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Summary of The Physicians Foundation Board Meeting August 2016

The Physicians Foundation held its quarterly meeting in New Hampshire.

- The Foundation will release its 2015 annual report, sharing copies with medical societies and other key organizations as well as making it available on the Foundation's website.
- The Foundation adopted a new Board Materials Access Policy to ensure that no organizations are given access to grantmaking information that provides an unfair advantage in the competitive grant program.
- The Foundation continues to track progress towards its strategic plan with committee chairs submitting action plans for their related initiatives.
- The Foundation welcomes its next CFO/COO, John Dorman, who will formally begin working with the Foundation at the start of 2017.
- The Foundation welcomes its newest board member, Dr. Sunny Ramchandani, as the representative from Aetna.

Research

- The results of the 2016 Biennial Physician Survey were presented and will be released in late September.
- Results from the patient survey continue to be promoted, with a number of media outlets picking up the information, including the New York Times.
- Dr. Richard Cooper's book, *Poverty and the Myths of Health Care Reform*, has been published by Johns Hopkins University Press and will be promoted.

Grantmaking

- The Foundation will revise the Health Leads Learning Network grant program with an invitation to 4-5 states to participate.
- 4 renewal grants were awarded under the Physician Leadership grant program totaling \$598,960.

- Colorado Medical Society Foundation
- Institute for Medical Quality
- Mississippi State Medical Association Foundation
- Washington State Medical Association Health Care Improvement Foundation
- The Foundation approved a grant to the Benjamin Rush Institute to support sending medical students to professional conferences.
- The Board adopted a new Streamlined Renewal Application process.
- Dr. Christine Sinsky, Vice President, Professional Satisfaction at the AMA, presented on physician wellness and provided specific examples of how clinics and practices have improved patients' visits and increased physician satisfaction.

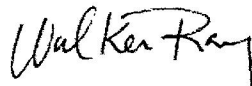
Medical Practice

- The Foundation will release an RFQ to hire a consultant to research payment parity and doctor-patient relationship requirements related to telemedicine.
- The Foundation will commission a study conducted by the highly respected researcher, Dr. Lawrence Casalino, on how physicians spend their time, including how it relates to physicians' and patients' experiences.
- Representatives from United Physicians and Surgeons of America and the Docs 4 Patient Care Foundation presented on the Let My Doctor Practice movement and current efforts to improve the doctor-patient relationship.
- The Foundation will support PSO Services, LLC to help independent doctors stay independent and take advantage of advances in the healthcare field, putting valuable tools into the hands of independent physicians.

Sincerely,



Chief Executive Officer



President

About The Physicians Foundation

The Physicians Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that seeks to advance the work of practicing physicians and help facilitate the delivery of healthcare to patients. It pursues its mission through a variety of activities including grantmaking, research, white papers and policy studies. Since 2005, The Foundation has awarded numerous multi-year grants totaling more than \$40 million. In addition, The Foundation focuses on the following core areas: physician leadership, physician practice trends, physician shortage issues, and the impact of healthcare reform on physicians and patients. As the healthcare system in America continues to evolve, The Physicians Foundation is steadfast in its determination to strengthen the physician-patient relationship and assist physicians in sustaining their medical practices in today's practice environment. For more information, please visit www.PhysiciansFoundation.org and follow The Foundation on Twitter at [@PhysiciansFound](https://twitter.com/PhysiciansFound) to stay informed on the latest news.

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