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**FSMB VICE PRESIDENT COMMENDED
BY AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PAIN MEDICINE
FOR SERVICE TO CHRONIC SUFFERERS OF PAIN**

Federation of State Medical Boards Lisa Robin Receives Commendation from American Academy of Pain Medicine for "Exceptional Service to Individuals with Pain"

DALLAS, TEXAS – Lisa Robin, a senior vice president of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), recently received a Presidential Commendation for “exceptional service to individuals with pain” from the American Academy of Pain Medicine (AAPM). The AAPM is the primary medical specialty society representing physicians practicing in the field of pain medicine.

For more than a decade, Ms. Robin has played a key role in helping states develop effective pain management policies that provide sufferers of acute and chronic pain access to appropriate care. Her efforts have included assisting with development of the landmark *Model Policy for the Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain*. More than 300,000 copies of the policy have been distributed nationally and some three dozen medical boards have adopted the policy in whole or part for use in their states.

Ms. Robin currently is leading an effort by the FSMB Research and Education Foundation to distribute a new book, *Responsible Opioid Prescribing: A Physician's Guide*, to every licensed physician in the United States. The publication offers real-world explanations and practical strategies that address issues of undertreatment of pain, risk of prescription drug abuse and improved patient care.

Based in Dallas, the Federation of State Medical Boards (www.fsmb.org) is a national not-for-profit organization representing the 70 medical boards of the United States and its territories. The FSMB provides services to assist medical boards in their mission of protecting the public from the incompetent or unprofessional practice of medicine. In recent years, the FSMB has played a key role in state and national debates on many prominent health care issues, including the management of chronic pain, illicit Internet prescribing, telemedicine and sexual boundary issues for physicians.

Ms. Robin oversees FSMB's governmental relations and public policy development activities.