



2024 FSPHP Board of Directors Candidates Statement of Interest

Name: Richard Whitney, MD, DABAM, FASAM

Title: Medical Director

Organization: Ohio Professionals Health Program

Board Position on the 2024-2026 Ballot: Central Regional Representative

Why do you have an interest in serving on the FSPHP Board of Directors as a Board member or officer?

I believe the continued work by the FSPHP to improve the status of PHPs around the country is a valuable service.

What is your vision for the next 2-3 years for the organization? (Please include any thoughts on objectives for accountability, consistency, and excellence measures, as well as funding initiatives.)

PEER and ETA adoption and implementation. Continued efforts to 'standardize' state PHPs in regards to the types of licensees with whom we can work and continuation in efforts to help more PHPs be able to offer their services on a confidential basis without mandated reporting to licensing boards.

What skills do you bring to the organization?

33 years of experience in Addiction Medicine, with 22 of these years in Ohio practicing at a facility offering treatment to healthcare licensees. For the first 17 years I referred all licensees to OPHP for monitoring after completing treatment, and I now have practiced as medical director of OhioPHP for 2.5 years.