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She has practiced law for over 30 years, most recently serving as Legal Counsel to New Hampshire Governor Maggie Hassan and her senior health care policy advisor, working with the Governor on initiatives to expand access to health, mental health and substance use disorder services for New Hampshire citizens. Lucy is an experienced New Hampshire health care and regulatory attorney. Previously a shareholder in the firm of Rath, Young and Pignatelli, P.C., and Chair of the firm's Healthcare Practice Group, Lucy assisted providers and businesses navigate the changing health care environment. Prior to private practice, Lucy served as an Assistant Attorney General in the New Hampshire Department of Justice and began her practice in the San Francisco offices of Brobeck, Phleger and Harrison.



Hello, My Name is Lucy

It's good to see you!



Why are you here?

What was your reason for becoming a family physician?

Health disparities are preventable differences in the burden of disease or of the opportunity to achieve optimal health that are experienced by socially disadvantaged populations



Are we ok?

- Individual
 - Family
 - Community
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Impact of health disparities

Wellbeing of
Youth

Housing

Wages

Mental
Health

Maternal
Health

Affordability



Can we diagnose our Health System Disparities?

Is our health system ok?

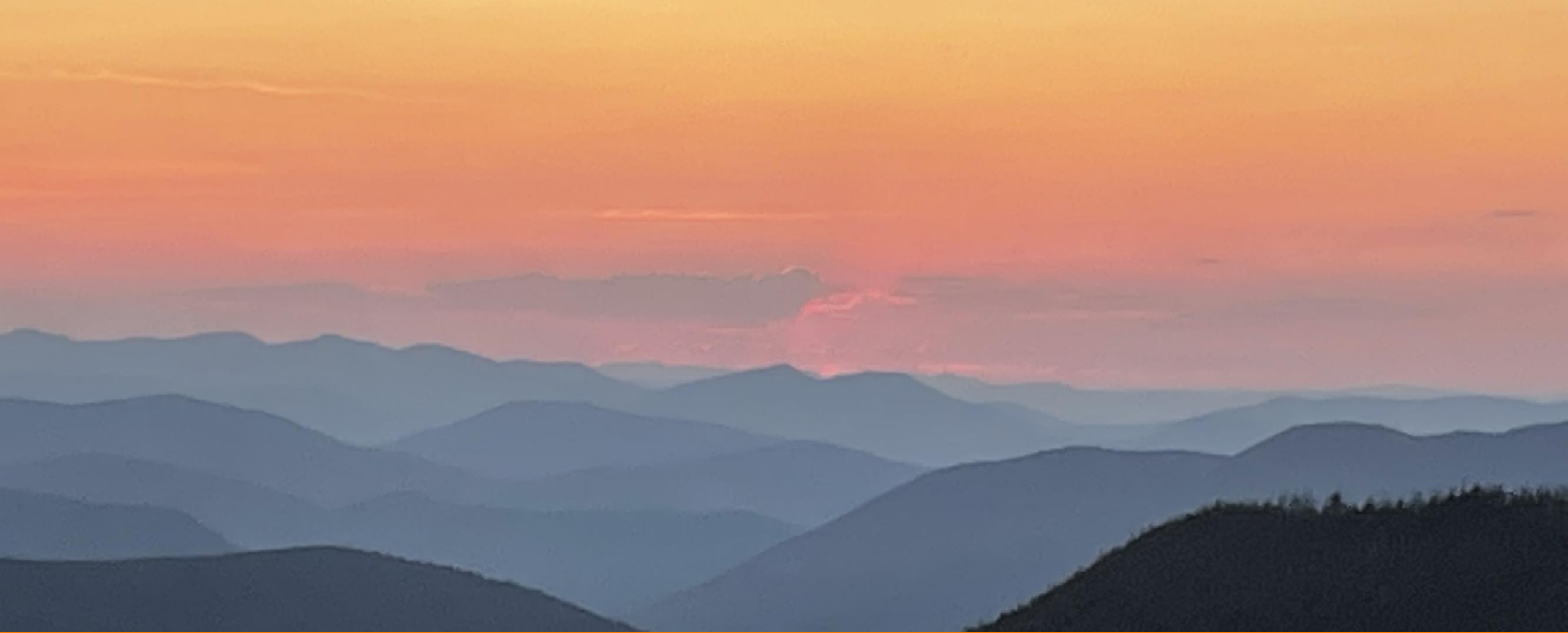
High quality primary care is good!

Everyone should have
access to community based
and responsive primary care



High Quality Primary Care Report - NASEM

- **Financing:** The US systematically underinvests in primary care
- **Workforce:** The primary care workforce is shrinking and gaps in access to care are growing
- **Access:** The % of adults reporting they do not have a usual source of care is increasing
- **Training:** Too few physicians are being trained in community settings where most primary care takes place
- **Research:** There are few federal funding opportunities for primary care research with only 0.02% of NIH funding allocated to primary care.



Paradigm Shift in Gratitude

Family Practice Wellness

- Investment in primary care for individuals, families and communities improves health equity and eliminates health disparities.
 - Federal government launched the HHS Initiative to Strengthen Primary Health Care in 2021
 - 17 states are adopting legislation to increase investment in primary care
- Recognize the need for:
 - Sustainable investment in primary care across diverse practice settings
 - Shift investment based on principles of equity and justice
 - Build accountability across systems to achieve equitable

We are grateful for you!

WE NEED TO SHOW IT!

AS A COMMON GOOD, FAMILY PRACTICE AND PRIMARY CARE SHOULD BE PROMOTED, PROTECTED AND SUPPORTED BY PRIVATE SECTOR ACTION AND PUBLIC POLICY



Thank you!

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