



**Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce
Advisory Fall Advisory Board Meeting**

Date and Location: Thursday, October 26, 2017, Norman C. Nelson Student Union, UMMC

Attendees: Claude Brunson, MD; Hugh Gamble, MD; Tom Joiner, MD; Tim Moore, MHA; Andrew Ouzts, MD; Katie Patterson, MD; Janice Sherman, MPA; Shirley Schlessinger, MD; Loretta Jackson-Williams, MD.

Via Conference Call: Tim Alford, MD; Ed Barham, MD; Rance McClain, DO; Shannon D. Pittman, MD.

Absent: Mary Currier, MD; Jennifer Hicks, MD; Ashley Hood, DO; Aurelia Jones-Taylor, MBA; Ed Ivancic, MD; Wayne Slocum, MD.

Visitors: Luke Lampton, MD

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

I. Meeting called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Dr. Schlessinger. Quorum met.

II. Recognition of Visitors:

- Kara Curry Walters, Executive Director, A-OPTIC – via conference call
- Jason Word, Manager - Programs, Administration and Policy, Mississippi Economic Council

Dr. Schlessinger introduced new Advisory Board appointees:

- Shannon D. Pittman, MD - representative, UMMC Department of Family Medicine
- Rance McClain, DO - representative, WCUCOM
- Ed Barham, MD - representative, Mississippi State Board of Health

Representatives from the Mississippi Development Authority and Mississippi Economic Council to be announced at a later date.

III. Members of the 2017-2018 Advisory Committee include: Tim Alford, MD, Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians; Ed Barham, MD, Mississippi State Board of Health; Claude Brunson, MD, State Board of Medical Licensure; Mary Currier, MD, Mississippi State Department of Health; Hugh Gamble, MD, Mississippi State Medical Association; Jennifer Hicks, MD, Mississippi Medical and Surgical Association; Ashley Hood, DO, Mississippi Osteopathic Medical Association; Ed Ivancic, MD, American Academy of Pediatrics; Loretta Jackson-Williams, MD, University of Mississippi Medical Center; Tom Joiner, MD, Mississippi State Medical Association; Aurelia Jones-Taylor, MBA, Mississippi Primary Health Care Association; Rance McClain, DO, William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine; Tim Moore, MHA, Mississippi Hospital Association; Andrew Ouzts, MD, American

College of Physicians, Mississippi Chapter; Katherine Patterson, MD, Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians; Shirley Schlessinger, MD, University of Mississippi Medical Center; Shannon D. Pittman, MD, University of Mississippi Medical Center - Department of Family Medicine; Janice Sherman, MPA, Mississippi Primary Health Care Association; Wayne Slocum, MD, Mississippi Section of the American College of OB-GYN.

IV. New Business

- a) **EC-Healthnet Family Medicine Residency Program** received initial ACGME accreditation on October 18, 2017.

- V. **OMPW Funding Assistance Requests** - OMPW has approximately \$500,000 in funds to be expended by the close of the fiscal year on June 30, 2018. As determined by state legislature, funds will be implemented to develop and support strategically placed graduate medical education programs throughout the state.

Motion 1: Motion to award funding for residency development projects to Baptist Memorial Hospital - DeSoto and Baptist Memorial Hospital - North Mississippi

Vote: Motion carried.

Motion 2: Motion to award funding residency development projects to Magnolia Regional Health Center and Merit Health Wesley

Vote: Motion carried.

Mississippi Delta Medical Education and Research Consortium (MDMERC) Summary

OMPW has engaged Bradley, Arant, Boulton, Cummings, LLP law firm to consult upon the formation of the consortium's non-profit legal structure. OMPW is proceeding with organizational planning while awaiting the Attorney General's opinion. More information will be available once the ruling is established.

VI. Informational Items

- a) **Residency Accreditation Status** - Currently, three of the five osteopathic GME programs have received initial ACGME accreditation with the other two in the process. The state currently has ten non-academic center training programs including Keesler Medical Center. Eight of the ten are ACGME accredited.
- b) **Appalachian Osteopathic Postgraduate Training Institute Consortium (A-OPTIC)** - Kara Curry Walters, Executive Director and DIO, gave a brief presentation via teleconference. The consortium facilitates the establishment and provides maintenance of GME programs in Mississippi and surrounding states.
- c) **St. George's University** – St. George's University is a for-profit international medical school that is actively investigating establishing a presence in Mississippi. Discussion revolved upon possible impact on current GME training opportunities. Dr. Mitchell requested that Dr. Jackson-Williams investigate the number of UMMC international medical graduates that leave the state following residency training.

- d) **MS MED Certificated Program** - The first class of five fellows will graduate from the MS Med Certificated program on January 31, 2018. Fellows include: Y. Melissa Chan, MD, Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology, UMMC; Tobe Momah, MD, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, UMMC, Dennis Rau, Jr., DO, Assistant Professor of Clinical Sciences, William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine; Teresa Camp-Rogers MD, MS, Assistant Professor, William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine; and Tanvir Rizvi, MBBS, MD; Assistant Professor, Radiology, UMMC.

Plans are in discussion for the 2018-2019 year. Participant Overview: Fourteen participants initially enrolled. Six fellows withdrew enrollment before the first retreat, three others left the program before program completion. Two fellows completed 50% of training.

- e) **ROMP Career Fair** - OMPW is planning the third annual Rural Opportunities for Mississippi Physicians Career Fair (ROMP) for spring, 2018. Details will follow.
- f) **FQHC/Hospital GME Summit** is planned for January 2018. The summit will be a collaborative effort among the Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce (OMPW), Mississippi Primary Health Care Association (MPHCA), Mississippi Department of Health-Primary Care Office (MSDH-PCO), Mississippi Hospital Association (MHA), and the Northwest Regional Primary Care Association (NWRPCA). More information to follow upon finalization of details.
- g) **Relocation of OMPW Offices** - OMPW will relocate to a UMMC stand-alone building at 838 Lakeland Drive. The building will be refurbished and house OMPW, the Mississippi Physicians Rural Scholarship and Mississippi Rural Dentistry programs. Scheduled moving date is November 20, 2017.
- h) Copies of OMPW's latest informational/promotional pamphlet were distributed. Pamphlet is also available on OMPW website at www.ompw.org.

VII. MSMA Sesquicentennial Event – Mississippi State Medical Association has requested OMPW financial support for its upcoming 150th anniversary celebration. Several sponsorship levels are available and would include recognition at social events, signage, and inclusion in multi-year marketing materials. OMPW will investigate whether the office can sponsor or contribute to an event using state-supported funds.

Motion 3: OMPW will contribute funds MSMA's 150th anniversary celebration. Caveat: The donation must be supported by documents that define MSMA deliverables and is dependent upon financial approval by UMMC. Drs. Mitchell and Gamble, both members of MSMA's Board of Directors, recused themselves from the vote.

Vote: Motion carried.

VIII. Old Business

Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure and Mississippi State Board of Nursing Updates - OMPW is collaborating with both agencies to collect data components that will be stored in an OMPW data system. OMPW is working the Geospatial Group in Jackson to develop a JavaScript GIS Application that will be owned and maintained by OMPW.

IX. Project Updates

- a) **Merit Health Wesley and Coastal Family Health Center** - OMPW remains optimistic regarding the establishment of a collaborative family medicine residency-training program on the coast.
- b) **Southwest Mississippi Regional** - Interest and need remains in establishing a family residency program in the region. Dr. Mitchell will continue to meet with representatives from both McComb and Brookhaven.

X. Meeting Adjourned at 4.50 p.m.