A TIMELINE OF IMPORTANT EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY DIRECTORS (AFMRD)

I. Events Leading up to the Creation of AFMRD (1947-1990)

1947
The American Academy of General Practice is established. By the following year, residencies in general practice begin to develop.

Dec. 1968
House of Delegates of the AMA at its Clinical Convention approves the “Essentials” for Residency Training in Family Practice. Under these essentials, the first fifteen family practice residencies are given provisional approval and submitted as an appendix to a revised application for a primary certifying board in family practice.

Feb. 1969
Approval granted by the Liaison Committee for Specialty Boards, the Advisory Board for Medical Specialties, and the AMA Council on Medical Education for the incorporation of the American Board of Family Practice, Inc. (ABFP) as the twentieth primary specialty in American medicine.

Sept. 1969
First meeting of the Residency Review Committee for Family Practice (RRC-FP). This committee begins reviewing family practice residency programs as the Residency Review Committee for General Practice is phased out.

1987-88
Open discussion forums and a survey of directors show many support the idea of a separate organization to represent the needs and interests of residency directors.

June 1989
Steering committee meets and establishes a set of six goals for the prospective organization: 1) to establish for representation of community-based residency programs on the RRC-FP; 2) to establish a voice in existing organizations; 3) to begin lobbying in Washington, DC; 4) to preserve ties with the AAFP; 5) to begin a dialogue among program directors to establish what they wanted from an organization; and 6) to offer membership for all program directors, one vote each, to also include a proxy mechanism.

July 1989
AAFP reaffirms support for the new organization at meeting with AAFP Commission on Education.

Nov. 1989
Three names chosen to put to a vote at the June 1990 Program Directors Workshop: (a) Association of Family Practice Residency Directors; (b) Association of Residency Directors in Family Practice; and (c) Family Practice Residency Directors Association.

1990
First board of directors elected at the Program Directors Workshop include: President: Richard H. Layton, MD; President-elect: Stephen Brunton, MD; Immediate past President: Alvin J. Haley, MD; Secretary/Treasurer: Penelope K. Tippy, MD; Members at large:
II. AFMRD History (1990-2006)

Aug. 1990   Articles of incorporation filed in Missouri for the Association of Family Practice (later Medicine) Residency Directors (AFPRD).

1993   AFPRD members approve a series of principles for reform of the "Special Requirements for Residency Training in Family Practice," which include sections on curriculum definition, family practice faculty, removal of arbitrary time limits, and movement towards a competency-based curriculum.

1994   Creation of the National Institute for Program Director Development (NIPDD) that includes three structured learning sessions, an advisorship, and a longitudinal project.

Sept. 1994   Family Medicine Television Network (FMTN) broadcasts its first program allowing residents and faculty to interact with leaders in their discipline.

1995   Many reform suggestions included in the draft for the revised "Special Requirements for Residency Training in Family Practice" submitted to the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education by the RRC-FP and its parent organizations. By this time, four members of the RRC-FP, including its chair, David Holden, MD, and former president of AFPRD, Stephen Brunton, MD, have become community hospital residency program directors.

June 1996   Hardbound commemorative book celebrating the first five years of AFPRD is distributed to every program.


Late 2001   AFPRD, AAFP, ABFP, NAPCRG, and STFM join together to announce the creation of a new publication, to be entitled Annals of Family Medicine.

2003   Frontline: Better Bones: Osteoporosis preceptorship forms as an educational workshop.

First issue of Annals of Family Medicine published.

2004   Association of Family Practice Residency Directors (AFPRD) changes name to Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors (AFMRD).


Oct. 2004   AFMRD hosts the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA) in a reception to form international relationships and provide resources.

2004-2005   Launch of AFMRD Program Director Recognition Awards.

2005   As a result of the Future of Family Medicine (FFM) Project, TransforMED is created to assist in developing a new model for family medicine practices.

Jan. 2005   Frontline: Diabetes preceptorship formed as an educational workshop.
Oct. 2005  Senior Directors Fellowship (NIPDD 2) offered for the first (and only) time for program directors with four or more years of experience.

2006  AFMRD reaches consensus to approve Areas of Concentration (AOC) that can be accomplished through residents’ elective time.

Preparing the Personal Physician for Practice (P4) Residency Demonstration Initiative launched. Through this initiative, AFMRD cooperates with other Family Medicine organizations and directors of Family Medicine departments to establish the next set of revisions in education and training for family physicians.

Oct. 7, 2006  AFMRD Executive Vice President Cynthia Weber, M.A. died after serving 6 years as EVP and was succeeded by Jay Fetter.

2007  AFMRD partners with the American Board of Family Medicine, and OHSU Department of Family Medicine to sponsor the P4 Family Medicine Residency Demonstration Initiative.

2008  AFMRD uses an extensive member-based process to inform recommendations to the ACGME RRC Family Medicine revisions addressing maternity care requirements.

2009  AFMRD engaged members and collaborated with other family medicine organizations to submit recommendations for revisions for the next ACGME RRC Family Medicine Requirements scheduled to be implemented in 2011.

AFMRD testifies to the ACGME and publishes its research findings addressing the Institute of Medicine recommendations for resident duty hours.

2010  AFMRD recognizes 20 Years of Program Director leadership at the 2010 AAFP Program Directors Workshop.

2015  AFMRD celebrates 25 years anniversary.