FEDERATION OF STATE PHYSICIAN HEALTH PROGRAMS (FSPHP) IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE DR. CHRIS BUNDY’S TWO-YEAR TERM AS PRESIDENT

Dr. Chris Bundy’s two-year term as President began following the FSPHP’s 2020 Annual Meeting. He succeeds Paul H. Earley, MD, DFASAM who will continue to serve FSPHP in a leadership role on its Board of Directors in the role of Past President for a two-year term.

Chris Bundy, MD, MPH, FASAM is the Executive Medical Director of the Washington Physicians Health Program (WPHP) and Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry, University of Washington School of Medicine. Prior to joining WPHP, he served as Mental Health Service Chief and Chief of Psychiatry at the VA Puget Sound Healthcare System. He is board certified in general and geriatric psychiatry and addiction medicine and is a Fellow of the American Society of Addiction Medicine. Dr. Bundy draws on his experience as a health-care leader, medical educator, and recovering physician to support education and advocacy efforts related to physician health and well-being.

Dr. Bundy has been a member of the FSPHP since 2014. He was quickly identified as an emerging leader in his field and elected to the FSPHP Board of Directors in 2015. He has volunteered his leadership and expertise on numerous FSPHP Committees including the FSPHP Program Planning Committee, the Public Policy Committee, he chairs the Membership Committee, the MAT Advisory Panel, the Revenue Workgroup, and is a member of the FSPHP-Accreditation Review Committee.

“It is a great honor and privilege to serve as President of an organization that is committed to supporting the health and well-being of health care professionals. I cannot think of a more important priority for the medical profession and the patients we serve given these unprecedented and challenging times. My membership to the FSPHP has been one of the most professionally fulfilling opportunities of my career.”
During his term, Dr. Bundy pledges to continue to grow and develop the FSPHP to meet the evolving needs of its member Physician Health Programs (PHPs) and stakeholders through these goals:

- Deploy Performance Enhancement and Effectiveness Review program for PHPs (PEERTM) and Evaluation and Treatment Accreditation (FSPHP-ETA™) program for providers specializing in physician health to the field, successfully demonstrating our commitment to accountability, consistency, and excellence.

The PEERTM program mission is to empower PHPs and other health programs for workers in safety-sensitive occupational roles to use the new version of the FSPHP Guidelines as a practical tool for identifying opportunities to optimize performance and effectiveness in alignment with best practices.

The FSPHP-ETA™ program mission is to recognize evaluation and treatment services that are qualified to specialize in the care of medical students, residents, career physicians, and other safety-sensitive professionals, through a valid, reliable, and rational assessment process that demonstrates compliance with objective standards.

- Communicate impactfully to provide informative and compelling validation of our work, support our members and offer hope to those who may need assistance.

- Foster membership expansion and stakeholder engagement to support diversity, inclusion, and organizational influence of experts aligned with our mission.

- Remain nimble and responsive to unforeseen challenges, such as COVID-19.

About FSPHP: The FSPHP evolved over 30 years ago from initiatives taken by the American Medical Association, the Federation of State Medical Boards, and state medical societies. PHPs serve as a safe, confidential resource for the profession focusing on outreach, education, and health monitoring for physicians at risk for impairment. Today, nearly every state has developed a PHP which operates within the parameters of state regulation and legislation.

PHPs have extensive expertise in monitoring and managing safety sensitive professionals, including physicians who have recovered from a substance use disorder. Studies that review the long-term model of PHPs confirm physician recovery rates are markedly higher than the general population—even when extended into 5 years or more. One study reports that malpractice risk for those who complete a PHP is lower than for physicians practicing medicine who have never been followed by PHP monitoring. More articles featuring the PHP model, including FSPHP member testimonials and PHP participant stories can be reviewed here: PHP Featured Articles

The FSPHP is non-profit 501c3 professional membership association with elected officers and an elected Board of Directors. FSPHP has the largest membership in history with 48 State Physician Health Program Members, and 255 total members of the association. More information about FSPHP can be found here www.fsphp.org.