

REPORT OF THE
TFQPH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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TO: HOUSE OF DELEGATES
TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

SUBMITTED BY: PAMELA MURRAY, MD, CHAIR

1 The Tennessee Foundation for Quality Patient Healthcare (TFQPH) Board of Directors is
2 comprised of six members and is chaired by Dr. Pamela Murray.

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4 TFQPH is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded by the Tennessee Medical Association
5 (TMA). TFQPH is organized and operated exclusively to support, benefit, or carry out the
6 charitable purposes of TMA. In a manner that constitutes charitable, scientific, or educational
7 purposes, TFQPH strives to promote high quality medical care and assist physicians and the public
8 to improve the quality of care received by patients in the evolving healthcare environment.
9 Through innovative programming, TFQPH addresses critical needs of healthcare professionals to
10 promote effective leadership in medical practices, communities, and beyond.

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12 In 2005, TFQPH was established to receive and manage a grant from The Physicians Foundation
13 for the Tennessee Prescription Safety Program. Through the years, TFQPH has periodically
14 managed grants for specific programs of TMA, including multiple prescriber education initiatives,
15 quality improvement, and physician leadership. In 2023, both the TFQPH Board of Directors and
16 the TMA Board of Trustees recognized the need for the foundation to expand and voted to launch
17 a full, active fundraising program for the foundation. These expanded efforts include solicitation
18 of program specific grants and donations and annual general funding campaigns. TFQPH will also
19 begin efforts to build an endowment to guarantee long-term stability for the foundation and
20 continuous support for TMA programs and education.

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22 As a part of this effort, TMA is contracting with a fundraising consultant, Jennifer Chalos &
23 Associates, to assist in planning structure for the new fundraising format of the foundation.

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25 In 2024, the Ingram Institute for Physician Leadership, long supported by program grants from
26 The Physicians Foundation, learned that leadership program funding for state programs would
27 be discontinued. This initiated TFQPH's first TMA member fundraising campaign, with the goal to
28 support the Ingram Institute.

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30 The original goal of the campaign was to raise \$100,000 for the 2025 Ingram Institute program
31 year. As of March 31, 2025, a total of \$97,500 has been either gifted or pledged to TFQPH, with
32 gifts and pledges for 2025 totaling \$64,500, and future year commitments totaling \$33,000. As
33 the campaign began, Dr. F. Michael Minch, TMA President 2011-2012, made a five-year

leadership pledge of \$25,000 in support of the Ingram Institute and challenged other TMA leaders and Ingram Institute graduates to also support the effort.

Current Organization Donors with gifts of \$5,000 - \$10,000:

- Chattanooga Medical Foundation
- Chattanooga Hamilton County Medical Society
- Memphis Medical Society and Foundation
- Memphis Medical Foundation
- Nashville Academy of Medicine

Current Organization Donors with gifts of \$1,000 - \$4,999:

- Sullivan County Medical Society
- North East Tennessee Medical Society
- Williamson County Medical Society

Current Donor Categories:

- Excel (\$1,000+) -- 9 donors
- Empower (\$500-\$999) -- 27 donors
- Engage (\$250-\$499) -- 19 donors
- Educate (\$1-\$249) -- 10 donors

The TFQPH Board currently has three programs under its financial oversight: the Ingram Institute for Physician Leadership, an Opioid Abatement Council (OAC) Community Grant for Prescriber Education, and the TMA Job Board for Resident Physicians.

With programs like the Ingram Institute, TFQPH has made direct impacts on the physician-patient relationship. These programs continue to offer physicians opportunities to collaborate with each other and expand and hone skills and knowledge in the field of medicine beyond institutional settings. Through the vision of Dr. John J. Ingram, TMA President 2004-2005, the Ingram Institute's Physician Leadership Immersion Program (formerly the Physician Leadership College) began in 2007 and has had 19 graduating classes. The Physician Leadership Lab was added in 2015 and has since had 10 graduating classes. There are over 300 combined alumni from both programs.

The 2024 Ingram Institute for Physician Leadership concluded on July 27 with 22 new graduates. Physicians from across the state enrolled in TMA's 2024 Leadership Lab and Immersion program classes. The 2025 classes are underway.

The 2024 Leadership Immersion program featured the following graduates:

1 Chae Ko, MD, Family Practice Sports Medicine, Clarksville
2 Chetan Mukundan, MD, Pediatrics, Nashville
3 Christopher P. Montville, MD, Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility, Franklin
4 Dorris Powell-Alexander, MD, Emergency Medicine, Nashville
5 Eric McCartt, MD, Internal Medicine, Chattanooga
6 Giri Korivi, MD, Family Medicine, Clarksville
7 Heather Rupe, DO, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Franklin
8 Joan Michelle Allmon, MD, Internal Medicine, Collierville
9 Marta Wayt, DO, Internal Medicine, Kingsport
10 Mary Gupta, MD, Pathology, Memphis
11 Nimit Patel, DO, Internal Medicine, Clarksville
12 Zachariah Ramsey, MD, Emergency Medicine, Nashville

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14 The 2024 Leadership Lab featured the following graduates:

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16 Alicia Barnes, DO, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Collierville
17 Ashley Blaske, MD, Pediatric and Adult Rheumatology, Johnson City
18 Chad Griffin, MD, Family Medicine, Sparta
19 Christopher Jackson, MD, Internal Medicine, moved to Tampa, FL
20 Dorris Powell-Alexander, MD, Emergency Medicine, Nashville
21 George R. Lee, MD, Neurology, Nashville
22 Katie Green Pegram, MD, Pediatrics, Clarksville
23 Megan Morrison, DO, Dermatology, Franklin
24 Ravinder Machra, MD, Internal Medicine, Dyersburg
25 Timothy Johnson, MD, General Surgery, Brentwood

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27 A three-year OAC Community Grant for Prescriber Education was awarded to TFQPH in March
28 2024 and will provide funding from July 2024 – June 2027. Over the next three years, TFQPH will
29 use the \$1.5 million dollar grant to create new and updated education for all prescribers in
30 Tennessee. To accomplish this goal, TFQPH recruited a task force of 17 members comprised of
31 physicians, physician assistants, and representatives from law enforcement, pharmacy, and
32 public health, along with five subject-matter experts. The 17-member task force has been
33 meeting monthly since December 2024 to set objectives and content for this new prescriber
34 education and to identify requirements and restraints. The program content is scheduled to
35 launch early Fall 2025.

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37 The TMA Job Board for Tennessee Resident Physicians launched October 2024 and currently has
38 28 postings. The role of the TMA Job Board is to keep Tennessee trained physicians in state, while
39 also helping TMA members fill practice needs for new physicians. Efforts are being made to
40 increase awareness of, and reiterate the validity of, the process.

- 1 The TFQPH Board members are to be commended for their dedication to improving the quality
- 2 of health care delivered in Tennessee, through improving and developing programs with a direct
- 3 impact on the physician-patient relationship.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Murray, MD, Chair

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