



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

**Date and Location:** Tuesday, October 27, 2016 2:30-4:30, Norman C. Nelson Student Union, UMMC

**Attendees:** Tim Alford, MD; Diane K. Beebe, MD; Hugh Gamble, MD; Ashley Hood, Ed Ivancic, Loretta Jackson-Williams, MD; Thomas Joiner, Luke Lampton, MD; Andrew Ouzts, MD; Katherine Patterson, MD; Shirley Schlessinger, MD

**Staff Present:** John R. Mitchell, MD; Zonzie McLaurin, MPH; Julie Paul, BA; Glenn Thomas, MCE, BS

**Via Conference Call:** Jennifer Hicks, MD; Aurelia Jones-Taylor, MD; Gregg Silberg, DO

**Absent:** Claude Brunson, MD; Michael Curran, Mary Currier, MD, MPH; Jennifer Hicks, MD; Aurelia Jones-Taylor MD; Tim Moore, Janice Sherman, MPA; Wayne Slocum, MD; Blake Wilson

- I. Meeting called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Dr. Schlessinger. A quorum was met.
- II. Guests: No visitors were present.
- III. Old Business**

Minutes approved without modification from 5/26/2016 OMPW Advisory Board meeting and 8/23/2016 OMPW Executive Board meeting.
- IV. New Business**
  - a. Items for discussion.
    - i. **Discussion of OMPW marketing promotion: Top 10 FAQ about OMPW (Attachment 5)**

Board members were asked to review OMPW's new marketing promotion and submit suggestions and/or additions. An electronic version of the Top 10 FAQ is available for review at the OMPW website at [www.ompw.org](http://www.ompw.org).
  - b. **Discussion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ROMP Career Fair and monetary request.**

Dr. Mitchell presented board members with a summary of the 2016 Rural Opportunities for Mississippi Physicians Career Fair (ROMP) held last April in conjunction with The Mississippi Academy of Family Physician (MAFP) Spring Fling. OMPW requested board approval of \$5,000 to be used as start-up funding for the proposed 2017 event.

**Motion: Proceed with plans for second annual ROMP career fair and approve expenditure of \$5,000 to be used as start-up funding.**

**Vote: Motion unanimously carried.**

c. OMPW potential legislative items for discussion:

i. **Opening of OMPW Code with suggested changes.** The board discussed proposed word changes in OMPW code, § 41-123-7.

ii. **Medicaid GME funding.**

OMPW has established that Medicaid GME funding is available in Mississippi as a discharge add-on. Dr. Mitchell met with Dr. David Dzielak, Executive Director of the Mississippi Division of Medicaid, to explore ways to leverage Mississippi's federal match to advance GME in the state.

iii. **Supplemental funding for rural primary care and possibly psychiatry.** Dr. Mitchell met with Rep. Sam Mims to discuss supplemental funding for rural primary care, psychiatry and other underrepresented medical specialties.

iv. **Loan forgiveness for rural practice.**

Dr. Mitchell suggested investigating other options for physician debt loan forgiveness in addition to the existing scholarships offered by the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program (MRPSP). Any new debt forgiveness programs would not compete with existing competitive MRPSP scholarships. He suggested that OMPW and MRPSP work together to award retroactive funds when they are available. The program would assist in paying post-graduate medical education student loan debt for physicians who agree to enter the medical education field in exchange for service obligation.

d. **Hope Enterprise Corporation, Hope Credit Union**

Board members were presented with information regarding Hope Enterprise Corporation's New Markets Tax Credit Program (NMTC). The program is designed to incentivize community development and economic growth through the use of tax credits that attract private investment to distressed communities.

V. **Old Business – Project Updates**

a. **Contract update on New Program Development Agreement.** The New Program Development Agreement is nearing finalization.

b. **Faculty development progress-** OMPW continues to work with UMMC's Office of Academic Affairs Continuing to develop a certificated faculty development program. OMPW contracted with Dr. Sheila Chauvin, Professor Medicine and Public Health at LSU School of Medicine, to survey faculty and preceptor interest. Dr. Chauvin is working on a proposal and plans to begin a pilot project in early 2017. The project will utilize a volunteer from rural residency programs and possible additional members from UMMC and WCUCOM.

c. **Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure**

- i. John Hall, MD, JD has assumed the duties as the new executive director for the Mississippi State Bureau of Medical Licensure (MSBML). OMPW and MSBML have signed a data use agreement and now meet regularly to discuss the process of data sharing and public availability of OMPW products.
- d. Mississippi State Board of Nursing (MSBN)**
- i. The MSBN contracted with a new IT company for licensure data gathering. OMPW is working with the nursing board to incorporate the state's nurse practitioner data into OMPW's geographic information mapping system program.
- e. Residency Project Updates**
- i. **Baptist Memorial Hospital - Desoto (Southaven)** – Partners in Medical Education, Inc. consulting firm conducted a favorable on-site assessment of the hospital's planned family medicine residency program. The project is a collaboration between Baptist Desoto and North Mississippi Family Health (FQHC).
  - ii. **EC-Health Net** - With the assistance of the Partners in Medical Education consultant, EC-Health Net filed its institutional sponsor application. The application will be submitted for review in January. Partners in Medication conducted a mock site visit on 10/25/16.
  - iii. **Baptist Memorial Hospital - Golden Triangle (Columbus) Internal Medicine residency program** has received initial ACGME accreditation and is fully engaged in recruitment. The program will participate in the NRMP Match process in the Spring of 2017. Six residents will begin residency training on July 1, 2017.
  - iv. Baptist Memorial Hospital - Golden Triangle (Columbus) Psychiatry residency program is still under consideration. Partners in Medical Education performed a pre-feasibility study for a proposed psychiatric residency
  - v. **Baptist Memorial Hospital - North Mississippi Internal Medicine Program** - The timeline for an internal medicine program continues on course. The program plans to apply for accreditation in 2017 and residents will begin training in 2019.
  - vi. **Baptist Memorial Hospital North Mississippi General Surgery Program (Oxford)** – Partners in Medical Education completed a pre-feasibility study for a general surgery residency. Further discussion is planned.
  - vii. **Delta Consortium** – OMPW is continuing to move forward with a consortium approach in the Delta.
  - viii. **Merit-Biloxi and Coastal Family Health Clinic** - Partners in Medical Education completed their prefeasibility evaluation.
  - ix. **Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center**- Interest and need remains, OMPW will continue to meet with hospital leadership and representatives.
- f. Web site:** Board members were encouraged to review OMPW's website, [www.ompw.org](http://www.ompw.org), and forward comments and suggestions.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.