

Robert L. Wergin, MD, FAAFP

Board Chair

Robert L. Wergin, MD, FAAFP, a family physician in Milford, Nebraska, is board chair of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Previously, he served one-year terms as president and president-elect, and three years as a member of the AAFP Board of Directors. The AAFP represents 120,900 physicians and medical students nationwide.

As board chair of the AAFP, Wergin advocates on behalf of family physicians and patients nationwide to inspire positive change in the U.S. health care system. Outside the AAFP, Wergin is a practicing family physician in the town where he was born and raised. He practices the full spectrum of family medicine at the Milford Family Practice Center, from obstetrics to geriatrics. He also serves as medical director of Crest View Care Center.

Growing up in a rural setting, Wergin learned the importance of community involvement. Wergin currently serves on the board of the Milford Public Schools Foundation, is medical director for the Milford volunteer fire department, team physician for Milford Public Schools, and sideline physician for the Nebraska Shrine Bowl. He also serves as Milford city physician, and is an instructor of advanced cardiac and advanced trauma life support. In addition, Wergin is a volunteer faculty member at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, teaching medical students and residents on their rural rotations.

At the national level, Wergin has been an active member of the AAFP since 1982. He served as a delegate and alternate delegate to the AAFP's Congress of Delegates for 12 years. He is a former member of the AAFP's Commission on Membership and Member Services and the Website Advisory Committee.

At the state level, Wergin has been an active member of the Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians since 1989, where he has served in numerous leadership positions, including president and board member. He was instrumental in passing LB-396 in the Nebraska legislature, which established the state's first Medicaid medical home pilot project. He currently serves as a governor-appointed member of the project's design and implementation task force. Wergin is also an active member of the Nebraska Medical Association, where he currently serves as councilor for the 6th District.

Wergin was awarded the Nebraska Family Physician of the Year award in 2002, Nebraska Nursing Home Medical Director of the Year in 2012, and Nebraska Outstanding Rural Family Physician of the Year for Nebraska in 2015.

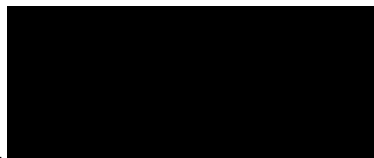
He graduated summa cum laude from the University of Nebraska, Kearney, with a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry. He earned his medical degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, and he completed his family medicine residency at St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center in Grand Junction, Colorado, where he served as an assistant director. Wergin also served as assistant director of the Lincoln Family Practice Residency, which is affiliated with the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Wergin is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine and has the AAFP Degree of Fellow, an earned degree awarded to family physicians for distinguished service and continuing medical education.

Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

1. Your Name: Robert Wergin, MD, FAAFP		
2. Your Title: Board Chair		
3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing: American Academy of Family Physicians		
4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?	Yes	No x
5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2013. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Transforming Clinical Practices Initiative Grant (TCPI) (\$580,000)		
6. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.		

Signature: _____



Date: 04/15/2015

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE TRUTH-IN-TESTIMONY DISCLOSURE FORM

In General. The attached form is intended to assist witnesses appearing before the Committee on Energy and Commerce in complying with Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, which provides:

(B) In the case of a witness appearing in a nongovernmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include a curriculum vitae and a disclosure of any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, received during the current calendar year or either of the two previous calendar years by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness and related to the subject matter of the hearing. (C) The disclosure referred to in subdivision (B) shall include (i) the amount and source of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (ii) the amount and country of origin of any payment or contract related to the subject matter of the hearing originating with a foreign government. (D) Such statements, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy or security of the witness, shall be made publicly available in electronic form not later than one day after the witness appears.

Please complete the form in accordance with these directions.

1. ***Name, Title, Entity(ies) (Items 1-3 on the form).*** Please provide the name and title of the witness and the entity(ies) on whose behalf the witness is testifying.
2. ***Governmental Entity (Item 4).*** Please check the box indicating whether or not the witness is testifying on behalf of a government entity, such as a Federal department or agency, or a State or local department, agency, or jurisdiction. Trade or professional associations of public officials are not considered to be governmental organizations.

Grants and Contracts (Item 5). Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2013. For each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) related to the subject matter of the hearing, please include the amount and source of each. For each payment or contract originating with a foreign government related to the subject matter of the hearing, please include the amount and country of origin of each. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed.
3. ***Curriculum Vitae (Item 6).*** Please attach your CV to your completed disclosure form.
4. ***Submission.*** Please sign and date the form in the appropriate place. Please submit this form with your written testimony. Please note that under the Committee's rules, copies of a written statement of your proposed testimony must be submitted before the commencement of the hearing. To the greatest extent practicable, please also provide a copy in electronic format according to the Electronic Format Guidelines that accompany these instructions.