

# Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce

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## Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 23, 2020  
8:30 a.m.

Coverdell Legislative Office Building  
18 Capitol Square SW, Room 406  
Atlanta, GA 30334

### **Board Members Present:**

Antonio Rios, M.D.; Terri McFadden-Garden, M.D.; David Kay, M.D.; Scott Bohlke, M.D.; Steven Gautney, MHA; Indran Indrakishnan, M.D.; Doug Skelton, M.D.; James Barber, M.D.; Jacinto del Mazo, M.D.; Will Kemp; Jeffrey Kunkes, M.D.

### **Members Absent:**

John E. Delzell Jr.; M.D.; George MCluskey, M.D.

### **Staff Present:**

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

### **Guests Present:**

Ted Johnson, M.D., Emory Family Medicine; Marty Elks, M.D., Morehouse; Debra L. Stokes, Executive Director, GA Rural Health Innovation Center; Hugh Sosebee, Jr., Mercer University; Colleen Stevens, Morehouse School of Medicine; Betsy Bates, Morehouse School of Medicine; Yolanda Wimberly, M.D., Morehouse; Bethany Sherrer, MAG; Joseph Hobbs, M.D., Medical College of Georgia

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Rios, Chairman, called the Board Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

### **CHAIRMAN APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On **Motion (Bohlke/Barber)**, the Board unanimously approved the Agenda for January 23, 2020 meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Kemp presented the October 17, 2019 Board meeting minutes.

On **Motion (Barber/Gautney)**, the Board unanimously approved the minutes as written.

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## **Chairman's Report**

Dr. Rios presented the Certificate of Five-Year service to Freeman Montaque and Yvette Speight. He thanked them for their faithful service.

## **Election of Officers**

Dr. Rios requested a nomination for the Vice Chair position due to Dr. Hatchett's resignation. Dr. del Mazo nominated Dr. McFadden-Garden. She accepted the nomination as Vice Chair.

On **Motion (Barber/Gautney)**, the Board unanimously approved the nomination.

## **Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Hughes reminded the Board that the next Board meeting is April 23, 2020 at Gwinnett/Northside Medical Center and will be hosted by Dr. Indrakrishnan.

She gave the Board an overview of the House of Representative Rural Development Final Recommendations.

## **Correspondence**

Ms. Hughes provided the Board with the following articles:

1. Article: "State Incentive Programs that Encourage Allied Health Professionals to Provide care for Rural and Underserved Populations." (Center for Health Workforce Studies)
2. Article: "Fighting the doctor shortage in rural Georgia" (featuring Board member Dr. Scott Bohlke) ( Georgia Health News)
3. Article: "State ranked by shortage of primary care providers." Georgia ranked #8.
4. Community Advocate Award, Dr. Scott Bohlke as one of the recipients. (Augusta University News)
5. Wellstar Atlanta and Medical Center requested the following change to Capitation Contract Section 10.

## **Contract Section 10. Termination for Cause; Remedies for Breach Other Than Termination.**

The Board referred the propose change to the office of the Attorney General for review.

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## **GME Outcomes Report**

Ms. Greenwood presented the Graduate Medical Education Residency Capitation report, showing the programs and numerical percentage of graduates.

After a discussion about ways to improve the report, Ms. Greenwood agreed to incorporate suggestions from the board.

On Motion (**Barber/Indrkrishnan**), the Board moved to approve the report.

## **Loan Repayment**

### **Physician Assistant Loan Repayment Program**

Ms. Speight presented the renewals of the loan repayment program for approval:

Seventeen Renewals: Archie T. Kirkley, Sera G. Story, Zachary Whitaker, Mandy McMillan, Patrick K. Lowe, Leah Waller, Cody Ward, Phillip G. Boatright, Jr., Heather Lewis, Courtney B. Stevens, Ashley E. Long, Monica A. Moon, Jessica L. Shook Kitchens, John D. Campbell, Amelia M. Harvey, Melinda B. Cathey, Brooke B. Teal

Three new applicants: Daniel L. Dasher, Jodi B. Gilmer, Brandi L. Parker

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

### **Disqualified Applicants:**

#### **Incomplete Applications:**

Leah E. Watts, Dana M. Adams, Katherine L. Edelen, Casey J. Bolton, Jade V. Cappola, Dana M. Adams

### **Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Loan Repayment Program**

Ms. Speight presented the renewals for the loan repayment program for approval:

Seventeen Renewals: Travis W. Dobbs, Megan C. Knight, Michael B. Edenfield, Jami N. Hodges, Tonya L. Register, Debra D. Smith Rathburn, Lori S. Pope, Amanda S. Jarriel, Amanda S. Hobbs, Stacey H. Williford, Laura H. White, Merrie C. Hamby, Haley S. Revell, Amanda J. Riley, Kimberly D. Williams, Allison Welch, Kristin Hunter

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Three new applicants: Rhonda F. Oglesby, Angel L. Gilreath, Steven M. Lashley

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

## **Disqualified Applicants:**

### **Incomplete Applications:**

Laura S. Decker, Morgan E. Mizell, Brittany Sleek, Michelle E. Webb, Addie B. Gay, Megan Rivera-O'Rourke, Marie L. Bauch, Bridgette C. Harper, Concetta M. Terry, Christy R. Watts, Allison Wodruff, Angela A. Thornton, Deanna L. Gilmer, Brooke B. Wright, Sybil J. Lew, Marcie L. Merri, Anna P. Driggers, Bonny S. Voyles, Brittany B. Lewis, Derrick D. Collier, Bruce A. Bailey, Garrett S. Surrency, John Okolo, Christopher A. Pate

## **Ineligible County:**

Shanika Conyers, Wendy Livingston, Teracita M. Madera

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

Ms. Speight presented the renewals for the loan repayment program for approval:

Seven Renewals: Charles P. Brooks, Jesse F. McMillan, Justin S. Ragan, William C. Clance, Clay S. Oliver, DMD, Chen Chen, Kyle W. Hollis

Five new applicants: Wallis S. Hobby, Andie M. Tuggle, John J. Crumpton, William C. Fussell, Hasim S. Momin

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

## **Disqualified Applicants:**

### **Incomplete Applications:**

Jennifer A. Hamilton, Tara L. Brown, Mya P. Greenberg, Gary L. Crawford, Ulysses L. Marable, III

## **Georgia Physician for Loan Repayment Program**

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Ms. Speight presented the renewal for the loan repayment program for approval:

One Renewal: Barry Iguobadia

Mr. Gautney questioned the reason why there is only one GPLRP Loan recipient this year? Mr. Montaque informed the Board that the requirements are very restrictive and most applicants that qualified have already met their obligations.

On **Motion (Gautney/Indrkrishnan)**, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation for the loan repayment award to the applicant.

## **Disqualified Applicant:**

### **Ineligible County:**

Courtney N. Whittle

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

Ms. Speight presented the renewal for the loan repayment program for approval:

Twenty-three Renewals: Shad A. Stormant, Crystal D. Bright, Jonathan A. Lawrence, Patrick G. Hanson, Lindsay F. Herbert, Kathryn McKinney, Itoro B. Edet, Priscilla G. Thomas, Christina Noguera, Daniel Gordon, John C. Spivey, Jason B. Moye, Samuel G. Franklin, George J. Myers, IV, Matthew L. Jenkins, Shannon L. Price, Caitlin E. Collier, Mana Kasongo, Joe H. Livingston, IV, Darren K. Wooten, Karen Butler, Navin Tandon, Dan Musser

Fourteen Renewals: Patrick J. Lancaster, Eric. R. Tanner, Thaihang Nguyen, Henry L. Ferland, III, Pricilla Amoah, Branadi W. Warren, Josh D. Simmons, Ankur Goel, Geri E. Justice, Krystal V. Garcia, Shaista Hussain, Rosiland Harrington, Alicia Register, Jesse R. Warren

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

## **Disqualified Applicants:**

### **Incomplete Applications:**

Linda R. Gordon, Vishal Goyal, Thomas C. Smith, Jason T. Wells, Johan Koo, Michael B. Summer, Pamela k. McClosky, James G. Hamilton, III, Patrice Moore, Shea Jones, Caitlyn S.

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Coelman, Allison C. Turks, Joshura J. Wilburn, Nicholas j> Webster, Walter Rios-Corujo, Joshua M. Lang

The Board question why so many renewals and less new applicants.

## **Budget**

Dr. Rios, Ms. Hughes, and Mr. Montaque presented the budget to the Joint Appropriations Committee.

## **Trinity School of Medicine**

Dr. Skelton discussed the School of Medicine located in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Trinity is developing partnerships with GME programs in Georgia.

The Board accepted this as information.

## **David Jenkins, DMD**

Mr. Dorsey discussed Dr. Jenkins, who is no longer practicing in a Board-approved location. He submitted a repayment plan to pay \$1,632.42 per month for twelve months with the intent to pay off earlier if possible.

On **Motion (Barber/Rios)**, the Board unanimously approved the payment plan.

## **External Affairs Report**

Mr. Dorsey presented the Quarterly Newsletter Fall 2019 and the following reports:

2019 Annual Report  
2019 Loan Repayment Award Report  
2019 Practice Opportunity Fairs  
2019 Scholarship Award Report  
Media Coverage information  
Events and Outreach

On **Motion (Kay/Skelton)**, the Board accepted the reports listed as information.

## **Guest Appearance**

Dr. Cyrus Samai, MD, Pediatric Cardiology Services

He presented information on the work he is doing in diagnosing and treating heart disease in children and the lack of pediatric cardiologists in rural areas.

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The board accepted his presentation as information and praised his services and his organization for providing care to children and their families in rural areas.

## **Rules for Review**

Rule 195-21-.02. Psychiatry Residency Capitation Funding

On **Motion (Gautney/Indrakrishnan)**, the Board unanimously approved to change the time for payments from thirty-six months to forty-eight months.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Motion Dr. Kay, seconded Dr. Indrakrishnan and motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Antonio Rios, MD  
Chairman

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LaSharn Hughes, MBA  
Executive Director

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William Kemp,  
Secretary Treasurer

Recorded by:

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Janice Campbell