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Emily Briggs, MD, MPH, FAAFP, sworn in as TAFP President

GRAPEVINE, TEXAS — Emily Briggs, MD, MPH, FAAFP, of New Braunfels, Texas, was sworn in as president of the Texas Academy of Family Physicians during the 2022 Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in Grapevine. Briggs assumed her duties Oct. 29 at TAFP’s annual awards lunch.

“We stand today fighting medical mistrust, brought on by more than this pandemic,” Briggs said in her incoming presidential address. “We know that primary care means better outcomes. We have the evidence – studies exist as proof! We will continue to go to the Capitol, speak to legislators on all of these issues and more. We will make our stance known and keep moving the needle. Your board will perform strategic planning in this nearly post-COVID world. We are here to assist you in navigating these difficult waters.”

Briggs is the founder of Briggs Family Medicine, where she practices full-spectrum family medicine with obstetrics. She is also the medical director for the New Braunfels Independent School District. She has served as the new physician board member for both TAFP and AAFP, as president of her county medical society, and as president of TAFP’s Alamo Chapter. She received her Bachelor of Science from Texas A&M University, her master’s in public health from the University of Houston School of Public Health, and her medical degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. She completed residency at Christus Santa Rosa in San Antonio.

During her year as TAFP president, Briggs will work with other officers to lead the Academy: Immediate Past President and Board Chair Mary Nguyen, MD, of Castroville; President-Elect Terrance Hines, MD, of Austin; Treasurer Lindsay Botsford, MD, MBA, of Houston; and Parliamentarian Ike Okwuwa, MD, of Odessa.

Family physicians like Briggs 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.