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October Board Meeting Summary

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Summary of The Physicians Foundation Board Meeting October 2016

The Physicians Foundation held its quarterly meeting in Memphis, TN.

- The Board received an update on the transfer of the Finance and Administration Contract from Typomd.com, LLC to John Dorman due to the retirement of William Mahon.
- The Foundation continues to track progress towards its strategic plan with committee chairs submitting action plans for their related initiatives.
- The Foundation will hold a strategic communications meeting in November to ensure its current outreach efforts and focus are aligned with the mission.

Research

- The results of the 2016 Biennial Physician Survey were released in September and have been picked up by a number of outlets, including MarketWatch and Modern Healthcare, with nearly 3,500 views over the newswire. State-level results are available upon request.
- Dr. Richard Cooper's book, Poverty and the Myths of Health Care Reform, has been published by Johns Hopkins University Press and is being promoted.
- A working group will research available educational resources on physician reporting requirements under the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA). The group will report back with its findings at the next quarterly meeting.
- The Foundation agreed to pursue its second national patient survey, with findings to be released in 2017.

Grantmaking

- 5 grants were awarded totaling \$734,866, including 2 renewal grants under the Physician Leadership grant program
 - Kentucky Foundation for Medical Care
 - Montana Medical Association Foundation
 - Brown University's Alpert Medical School
 - Tennessee Foundation for Quality Patient Healthcare
 - The Schwartz Center
- The Foundation approved a partnership with Health Affairs to develop a new series, the Practice of Medicine, to explore important health policy issues affecting practicing physicians.
- The Foundation approved updates to its grantmaking procedures and guidelines to ensure its ongoing ability to consider and have funds available for new grantee organizations.
- Dr. Lotte Dyrbye of the Mayo Clinic and Dr. Mickey Trockel of the Stanford University School of Medicine presented on physician wellness and provided an overview of the prevalence of physician burnout and current research on the topic.

Medical Practice

- The Foundation approved a national colloquia series to be implemented on a regional basis in collaboration with area medical societies. A committee will oversee implementation of the regional conferences over the next two years.

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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