



Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce Fall 2019 Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date and Location: October 17, 2019; Norman C. Nelson Student Union, UMMC.

Attendees: Thomas Dobbs, MD; Hugh Gamble, MD; Ed Ivancic, MD; Loretta Jackson-Williams, MD; Luke Lampton, MD; Ann Rea, MD; Janice Sherman, MPA; Shirley Schlessinger, MD; Jason Word, MD

Via Conference Call: Thomas Joiner, MD; Tim Moore, MHA; Katherine Patterson, MD; Melissa Stephens, MD

Absent: Tim Alford, MD; Jennifer Hicks, MD; Ashley Hood, DO; Aurelia Jones-Taylor, MD; Jamie Miller, Andrew Ouzts, MD; Shannon Pittman, MD; Wayne Slocum, MD

OMPW Staff: John R. Mitchell, MD; Zonzie McLaurin, DHA; Glenn, Thomas, Julie Paul

Dr. Patterson called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. A quorum was met.

The Board reviewed and approved minutes from the May 9, 2019 Advisory Board Meeting and August 27, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting.

Project Updates

1) Baptist Memorial Hospital - Desoto (Southaven, MS):

Baptist Memorial Hospital is interviewing candidates for a Family Medicine Program Director. Once a program director is confirmed, the hospital will apply for Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Family Medicine Program Accreditation in the spring of 2020. No sponsoring institution application is necessary.

2) Meharry Medical College, Department of Family Medicine

Meharry Medical College was awarded a three-year Residency Planning and Development Grant to explore development of a 3-3-3 family medicine training tract in collaboration with the Aaron E. Henry Community Health Center in Clarksdale, MS. Dr. Mitchell met with Dr. Millard Collins, MD, Interim Chair and Associate Professor Family and Community Medicine, to discuss the Mississippi Delta Family Medicine Residency Program and offer the possibility of collaborative partnerships. Ms. Sherman and Dr. Dobbs will also reach out to Dr. Collins to offer OMPW support.

3) Mississippi Medical Education and Research Consortium (MSMERC)

MSMERC was awarded federal tax-exempt status on October 1, 2019 and is now incorporated as a 501c3 tax-exempt entity. The consortium may now begin fundraising for

rural education development.

- 4) **Mississippi Delta Family Medicine Residency Program (Greenville, MS)**
ACGME will conduct a formal program site visit of the Mississippi Delta Family Medicine Residency Program on October 29, 2019 at Delta Regional Medical Center. ACGME's Residency Review Committee will evaluate the program on January 30-31. If approved, the program will participate in the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP) and remain on target to begin operation on July 1, 2020.
- 5) **Baptist Memorial Hospital (Columbus, MS)**
The hospital is actively recruiting a psychiatry residency program director. Once identified, the program will be based at the Golden Triangle hospital's behavioral unit.
- 6) **Gulfport Memorial Hospital (Gulfport, MS)**
The hospital has applied to ACGME for Sponsoring Institution Accreditation for a Family Medicine Residency Program. They have also expressed interest in developing Internal Medicine and Emergency Medicine residencies.
- 7) **Magnolia Regional Health Center (Corinth, MS)**
Magnolia Regional Health Center is resubmitting a program application to ACGME for an Emergency Medicine Residency Program. Dr. Hayes Baker is the designated Program Director.
- 8) **Mississippi State Hospital (Whitfield, MS)**
The Mississippi State Hospital is applying for ACGME Sponsoring Institution Accreditation for a 6-6-6-6 Psychiatry Residency Program with a planned start-up date of July 2021.
- 9) **Monroe Regional Medical Center (Aberdeen, MS)**
Dr. Kirnjot Singh, president and owner of Monroe Regional Medical Center, would like to develop a 1-2 family medicine rural residency training tract in Aberdeen, MS and has expressed interest in working collaboratively with UMMC to gain access to web-based didactics. Dr. Mitchell is in communication with UMMC Family Medicine and the Office of Academic Affairs to establish a meeting.
- 10) **North Mississippi Medical Center (Tupelo, MS)**
Internal Medicine: Program Director, Dr. David Pizzimenti, has submitted a program application to ACGME requesting a 12-2-12 resident complement.
Psychiatry: Dr. Mitchell met with Dr. Robert Smith, Vice President of Behavioral Health Services, and potential Program Director, to discuss potential interest in developing a psychiatric residency program.
- 11) **Southwest Regional Medical Center (McComb, MS)**
Southwest Regional Medical Center (SWRMC) is applying for ACGME Sponsoring Institution Accreditation of a 6-6-6 Family Medicine Residency Program with a targeted start-up date of July 2021. Dr. Lampton will serve as Designated Institutional Official (DIO).

Miscellaneous Updates

- 1) **Medicaid GME Funding State Plan Amendment**

OMPW has worked closely with Medicaid leadership and involved hospitals, North Mississippi Medical Center, Forrest General Hospital, Merit-Wesley and UMMC, to modify the state plan amendment (SPA) that addresses how Mississippi Medicaid GME funding is awarded. SPA-19-0020 has now been submitted to CMS for its approval. The document can be viewed at: <https://medicaid.ms.gov/ms-spa-19-0020-graduate-medical-education-submitted-to-cms/>

2) Geographic Information System (GIS) Program Development

OMPW has contracted with Gary Hennington, President of the Geospatial Group, to work through processes for new data, data sharing, and public availability of OMPW products. A workable, publicly accessible GIS physician site is under development. Dr. Mitchell provided a link to the system to OMPW Board members and requested that each access the site and provide feedback. Limited public access could be available at both OMPW and Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure websites.

3) Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program (MRPSP)

OMPW and Program Directors from Forrest General Hospital, North Mississippi Medical Center, and EC-Healthnet submitted letters to the MRPSP Board requesting that rural scholars who express an interest to teach, to be permitted to count their employment as faculty members to satisfy MRPSP loan repayment requirements. The MRPSP Board voted to consider requests from individual students on a case-by-case basis. Each request must align with the rural focus of MRPSP. OMPW Board members discussed the importance of rural/urban faculty recruitment and retention incentives such as loan repayment and tax enticements.

4) Mississippi Statewide Medical Educator Development (MS MED) Program

OMPW is introducing and establishing a graduate medical education (GME) development program geared toward new GME faculty. Although first introduced in the Delta, the Mississippi Statewide Medical Educator Development Program will become available to other new or existing programs. The program was introduced to faculty at the Delta Medical Society along with a Graduate Medical Education needs survey. Dr. Walker and Dr. Mitchell plan to visit Delta Regional Medical Center on Oct. 24th to discuss faculty development and prepare faculty for the upcoming site visit.

5) Delta Population Health Symposium

OMPW and MSMERC will participate in a Delta Population Health Symposium organized by William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine (WCUCOM), November 8-9th in Cleveland, MS. Dr. Mitchell and Dr. Walker will discuss faculty development curriculum.

New Business

1) Legislative Financial Request

Dr. Mitchell presented board members with a preliminary version of OMPW's 2020-2021 funding request to the state legislature. Updates will follow.

2) Recognition – Dr. Nicole Borges, OMPW Chief Education Officer

Dr. Nicole Borges, OMPW Chief Education Officer, Research and Scholarship, has accepted a position as Chair, Department of Medical Education, at Dartmouth College's Geisel School of Medicine. Dr. Mitchell thanked her for her contributions to the Mississippi Statewide Medical Educator Development (MS MED) Program.

Time and Date of Next Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting will take place on December 3, 2019. The next full Biannual Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for May 2020. Exact date to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.