



2023 FSPHP Board of Directors Candidates Statement of Interest

Name: Doris Gundersen MD

Title: Medical Director Emerita

Organization: Colorado Physician Health Program

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

I have been involved with the FSPHP for 23 years and have historical memory that I believe benefits new decision making and the direction the organization takes moving forward. The FSPHP is by far my favorite organization and I remain committed to enhancing the services we provide to our members as well as informing other important organizations about the work we do.

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.)

For the next two to three years, we should continue to grow our membership. While individual dues to the organization are important for fiscal stability, I believe this should no longer be our main source of revenue because continually increasing dues will alienate smaller programs, or at the very least, place financial burden on them that takes away funding for other important projects. FSPHP has to get creative and develop other revenue streams, including funding from other organizations that benefit from the work we do such as the FSMB, state medical boards and societies, national medical organizations and malpractice carriers. We need to continue to develop alliances with important medical organizations that can support the work we do, financially or otherwise.

What skills do you bring to the organization?

I have been practicing psychiatry for 30 years and have added qualifications in forensic psychiatry which aligns well with the fitness-for-duty work we are engaged in. As noted, I have 23 years of experience with the FSPHP and can provide historical perspective to inform our new pursuits. I have good writing skills and speaking skills to promote the FSPHP's work. I believe I am a creative thinker and can contribute to new ideas and projects that will strengthen our organization.