

Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce Advisory Board Minutes

Wednesday, December 18, 2013; 6:00 pm

Members Present: Drs. Tim Alford, Diane Beebe, Jason Dees, Hugh Gamble, Ed Ivancic, Thomas Joiner, Luke Lampton, John Mitchell, Katherine Patterson, Shirley Schlessinger, LouAnn Woodward, Mrs. Jaime Hill, Mrs. Aurelia Jones-Taylor, Mrs. Wanda Land, Mr. Robert Pugh, Mr. William Oliver, Ms. LaToshia Robinson.

Members Absent: Drs. Claude Brunson, Mary Carrier, Jennifer Hicks, Wayne Slocum, Mark Williams, Amy Woods, and Mr. Blake Wilson.

1. Dr. John R. Mitchell welcomed the group and thanked all for their time and commitment. Dr. Mitchell introduced Dr. Hugh Gamble as the new Chairman of the Advisory Board and asked him to make a few comments. Brief introductions were made by attendees. Minutes from the May 30th board meeting were included; the board unanimously approved the minutes.
2. Forrest General Family Medicine Residency Program Update –
 - a. Mr. William Oliver, President of Forrest General Healthcare Foundation, thanked the group for its assistance in securing legislative funding for the FGFMRP. The program has been awarded provisional accreditation until 2016. Dr. Hale sent his regrets but was involved in interviewing a candidate for the FGFMRP. The interview process is in full swing. Mr. Oliver updated the committee and thanked them for their support and assistance. He then rendered some considerations for future programs.
 - i. Investigating the current restrictions and limitations on considering foreign medical schools applicants at non-UMC programs.
 - ii. Consideration for American Osteopathic Association (AOA) accredited programs.
 - iii. Continued funding for the third year.
 - FGFMRP requested on October 30, 2013 to draw \$500,000 from the board to be paid in December and the remaining funds to be drawn down in the spring. The Board discussed and unanimously supported and approved continued disbursement of funds for the program as requested by Mr. Oliver and Dr. Hale.
 - Dr. Gamble questioned Mr. Oliver as what is a realistic number to start another program within the state. The Board discussed this and the figure considered applicable was 3 million – 5 million dollars in total expenditures to start a new program.
3. IT update/Overview of Geospatial project

Dr. Denise Krause presented a PowerPoint “Office of Physicians Workforce: Data Systems” which demonstrated how data gathered will be utilized to formulate web mapping in Phase I of the project. Phase II will allow the data to be trended down and enable the user to search for more specific trends and patterns. Several members questioned how valid the data would be and gave sources on where to accumulate data from. Dr. Mitchell reiterated that the group will be required to perform certain surveys in order to obtain specific information not readily available. Wanda Land mentioned viewing data from a regional outlook, Dr. Schlessinger mentioned comparing data for national comparison and Dr. Joiner mentioned including mental health data.

- Dr. Mitchell proposed for the 2013 budget that OMPW assume 50% of Dr. Denise Krause’s time through the end of this budget year. Dr. Krause is currently at 20%.
- Dr. Krause requested to purchase Tableau software in order to analyze and share data more efficiently. The Board unanimously approved these expenditures.

4. Election of Vice Chair & Other members

- Dr. Schlessinger proposed Dr. Gamble serve 2 years as the Chairman of the Board. Dr. Gamble accepted.
- Dr. Lampton nominated Dr. Schlessinger as Vice Chairman of the Board and to serve 2 years. Dr. Schlessinger accepted.
- Jamie Hill was nominated to be an Executive Board Member. Jamie accepted.

The Board unanimously approved these nominations and elections.

5. Director Recap and Discussion

- Dr. Mitchell reviewed the 2012-2013 budget and recapped variances and corrections to be made. He then recapped the current 2013-2014 budget and discussed a combination of these two budgets.
- OMPW Jan 2014-June 2014 Budget with the previously mentioned budget additions and salary expenditures with Dr. Krause, could end with approximately a \$400k residual budget unless other projects are added which will likely present themselves and will be reviewed as they present themselves. The board discussed and agreed that it may be able to lend assistance to other projects during this timeframe.
- The board unanimously approved the “Future, Present & Reality Dream Budget 2014.”
- The board discussed inviting key Legislative Lobbyists to an OMPW meeting in order to present the budget to them and have a cohesive understanding of expectations in the future Legislative sessions.
- In order to develop successful new residency training programs Dr. Mitchell would like to implement training programs for the directors for the future programs.

6. Committees and study groups

- Research/Publications Committee was not discussed. Deferred to electronic communication or next committee meeting.
- Training Applications/fund distribution committee was not discussed. Deferred to electronic communication or next committee meeting.
- Osteopathic training/residency opportunities Study Group appointees are:
 - o Bill Oliver, President, Forrest General Healthcare Foundation

- Dr. James Lee Valentine, OMD for EC-Healthnet FMRP
 - Dr. Luke Lampton, Chairman MS State Board of Health
 - Dr. Jason Dees, MS Osteopathic Medical Association
 - Dr. Shirley Schlessinger, Department of Medicine, UMC
 - Jamie Hill, William Carey University, College of Osteopathic Medicine
 - Dr. Amy Woods, MS Chapter, American College of Physicians
 - Mr. Robert Pugh, MS Primary Health Care Association
- Osteopathic training/residency opportunities Study Group (Dr. Turner PowerPoint)
- Dr. Mitchell asked the above members to be a part of the study group and he recommended Dr. Valentine and Mr. Oliver to be part and he will contact them after the meeting. All present agreed to participate. Dr. Amy Woods was recommended by Mr. Robert Pugh and she will be contacted after the meeting to insure her availability.
 - Dr. Schlessinger requested the group look at data from the Corinth Osteopathic program since it is currently the only active osteopathic program in the state.
 - Dr. Beebe states that nationally about 70% of AOA graduates enter into an ACGME post graduate training programs.

7. Other business

The Board discussed expansion of Graduate Medical Training efforts into other sections of the state including Meridian and the Delta.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.