

## **A TIMELINE OF IMPORTANT EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY DIRECTORS (AFMRD)**

### **I. Events Leading up to the Creation of AFMRD (1947-1990)**

- 1947** The American Academy of General Practice (later Family Physicians) is established. By the following year, residencies in general practice begin to develop.
- Dec. 1968** House of Delegates of the AMA at its Clinical Convention approves the “Essentials” for Residency Training in Family Practice. Under these essentials, the first fifteen family practice residencies are given provisional approval and submitted as an appendix to a revised application for a primary certifying board in family practice.
- Feb. 1969** Approval granted by the Liaison Committee for Specialty Boards, the Advisory Board for Medical Specialties, and the AMA Council on Medical Education for the incorporation of the American Board of Family Practice, Inc. (ABFP) as the twentieth primary specialty in American medicine.
- Sept. 1969** First meeting of the Residency Review Committee for Family Practice (RRC-FP). This committee begins reviewing family practice residency programs as the Residency Review Committee for General Practice is phased out.
- 1987-88** Open discussion forums and a survey of directors show many support the idea of a separate organization to represent the needs and interests of residency directors.
- June 1989** Steering committee meets and establishes a set of six goals for the prospective organization: 1) to establish for representation of community-based residency programs on the RRC-FP; 2) to establish a voice in existing organizations; 3) to begin lobbying in Washington, DC; 4) to preserve ties with the AAFP; 5) to begin a dialogue among program directors to establish what they wanted from an organization; and 6) to offer membership for all program directors, one vote each, to also include a proxy mechanism.
- July 1989** AAFP reaffirms support for the new organization at meeting with AAFP Commission on Education.
- Nov. 1989** Three names chosen to put to a vote at the June 1990 Program Directors Workshop: (a) Association of Family Practice Residency Directors; (b) Association of Residency Directors in Family Practice; and (c) Family Practice Residency Directors Association.
- 1990** First board of directors elected at the Program Directors Workshop include: President: Richard H. Layton, MD; President-elect: Stephen Brunton, MD; Immediate past President: Alvin J. Haley, MD; Secretary/Treasurer: Penelope K. Tippy, MD; Members at large:

Elizabeth A. Burns, MD; Norman B. Kahn, Jr, MD; and Mary Willard, MD.

## **II. AFMRD History (1990-2006)**

- Aug. 1990** Articles of incorporation filed in Missouri for the Association of Family Practice (later Medicine) Residency Directors (AFPRD).
- 1993** AFPRD members approve a series of principles for reform of the "Special Requirements for Residency Training in Family Practice," which include sections on curriculum definition, family practice faculty, removal of arbitrary time limits, and movement towards a competency-based curriculum.
- 1994** Creation of the National Institute for Program Director Development (NIPDD) that includes three structured learning sessions, an advisorship, and a longitudinal project.
- Sept. 1994** Family Medicine Television Network (FMTN) broadcasts its first program allowing residents and faculty to interact with leaders in their discipline.
- 1995** Many reform suggestions included in the draft for the revised "Special Requirements for Residency Training in Family Practice" submitted to the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education by the RRC-FP and its parent organizations. By this time, four members of the RRC-FP, including its chair, David Holden, MD, and former president of AFPRD, Stephen Brunton, MD, have become community hospital residency program directors.
- June 1996** Hardbound commemorative book celebrating the first five years of AFPRD is distributed to every program.
- Oct. 2000** Keystone III conference inspires The Future of Family Medicine (FFM) Project.
- Late 2001** AFPRD, AAFP, ABFP, NAPCRG, and STFM join together to announce the creation of a new publication, to be entitled *Annals of Family Medicine*.
- 2003** *Frontline: Better Bones: Osteoporosis* preceptorship forms as an educational workshop.  
  
First issue of *Annals of Family Medicine* published.
- 2004** Association of Family Practice Residency Directors (AFPRD) changes name to Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors (AFMRD).
- March 2004** Future of Family Medicine (FFM) Project published in the *Annals of Family Medicine*. John Bucholtz and Janice Nevin represent AFPRD on FFM Project Leadership Committee.
- Oct. 2004** AFMRD hosts the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA) in a reception to form international relationships and provide resources.
- 2004-2005** Launch of AFMRD Program Director Recognition Awards.
- 2005** As a result of the Future of Family Medicine (FFM) Project, TransforMED is created to assist in developing a new model for family medicine practices.

- Jan. 2005**      *Frontline: Diabetes* preceptorship formed as an educational workshop.
- Oct. 2005**      Senior Directors Fellowship (NIPDD 2) offered for the first time for program directors with four or more years of experience.
- 2006**            AFMRD reaches consensus to approve Areas of Concentration (AOC) that can be accomplished through residents' elective time.
- Preparing the Personal Physician for Practice (P4) Residency Demonstration Initiative launched. Through this initiative, AFMRD cooperates with other Family Medicine organizations and directors of Family Medicine departments to establish the next set of revisions in education and training for family physicians.
- Oct. 7, 2006**    AFMRD Executive Vice President Cynthia Weber, M.A. died after serving 6 years as EVP and was succeeded by Jay Fetter.