

Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce

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Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 17, 2019
8:30 a.m.

Mercer University School of Medicine
1501 Mercer University Drive
Macon, GA 31207

Board Members Present:

Antonio Rios, M.D.; Terri McFadden-Garden, M.D.; David Kay, M.D.; Scott Bohlke, M.D.; Steven Gautney, MHA; George McCluskey, M.D.; Indran Indrakishnan, M.D.; Doug Skelton, M.D.; Thomas Hatchett, M.D.; James Barber, M.D., Jacinto del Mazo, M.D.

Members Absent:

John E. Delzell Jr., M.D; Jeffrey Kunkes, M.D; William Kemp

Staff Present:

LaSharn Hughes; Freeman Montaque; Daniel Dorsey; Jocelyn Hart; Leanna Greenwood; Penny Hannah, Attorney General

Guests Present:

Keri Conley, GHA; Denise Kornegay, Association Dean, AHEC; Marty Elks, M.D., Morehouse; Marilane Bond, EdD, Med, Emory University; Debra L. Stokes, Executive Director, GA Rural Health Innovation Center

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 April 18, 2019 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Bohlke presented the July 18, 2019 minutes and the August 20, 2019 Conference Call minutes for review and approval. On **Motion (Barber/Gautney)**, the Board unanimously approved the minutes as written.

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Welcome

Jean Sumner, MD, Dean of Mercer School of Medicine, welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked the members for gathering and extended her gratitude to all attendance.

Chairman's Report

Dr. Rios acknowledged all who were present and noted that the next meeting will be in Atlanta at the Board offices.

Executive Report

Ms. Hughes announced that we have a new board room on the 6th Floor, which is where the next meeting will take place. The Board accepted the following as information:

1. Memorial Health's Progress report. This is a plan established by the MEAC Committee.
2. Morehouse School of Medicine's FY 19 Annual Report on the 35 million investment. In alignment with the Board's mission, they have implemented Operation Keepsake in an effort to retain medical students and residents in Georgia.
3. Dr. Dever provided a fact sheet ("Primary Care Workforce Facts and Stats No. 3").
4. Report from Dr. Nuss of the GREAT Committee on Board of Regents GME Expansion project highlights.

Budget

Mr. Montaque presented the FY20 Amended and FY21 proposed budget cuts. The Board members expressed concerns about the reduction in funding to Maternal Mortality.

Denise Kornegay, Associate Dean, AHEC

Ms. Kornegay presented a report on "Health Science Magnet Schools in Georgia." The Board asked questions on implementation.

Lorraine Smith, CEO, Monroe County Hospital

Ms. Smith gave a report on how she and her team managed to successfully keep their small rural hospital open. She gave examples of cost cutting and how she improved the service level to her patients and employees.

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Physician Assistant (PA) Visualization Project

Ms. Greenwood presented the proposed website for PA data visualization. The information will be retrieved from the PA renewal data. Board members suggested changes that might enhance the design. The new site will deploy by the January 2020 meeting.

Publications Report

Ms. Greenwood presented the *Physician Demographic Report* for review. The Board members provided comments.

Ms. Hart presented the *Graduate Medical Education Exit Survey Report*. The Board asked questions and made a suggested change in the information shared on a page.

On Motion (**Barber/Indrakrishnan**), the Board moved to publish the reports with the suggested changes.

Board Outreach Report

Mr. Dorsey, Outreach Coordinator, made the following report:

External Affairs Report for July 18, 2019 Board Meeting

Practice opportunity fairs

October 3 @ Memorial Health University Medical Center GME

October 16 @ Morehouse School of Medicine GME

November 13 @ Augusta University GME

Site visits – 24 total, mainly in South and Southwest parts of Georgia

Scholarship – 4

PRAA – 8, but 3 may require additional paperwork

GPLRP – 1

DRAA – 2

APRNLRP – 4

PALRP – 5

Outreach

University System of Georgia Nursing Workforce Summit

PCOM South Georgia's Ribbon Cutting

Morehouse GME's Business of Medicine Symposium

Georgia Society for Healthcare Physician Services and Recruitment Annual Conference

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Georgia Primary Care Association's Workforce Development Summit
Practice Opportunity Fair with Memorial Health's GME programs
Practice Opportunity Fair with Morehouse GME's programs

Practice Location Approval Request

Brittany Lord, M.D., requests approval of practice location to Eastman, Georgia in Dodge County for pediatric clinic.

On **Motion (Bohlke/Hatchett)**, the Board unanimously approved this request for deferral.

Ashlee Lafontaine, M.D.

Dr. LaFontaine asked in 2016 for a practice deferral to pursue a pediatrics sports medicine Fellowship at Vanderbilt, and the Board approved the request. In June 2018, Dr. LaFontaine finished her fellowship and did not return to Georgia. She is requesting a "forbearance of repayment until further notice or for a time period of the Board's choosing."

On **Motion (Gautney/Indrkrishnan)**, the Board denied the request for a forbearance and moved her file into default to start the collection process.

Jasmine Shell, M.D.

Ms. Shell received \$80,000 from the Country Doctor Scholarship Program. She did not notify the Board when she stopped attending. Ms. Shell appeared before Board members to discuss her failure to report her departure sooner and responded to their concerns.

On **Motion (McCluskey/Barber)**, the Board approved her preventive medicine fellowship deferment with the understanding that she needs to return to Georgia to fulfill her obligation. Mr. Gautney voted against the motion.

Ronald Atwater, M.D.

Mr. Atwater is no longer at Cairo Medical Care and requested a repayment timeframe for not remaining in his Board-approved location.

On Motion (**Bohlke/Barber**), the Board approved sending Dr. Atwater's file to the Attorney General to negotiate repayment.

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David Jenkins, DMD, is requesting the Board's approval to change practice locations from Dodge County to Peach County. Dr. Jenkins was terminated due to reasons beyond his control on July 26 and will began practice at Fantastic Smiles in Peach County on October 21. If approved, his contract will be extended 86 days for the days he did not work.

On **Motion (Gautney/Indrkrishnan)**, the Board unanimously approved his practice location change request.

LeThenia Joy Baker, M.D., wants to move from Upson and Lamar Counties to Troup and Harris Counties. Although neither county is in our coverage area, she is an OB/GYN and should receive special consideration.

On **Motion (Gautney/Indrkrishnan)**, the Board unanimously approved her practice location change in Harris County, but not Troup County.

Jason Wells, M.D., wants to move to a different location within Grady County, which is a qualifying county.

On **Motion (McCluskey/Kay)**, the Board unanimously approved his practice location change request.

Board Member Update

Dr. Skelton discussed the article "Parkinson's Foundation Grant." The Board accepted this as information.

Rules for adoption

After a public hearing, **Motion (Hatchett/Indrkrishnan)** to adopt the following Rules:

Chapter 195-1. ADMINISTRATION

Chapter 195-2. RESIDENCY CAPITATION

Chapter 195-3. DENTAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE PREMIUM GRANT PROGRAM

Chapter 195-4. FAMILY PRACTICE CAPITATION

Chapter 195-5. REPEALED (195-5-.01 to 195-5-.02)

Chapter 195-6. MEDICAL SCHOOL OPERATING GRANTS

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Chapter 195-7. PEDIATRIC RESIDENCY CAPITATION

Chapter 195-8. REPEALED (195-8-.01 to 195-8-.02)

Chapter 195-9. MEDICAL STUDENT CAPITATION PROGRAM

Chapter 195-10. PREVENTIVE MEDICINE RESIDENCY CAPITATION

Chapter 195-11. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Chapter 195-12. PHYSICIANS FOR RURAL AREAS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Chapter 195-13. NEW PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Chapter 195-14. DENTAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

Chapter 195-15. PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (PA) LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

Chapter 195-16. ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES (APRN) LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

Chapter 195-17. OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY RESIDENCY CAPITATION

Chapter 195-18. INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENCY CAPITATION

Chapter 195-19. GENERAL SURGERY RESIDENCY CAPITATION

Chapter 195-20. GEORGIA PHYSICIAN LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

Chapter 195-21. PSYCHIATRY RESIDENCY CAPITATION

Chapter 195-22. MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE PREMIUM GRANT PROGRAM

Chapter 195-23. EMERGENCY MEDICINE RESIDENCY CAPITATION

Chapter 195-24. MASTERY IN GENERAL SURGERY PROGRAM

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion Dr. Kay, seconded Dr. Indrakrishnan, to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 am.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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