

# Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce

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## Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce Teleconference Meeting Minutes

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

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **Board Members Present:**

Antonio Rios, M.D.; Terri McFadden-Garden, M.D.; John E. Delzell Jr, M.D.; Steven Gautney, MHA.; William Kemp; Scott Bohlke, M.D.; George McCluskey, M.D.; David Kay, M.D.

### **Members Absent**

James Barber, M.D.  
Jacinto del Mazo, M.D.  
Indran Indrakishnan, M.D.

### **Staff Present:**

LaSharn Hughes; Freeman Montaque; Daniel Dorsey; Leanna Greenwood; Jocelyn Hart; Yvette Speight, Penny Hannah, Assistant Attorney General; G. Alan Dever, Consultant to the Board

### **Guests**

Deborah Stokes, Innovation Center; Joseph Hobbs, M.D.; Bethany Sherrer, MAG; Keri Conley, GHA; Eddie Attala, GHA Intern; Betsy Bates, Morehouse; Jean Sumner, M.D., Dean, Mercer; Shellly Nuss, M.D.; William Craver, DO, PCOM; Bryan Ginn, PCOM; Kallarin Mackey, Emory; Robert Pallay, M.D.; A. Wilder, M.D.

### **Approval of Agenda**

On **Motion (Kay/Bohlke)**, the Board unanimously approved the agenda.

### **Approval of Minutes**

On **Motion (Delzell/McFadden)**, the Board unanimously approved the April 23, 2020 and May 19, 2020 meeting minutes.

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## **Chairman's Report**

Dr. Rios announced that the next meeting will be October 22, 2020 in Augusta, depending on the status of the pandemic.

He noted that Dr. Kunkes has resigned his position with the Board due to practice demands. The Governor's office has been notified.

## **Executive Report**

Ms. Hughes presented the following report:

- Correspondence from Bryan Ginn, Jr. PCOM regarding judicial signatures for applicants. Can this be waived due to the pandemic? The Board voted to offer an extension until November.
- Ms. Hughes updated the Board on activities due to COVID-19 and informed the Board that the majority of the staff has been working from home.
- The Board set the following dates for 2021:  
Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, April 22, July 22, and October 21.

## **Budget**

Mr. Montague presented final FY20 closeout numbers and the approved FY21 budget. Some Board members had concerns about the new residency slots that would not be funded this fiscal year due to budget cuts. Ms. Hughes assured the Board that the GBHCW did not receive a large decrease like other agencies and that most of their programs were spared. The Board will continue to work with the legislature to have these residency slots added back as the economy improves.

## **Presentation**

Dr. David Hess, Dean Medical College of Georgia @ Augusta University and D. Douglas Miller, M.D., Vice Dean, Academic Affairs, Medical College of Georgia @ Augusta University, gave a presentation to the Board on MCG 3+ Program. Dr. Rios thanked Drs. Hess and Miller for the information.

## **Weighted Scale**

Ms. Hughes asked the Board for a delay before voting on the Weighted Scale, which sets the parameters for ranking loan repayment applicants, to allow for Drs. Bohkle, Barber, and Delzell and staff time to meet to discuss.

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## **Publications**

Ms. Hart presented the following reports:

- 2019 Dental Demographics Report
- 2020 Medical School Graduate Survey Results

Ms. Greenwood presented the following reports:

- 2020 Match Report
- 5-year Composite UME Outcomes Report
- 5-year In-State and Primary Care / Core Report

On Motion (Bolhle/McCluskey), the Board unanimously approved the reports for publication. The Board thanked Ms. Hart and Ms. Greenwood for their efforts in producing the reports.

## **Nursing Data Report**

Ms. Lisa Eichelberger, RN, Ph.D., Jeannie Cimiotti, RN, Ph.D., Yin Li., Ph.D., RN, and Jim Cleghorn, members of the GNLC Nursing Data Advisory Committee, presented information regarding the Nursing Data project led by Ms. Greenwood.

Ms. Greenwood presented the new data visualization website for review. The site will show nurse data according to Georgia counties by RN/LPN and type of APRN, with standard rates/100,000 population.

On **Motion (McFadden/Bohlke)**, the Board unanimously approved the Committee Report and approved the publication of the Nursing Visualization site.

## **Practice Location**

Heather Kemp, FNP-C requests to change practice locations from Americus, Sumter County to Cusseta, Chattahoochee County.

On **Motion (Kemp/Barber)**, the Board unanimously approved the request.

## **Scholarship Deferment Request**

Amethyst Wilder, M.D., requested the Board allow her to complete her repayment plan by working and training other physicians in Savannah, due to a contract breach with her employer in Liberty County.

On **Motion (McCluskey/Bohlke)**, the Board voted to deny the request and have Dr. Wilder submit a repayment request to the Board at the October meeting.

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Megan H. Harris, DO, requested a waiver of her last two months (due to maternity leave), which she can make up in personal time.

On **Motion (Delzell/Kay)**, the Board voted to approve the request.

## **External Affairs Report**

Daniel Dorsey presented the following reports, which the Board accepted as information:

- **Quarterly newsletters**

- o Winter 2020
- o Spring 2020

- **Site visits o TOTAL- 30**

- o Scholarship- 6
- o PRAA- 6
- o GPLRP- 0
- o DRAA- 4
- o PALRP- 9
- o APRNLRP- 5

- Media coverage of Georgia Health News: Health care budget cuts raise alarm as waiver plan draws criticism

- o Yahoo! Finance: Augusta University committed to better health for Georgia's rural communities
- o GPB Radio News: Georgia Female Doctors Lead The Charge For Better Healthcare
- o PCOM Digest: Health Care In Rural Georgia
- o Rome News-Tribune: Georgia lawmakers wary of budget cuts for maternal care, doctor training
- o Augusta Chronicle: Hobbs leaves long legacy of service at MCG

## **Election of Officers**

The election was delayed due to the absence of several members. The election will be held at the next Board meeting in October.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, motion **Gautney/Bohlke** to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 am.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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