

# Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce

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## Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 21, 2021  
8:30 a.m.

### **Call to Order**

#### **Board Members Present:**

Antonio Rios, M.D.; Jacinto Del Mazo, M.D.; Terri McFadden-Garden, M.D.; David Kay, M.D.; Scott Bohlke, M.D., George McCluskey, M.D., Steven Gautney, MHA ; Indran Indrakrishnan, M.D.; William Kemp, Scott Bohlke, M.D., James Barber, M.D., Amy Reeves, M.D., Michael J. Groover, M.D.

#### **Staff Present:**

LaSharn Hughes; Janice Campbell; Freeman Montaque; Leanna Greenwood; Jocelyn Hart; Daniel Dorsey; Yvette Speight

#### **Guests Present:**

Martha Elks, M.D., Morehouse School of Medicine; Keri Conley, Georgia Hospital Association; Betsy Bates, Morehouse; Alan Dever, M.D., PhD; Penny Hannah, Georgia Department of Law

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On **Motion (Indrakrishnan)**, the Board unanimously approved the Agenda of the January 21, 2021 meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Kempt presented the minutes from the October 22, 2020 meeting for approval.

On **Motion (Barber/Rios)**, the Board unanimously approved the minutes from October 22, 2020.

### **Chairman's Report**

Dr. McFadden conducted the swearing in ceremony for the following new board members.

Physician Assistant Member Amy Reeves, PAC

Dental Member – Dr. Michael Groover

She spoke about the July meeting being possible a retreat in order to discuss furthering the mission of the Board.

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## **Executive Report**

Ms. Hughes reiterated the mission of the Board for the new members and as a reminder for the current members.

Ms. Hughes spoke the KMPG audit report on Mercer.  
According to Association of American Medical Colleges, more students are entering medical school.

The Board accepted as information the following items:

Audit report from KMPG for Mercer University Medical School.

Article: “According to Association of American Medical Colleges, more students are entering medical school.”

The Board reviewed the request from South Medical Center asking to be formally recognized as a teaching hospital. The Board asked the staff for additional information on this matter.

Ms. Hughes suggested MEAC should be included in the discussion.

## **Publications**

Ms. Greenwood presented draft report on Workforce Repayment Program for all loans for the Board to review. After a discussion, the Board had suggestions and comments to the draft. A final report will be presented at the next meeting.

Ms. Hart presented the “2020-2021 Georgia GME Accredited Position Report. “This Report shows all accredited programs and their approved slots for training. The report was accepted as information.

## **LOAN REPAYMENT**

### **Advanced Practiced Registered Nurse Committee Recommendations**

Ms. Speight presented the following qualified applicants for the program:

Nineteen Renewals: Rhonda E. Oglesby, Angel L. Gilreath, Debbie Purvis, Steven M. Lashley, Travis W. Dobbs, Jennifer E. Taylor, Sharonda C. Brown, Ashley H. Adams, Whitney C Walls, Medgan C. Kight, Tonya Register, Merrie C. Hamby, Jami N. Hodges, Amanda S. Hobbs, Haley S. Revewll, Kimberly D. Williams, Heather M. Kemp, Debra D. Rahbun, Lori S. Pope

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Two new applicants: Jessica D. Milner, Ashlie L. Brackin,

On **Motion (McCluskey/Kemp)**, the Board unanimously approved the recommendations for the loan repayment awards to the list of applicants

## **Physician Assistance Rural Repayment Program**

Ms. Speight presented the following qualified applicants for the program:

Seventeen Renewals: Daniel L. Dasher, Archie Kirkley, Jacob R. Lunsford, Jodi B. Gilmer, Sera G. Story, Brandi L. Parker, Cody R. Ward, Mandy C. McMillan, Kathryn Blevins, Ivey E. Allen, Ericka H. Smith, Courtney B. Stevens, McKayla N. Tanner, Ashley Long, Roxy J. Sheffield, Melinda B. Cathey, John D. Campbell

Four new applicants: Renah J. Hightower, Lesley E. Maples, Jennifer L. Vincent, Meghan E. Benson

On **Motion (McCluskey/Kemp)**, the Board unanimously approved the recommendations for the loan repayment awards to the list of applicants.

## **Dentists for Rural Areas Assistance Loan Repayment Program**

Ms. Speight presented the following qualified applicants for the program:

Elven renewals: Justin S. Ragan, William C. Clance, Chen Chen, Charles P. Brooks, Kyle W. Hollis, Hasim S. Momim, Clay S. Oliver, Wallis S. Hobby, William C. Fussell, Gary L. Crawford, Joon Ho Koh

One new applicants: Albreia L. Hall

On **Motion (Del Mazo/Indrkrishnan)**, the Board unanimously approved the recommendations for the loan repayment awards to the list of applicants.

## **Georgia Physicians for Loan Repayment Program**

Ms. Speight presented the following qualified applicants for the program:

Two renewals: Zalika Nisbeth, William Conner

On **Motion (Gautney/McFadden)**, the Board unanimously approved the recommendations for loan repayment awards to the list of applicants.

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## **Physicians for Rural Areas Assistance Loan Repayment Program**

Ms. Speight presented the following qualified applicants for the program:

Thirty-one renewals: Shad Stormant, Erin R. Tanner, Shaista Hussain, Henry L. Ferland, Nicholas Webster, Brandi W. Warren, Geri E. Justice, Kendrix J. Evans, Josh D. Simmons, Patrick G. Hanson, Thihang Nguyen, Lindsay F. Dowis, John C. Spivey, Jason B. Moye, Carol R. Williams, Joshua J. Wilburn, Samuel G. Franklin, George J. Myers, Alicia Register, Shannon L. Price, Priscilla Amoah, Jesse R. Warren, Ravin B. Talati, Daniel H. Gordon, Mana L. Kasongo, James G. Hamilton III, Christina L. Noguera, Thomas E. Street, Darren K. Wooten, Shea G. Jones, Johan Koo,

Six renewals: Randi N. Tatum, David M. Carstens, Caityln S. Coleman, Alicia Register, Logan C. McCool, Jack B. Royal

On **Motion (Kay/Indrkrishnan)**, the Board unanimously approved the recommendations for the loan repayment awards to the list of applicants.

## **Practice Approval Request**

Laura H. white request to change practice location from Toombs County to Emmanuel County.

On **Motion (Kay/Indrkrishnan)**, the Board approved the change request.

## **Fellowship Approval**

Jasmine E. Shell, MD requesting to change from preventive medicine to addiction medicine.

On **Motion (Kay/Indrkrishnan)**, the Board unanimously approved the request, but noted that this was the last time this type of request will be considered.

## **Repayment Plan Denied**

Amethyst Wilder, MD request approval of repayment plan.

On **Motion (Kay/Indrkrishnan)**, the Board unanimously denied the proposed repayment plan as submitted.

## **Repayment Plan Approval**

Linda Gordon, MD requested approval for repayment plan.

On **Motion (Kay/Indrkrishnan)**, the Board approved the repayment plan.

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## **BUDGET**

Mr. Montaque informed the Board that current year budget would remain the same and that the initial 188 slots requested for FY21 would be included.

On **Motion (/Rios/McCluskey)**, the Board unanimously approved the report.

## **UPDATE ON PRACTICE OPPORTUNITY FAIRS**

Mr. Dorsey updated the Board about the first virtual Opportunity Fair held on November 17, 2020. It was a very successful event. Consideration for future virtual opportunity fairs.

## **Legislation**

Dr. Barber discussed HB 42 (“Grant for rural physicians”).

He and other members volunteered to discuss with the Bill sponsor suggestions for other specialties. He also discussed the Tax Credit and how it can be improved.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on April 22, 2021

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Motion Mr. Gautney seconded Dr. Rios to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terri D. McFadden  
Chairperson

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