

## **Region 4 Representative**



**Candidate:** Shannon Fox-Levine, MD, FAAP

**Primary City of Practice:** West Palm Beach, Florida

### **Statement of Interest/Bio:**

Dr Shannon Fox-Levine is a pediatrician and owner of Palm Beach Pediatrics, where she has worked for 21 years. Palm Beach Pediatrics was founded 40 years ago in central Palm Beach County, Florida. With three clinical offices, seven doctors, four nurse practitioners, one psychiatric nurse practitioner and a psychologist caring for over 20,000 patients. She completed medical school at University of Maryland at Baltimore and trained in pediatrics at Bellevue/NYU Hospital. Her goal as a pediatrician is to give the best comprehensive medical care to children while also being an advocate for them in the community. Integrating mental health care for children into primary care is her special interest. She has worked with a non-profit organization, Center for Child Counseling, for ten years and now is the Medical Director, promoting trauma-informed care and developed educational tools for other primary care doctors to evaluate, manage and treat common mental health disorders in children and adolescents. She is on a Palm Beach County school-based committee to address the increase in Baker Acts during the pandemic. She also has an interest in the business of medicine and enjoys managing the practice. She has been an advocate for pediatricians to improve payment for services in Florida as the past chair of the FCAAP Pediatric council, most notably negotiating a grant from a major health plan to subsidize consultation hours for Patient Centered Medical Home recognition for independently owned pediatric practices. She currently serves on the AAP Payer Advocacy and Advisory Committee to improve payment to pediatricians to decrease the financial barrier to access to high quality care for all children. She has been the President of the Palm Beach Pediatric Society for ten years, organizing CME for peers in the community. One of her most proud achievements is advocating for child safety by being one of six named pediatricians in the “Docs vs. Glocks” lawsuit against the State of Florida which found in the doctors’ favor in Federal Appellate Court. With COVID-19, she was an active participant in the state chapter and local school board discussions about returning children to school safely. In September 2023, Dr Fox earned recognition from FCAAP for her work with the Pediatric Council. She and her practice also won the 2023 Primary Care Practice Award from Patient Care Collaborative. She was also recently recognized by the Palm Beach Medical Society as the Physician Hero in Medicine of the Year.