



## The Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce Advisory Board Meeting Minutes May 6, 2021

**Date and Location:** May 6, 2021. Meeting held via Zoom and in-person at Horne Event Center.

**Attendees:** Thomas Dobbs, MD; Thomas Joiner, MD.

**Virtual Attendees:** Tim Alford, MD; Hugh Gamble, MD; Ed Ivancic, MD; Loretta Jackson-Williams, MD; Luke Lampton, MD; Tim Moore, MD; Andrew Ouzts, MD; Katherine Patterson, MD; Shirley Schlessinger, MD; Janice Sherman, MPA

**Absent:** Aurelia Jones-Taylor, MD; Jennifer Hicks, MD; Ashley Hood, DO; Jamie Miller, Shannon Pittman, MD; Ann Rea, MD; Wayne Slocum, MD; Mellissa Stephens, MD; Jason Word

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

### **I. Housekeeping Information:**

Dr. Mitchell distributed updated COVID-19 safety guidelines for UMMC-sponsored events to all in-person participants and Horne Event Center staff. In accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Mississippi State Department of Health guidelines as of April 14, 2021, OMPW will continue to employ COVID-19 safety precautions until further notice.

- a. A quorum was established.
- b. Dr. Joiner called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

### **II. Recognition of Visitors:**

There were no visitors present at the meeting.

### **III. Review of Minutes**

The Board reviewed and approved minutes, without amendment, from the following meetings: October 22, 2020 OMPW Advisory Board Meeting (**Attachment #1**), and November 24, 2020 and March 31, 2020 OMPW Executive Committee meetings (**Attachment #2**).

### **IV. New Business:**

#### **A. OMPW Advisory Board members and terms per legislation (**Attachment #3**)**

Dr. Mitchell reviewed House Bill 317's stated method of appointment to the OMPW Advisory Board. Per the legislation, an identified group of board appointees has a finite term. Others are appointed at the will and pleasure of the specified organization or association. Dr. Mitchell recognized and expressed appreciation and gratitude to all legacy

members of the board, those who have served since the origination of the board. However, some of the legacy members will have served the maximum of three consecutive three-year terms and will be leaving the board June 30, 2021. Dr. Mitchell expressed special gratitude and farewell to those members who will complete their service to the board on 6/30/2021 along with others that will no longer be a part of the board for other reasons. A letter and plaque will be sent to each of the departing board members.

- a. Legacy Members: Tim Alford, MD, Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians; Hugh Gamble, MD, Mississippi State Medical Association; Jennifer Hicks, MD, Mississippi Medical and Surgical Association; Thomas Joiner, MD, Mississippi State Medical Association; Aurelia Jones-Taylor, Community Health Center Association of Mississippi; Shirley Schlessinger, MD, University of Mississippi School of Medicine; Wayne Slocum, MD, American College of OB-GYN, Mississippi Chapter
- b. Members who are leaving the board for other reasons: Janice Sherman, Community Health Center Association of Mississippi; Ashley Hood, DO, Mississippi Osteopathic Medical Association; Ann Rea, MD, Mississippi Board of Medical Licensure
- c. Method of Notification for new appointees: According to OMPW Article of Governance, Section 2.3, vacancies on the board must be filled in a manner consistent with the original appointment. Dr. Mitchell will contact each of the members vacating positions and their appointing organizations and request that each organization designate replacement members to the board. Dr. Mitchell will ask the departing members to make suggestions for replacements to their representative organizations should they know of such individuals interested in serving.
- d. Discussion as terms relate to future officers:
  - OMPW Article of Governance 5.5 states that the term for each executive committee member shall be for a one-year period and no single individual may be elected for more than four consecutive one-year terms. Dr. Joiner has served three consecutive three-year terms on the board. However, due to his election to board leadership in 2018, he is slated to begin his second year as Advisory Board chair on July 1, 2021. It was discussed that since the appointment for Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (MSBML) is vacant and the fact that Dr. Joiner is a member of MSBML, that his appointment to the OMPW board as their representative would rectify this situation in the most opportune manner. If this were to occur, there would be no need for Dr. Joiner to be asked to step down from his chairman position prematurely. Dr. Mitchell and Dr. Joiner are going to reach out to the MSBML to see if this is a consideration that they would entertain. This was an oversight of the board at the time of election in 2018. An alternative would be for the board to entertain an exception to the term limit and allow Dr. Joiner to complete his term as chairman. Dr. Mitchell will inform the board if there is a need to formally vote for an extension prior to July 1, 2021.
- e. With the review of the policies and procedures, Dr. Mitchell will examine past documents and minutes in order to identify current board members eligible for election or re-election to the Executive Committee. He also asked current members to let him know as soon as possible whether or not they did not wish to serve on the executive committee.

- f. Election of Executive Committee: Due to the need to research which members are eligible, the board moved unanimously to cast their votes electronically. OMPW will present members with a link to a Survey Monkey poll which will provide a list of eligible nominees and will notify members of election results upon verification.

**B. GME Updates (Attachment #4 – Updated Map).**

Dr. Mitchell presented members with an updated map of community teaching hospital GME residencies across the state. All are approved for initial accreditation by the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) with the exception of Meharry Medical College/A.E. Henry Community Health Center which will receive an ACGME site visit this summer.

**C. Program Updates**

**I. Current Training Site Projects:**

- a. Baptist Golden Triangle (Columbus): The program is progressing well. 6-6-6 Internal Medicine. All slots filled in the match.
- b. Baptist Memorial Desoto (Southaven): Baptist DeSoto, Southaven, recently received initial ACGME accreditation and will begin accepting residents in July of 2022 as a 6-6-6 Family Medicine program.
- c. Baptist Memorial North Mississippi (Oxford): 12-12-12 Internal Medicine Program. All first-year slots filled through 2021 NRMP Match.
- d. ECHealthnet: 6-6-6 Family Medicine program progressing well, all slots filled in the match.
- e. Forrest General Hospital: 6-6-6- Family Medicine program is progressing well and all slots filled.
- f. Gulfport Memorial Hospital (Gulfport) plans to develop Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, and Emergency Medicine residencies within the 5-year ACGME allotted cap time span. The Family Medicine program is accredited and will begin July 1, 2021. All first year Family Medicine residency slots filled through the 2021NRMP Match.
- g. Magnolia Regional Health Center (Corinth): Magnolia Regional developed a 6-6-6 Emergency Medicine residency program in 2020. Their Emergency Medicine residents began training 7/1/2020. Both the Emergency Medicine and Internal Medicine training programs filled all slots through the 2021 NRMP Match.
- h. Meharry Medical College, Department of Family Medicine (Nashville) and A.E. Henry Community Health Center (Clarksdale) collaborative received HRSA grant funding to plan and develop a Rural Training Program. Residents will complete their first year of training in Nashville and complete next two years of residency in Batesville and Clarksdale. The program is scheduled to have its' site visit this summer with residents to begin training in 2022.
- i. Merit Health Wesley (Hattiesburg): Emergency and Internal Medicine residencies progressing well. Both programs filled all slots.
- j. Mississippi Medical Education and Research Consortium, MS MERC /DRMC Family Medicine program (Greenville): Dr. Lessa Phillips, MS MSERC senior faculty, will assume DIO responsibilities. The program is proceeding well. All slots were filled through the 2021 NRMP Match process and the program is now at full complement.
- k. North Mississippi Medical Center (Tupelo): Internal Medicine residency of 12-12-12

to start 7/1/2021. Both Internal Medicine and 8-8-8- Family Medicine programs filled all slots through NRMP Match.

- I. Mississippi State Hospital (Whitfield): 6-6-6-6 program will begin training residents 7/1/2021. All first-year slots filed through the 2021 NRMP Match.

## II. Potential New Training Site Projects:

- a. Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center (McComb): Dr. Mitchell met with SMRMC leadership and was encouraged by their interest in pursuing GME possibilities.
- b. Greenwood Leflore Hospital (Greenwood): Dr. Mitchell met with the Greenwood LeFlore Hospital CEO and had a good discussion around GME and his interest. Dr. Mitchell believes there will likely be additional discussions based on this initial meeting.

## D. 2021 NRMP MATCH Results (Attachments #5, #6, and #7)

- I. Dr. Mitchell presented board members with summaries of UMMC and community teaching hospital residency positions filled through the 2021 NRMP Match and PGY-1 demographic information gathered from residency program directors. All residencies filled slots through the NRMP match producing 117 new intern positions.

## V. Old Business

- a. Legislative update: OMPW received \$1.3 million in legislative funding for the fiscal year 2021-2022. Funding level was equal to the previous fiscal year.
- b. OMPW Strategic Planning Session is scheduled for fall, 2021. Dr. Mitchell stated that OMPW needs to revisit the office's original mission and review and revise policies to reflect the next stage of OMPW development. Past and present members of the Advisory Board and Executive Committee are encouraged to participate in planning and to attend.

## VI. Miscellaneous Updates

- a. GIS program <https://healthworkforcems.com/>: Dr. Mitchell thanked board members for their input and encouraged additional comments and/or feedback.
- b. GME Finance Workshop: (Attachment #8): OMPW will sponsor its inaugural GME Finance Workshop on May 7, 2021 at the Horne Event Center in Ridgeland. OMPW distributed copies of the agenda to the board. The event will be held in collaboration with Horne, LLP, PKF Health LLC, and the Mississippi Division of Medicaid. Approximately 60 participants are expected from medical schools and community teaching hospital GME programs across the state.

## VII. Questions, Comments, Any Additional Business

Mississippi Today Medicaid Summit: Dr. Mitchell accepted an invitation extended by Dr. Alford and will plan to attend a Medicaid Summit sponsored by the Mississippi Today digital news service.

UMMC Rural Health Symposium is planned for spring, 2021. Dr. Jackson-Williams will contact board members for topic suggestions and information.

**VIII. Meeting Adjourned**

The Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

**REMINDERS: Next Executive Board Meeting - June 22, 2021**

**Next Biannual Full OMPW Board Meeting - October 28, 2021**