors as an at-large director. He is president of the Walker-Madison-Trinity County Medical Society and is also active in the Texas Medical Association.

Serving as the Walker County COVID Medical Response Director, Aiena worked with his state representatives to secure vaccines for his community and organized events to distribute them. He was interviewed by several media outlets to raise awareness about the lack of vaccine distribution in rural Texas. Aiena also taught classes to local nurses and hospital staff on overcoming vaccine hesitancy.

Along with his local radio station, Aiena began a segment in 2021 focused on COVID called “Thursday Morning House Call,” which he continues to do on various health care topics. He also recently launched “Doc to the Future,” a podcast aimed at exploring the ever-changing field of primary care.

Family physicians like Aiena 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.