

OMPW Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, May 30, 2013, 4:00-6:00 pm, Norman C. Nelson Student Union: Board Room, 2500 North State Street, Jackson MS

Members Present: Drs. Diane Beebe, Hugh Gamble, Jason Dees, Wayne Slocum, Jennifer Hicks, Shirley Schlessinger, Claude Brunson, Luke Lampton, Mark Williams (by conference call) and Mr. Robert Pugh

Members Absent: Drs. Currier, Joiner, Alford, Mitchell (recused), Woods, Stewart, Woodward, Turner, Wilson, and Mr. Christensen

Dr. Diane Beebe welcomed the group and thanked all for their time and commitment.

Minutes from the Executive Committee meeting on April were included in meeting packets.

Director Search Update and Candidate Presentation –Mr. Michael Mathis of Korn/Ferry, International was present and provided the board a summary of the search process including sourcing targets, outreach to national organizations, advertising and phone contacts made since initial meeting with the OPW Board on December 5, 2012. This outreach was extensive and results in approximately 700 contacts and phone conversations. These included extensive conversations with other state Workforce Offices, not only for candidate search, but for information on staffing, organization and general advice. Mr. Arnie Sherrin and Ms. Nadine Weiler of Korn/Ferry attended by conference call.

Mr. Mathis then discussed the process of phone interviews with selected candidates resulting in 4 candidates for interview on May 21, 2013: Dr. John Mitchell, Dr. Jennifer Gholson, Dr. Carlos Latorre and Dr. Gerri Chance-Hill.

The interview committee consisted of: Drs. Beebe, Gamble, Schlessinger, Lampton and Ms. Jones-Taylor. Dr. Beebe shared specifics of each candidates time commitment to the position should they be selected and interview committee members discussed the content of the questions/interviews and candidate responses.

Following initial interviews, 3 candidates: Drs. Mitchell, Gholson and Latorre are being brought forth for a second interview. Dr. Beebe has already sent a Doodle scheduling poll to all Advisory Board members for the dates of June 4, 17 and 21. The goal is to complete the second interviews by the end of June and present a candidate for consideration to Dr. Keeton by early July. Following receipt of available times, Dr. Beebe will develop interview schedules for two of the dates. Following discussions, Mr. Mathis, Mr. Sherrin and Ms. Weiler left the meeting.

IT/Research Proposal Update – Dr. Beebe referred the Board to item #4 of the April 22nd Executive Committee minutes and documents in the packet with reference to two proposals to develop an IT/ Research database system. She requested ratification of the Executive Committee decision to proceed with the following:

- Assume 20% of time of Dr. Denise Krause (\$20K/year) for an initial one-year commitment as a data systems developer for the Office. Her CV was included in the packet for review. She

would manage available data both a GIS application system and is exploring development of SAS Analytics with Visual Analytics and Enterprise Miner technology. Her efforts will benefit both the OPW and the Rural Physicians Scholarship Program, and the newly legislated MS Rural Dentist Program.

- Contract with The Geospatial Group in Jackson to develop a JavaScript GIS Application that will, once developed, be owned and maintained by OPW at a cost of \$46,600 with a 4-month deliverable timeline. This company has done similar work with Dr. Krause before. A copy of the proposal was included in the packet for review.

The Board unanimously ratified and approved these expenditures.

Forrest General Family Medicine Residency Program Update – Dr. Beebe shared recent news that the PIF/review did not in fact make the May RRC agenda through no fault of ours or Forrest General and despite being lead to believe by the ACGME/RRC that it would be considered at the May RRC meeting. Apparently, the RRC-FM had a particularly heavy agenda for May and closed agenda items early without notice. Therefore the program will be considered at the October 15-18 RRC meeting. Dr. Beebe has communicated with Dr. Hale and Mr. Oliver and will proceed with them on preparations for recruitment and curriculum, website and program development. The program will still be able to participate in resident interviews Nov-early Feb for the March 2014 Match and a July 2014 residency start.

Additional funding for the program was discussed. At the December 5, 2012 board meeting, Mr. Bill Oliver had presented program financials and expressed deep gratitude to the Board for the prior allocation of \$665,250 in August, 2012. He requested, and his request was approved, for additional funding, up to \$1 Million dollars, following the RRC decision in May. The Board discussed and unanimously supported and approved continued dispersion of funds for the program development based on outlined expenses by Mr. Oliver and Dr. Hale. Dr. Beebe will relay this vote of continued support to Dr. Hale and Mr. Oliver on a phone call tomorrow.

Dr. Schlessinger mentioned that she had received notice from someone at Forrest General of potential withdrawal of the \$70K support for an Ob/Gyn resident position at Forrest General. She has a follow-up conversation scheduled regarding this. The Board expressed concern about this nonsupport of GME given that Forrest General was receiving state monies from OPW for the FM residency program for which a strong Ob/Gyn program was necessary for support of FM training. In addition, the OPW is charged to access and impact physician workforce shortages in all specialties, including Ob/Gyn. Dr. Beebe will relay this concern to Mr. Oliver.

Office Space Update – Dr. Beebe presented a diagram for renovation of the OPW/Rural Scholars space that would create additional work spaces, storage space and office space using modular walls. Splitting the cost with the MS Rural Physicians Scholarship Program, Dr. Beebe requested, and it was unanimously approved, to spend up to \$8,500 for these renovations. Dr. Wahnee Sherman, Executive Director of the MS Rural Physicians Scholarship Program is also communicating with Dr. Reeve, Dean of the Dental School, regarding contribution to these renovations since the space will also serve the MS Rural Dentist Program.

Other Business

The Board discussed expansion of GME efforts into other sections of the state including the Meridian area and the Delta. Dr. Lampton relayed interest from several parties on a recent call of the Physician Advisory Committee to the Mississippi Hospital Association. Dr. Beebe and Dr. Schlessinger have had a conversation with representatives from the Meridian area who were interested in developing both IM and FM residency programs as a consortium. They were moving forward with these being AOA program. The Board discussed the upcoming AOA/ACGME single accreditation system which will have implications for all new programs that will be required to ultimately meet ACGME requirements.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.