

# Georgia Board for Physician Workforce

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## Georgia Board for Physician Workforce Meeting Minutes

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

GBPW  
2 Peachtree Street, NW 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Atlanta, GA 30303

### **Board Members Present:**

Antonio Rios, M.D.; Jacinto Del Mazo, M.D.; Terri McFadden-Garden, M.D.; John E. Delzell Jr., M.D.; David Kay, M.D.; Scott Bohlke, M.D.; Steven Gautney, MHA; George McCluskey, M.D.; Indran Indrakishnan, M.D.; Jacinto del Mazo, M.D.; Jeffrey Kunkes, M.D.; Doug Skelton, M.D.; William Kemp (via teleconference); Mark Hanly, M.D. (via teleconference)

### **Staff Present:**

LaSharn Hughes; Freeman Montaque; Daniel Dorsey; Tommy Kelly; Yvette Speight; Jocelyn Hart; Penny Hannah, AG's Office; Janice Campbell

### **Guests Present:**

Hillary Thrower, Emory; Betsy Bates; Morehouse of School of Medicine; Lucy Marion, PhD, Dean of the School of Nursing at MCG; Alan Dever, M.D., PhD; Bryan Ginn, PCOM; Martha Elks, M.D., Morehouse School of Medicine; John Bucholtz, M.D, MEAC (via telephone conference); Tina Hood, PAC (via teleconference); H. W. Craver, DO, PCOM; Joseph Hobbs, M.D., Augusta University at MCG

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **CHAIRMAN APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On **Motion (McCluskey/Bohlke)**, the Board unanimously approved the Agenda for January 19, 2019 meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On **Motion (Kay/Delzell)**, the Board unanimously approved the October 25, 2018 meeting Minutes.

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## **Introductions**

Dr. Rios introduced and swore in the new Boards Members: Dr. Doug Skelton and Dr. Jeffrey Kunkes.

## **Chairman's Report**

Dr. Rios spoke of the next board meeting in April at NE Georgia Medical Center. He also informed the board no meeting with legislators this meeting due to the Governor State of the State Address.

## **Executive Report**

Ms. Hughes made the following report:

1. Legislation - name change is still on track.
2. Meeting with Governor Kemp and the transition team – he is interested in the residency slots, budget, and our good work.
3. The audit report outlined suggestions for attracting more physicians to practice in rural areas. Some of those initiatives are already being implemented.
4. Federal Shutdown – GPLR/Capitation
5. We have conferenced with the Board of Nursing and their group from Emory to start reviewing and reporting on their Nursing data.
6. Data Visualization is up and running.
7. Budget Actions from the last Legislation have been completed.

Chapter 195-22 Medical Malpractice Premium Grant Program – Rules and Applications completed:

Rules and contract signed for:  
Additional slots – OB/GYN, Psychiatry  
Augusta University in Vision, Cancer, Neurology  
Gateway Behavior Health – second year start-up Psychiatry Residency Program

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Chapter 195-23 Emergency Medicine Residency Capitation  
Chapter 195-24 Mastery of General Surgery Program

## **GME Outcome Report**

Dr. Bucholtz noted that Memorial Health University failed to maintain its 50% retention rate. The MEAC committee has been working with Memorial to come into compliance. Reports have been submitted and a comprehensive plan for retention improvements has been established.

## **Correspondence**

Ms. Hughes provided the Board with an article on physician-to-population factors and variances.

## **Marketing Report**

Mr. Montague informed the board of a marketing video created to inform the public about the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce. It was a collaboration between the Board and Mercer University School of Medicine. It will be used at conferences and meetings.

On **Motion (Bohlke/Indrkrishnan)**, the Board unanimously approve the marketing video presentation.

## **LOAN REPAYMENT**

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

Ms. Hood presented the recipients of the loan repayment program:

Fourteen renewals: Zachary J. Whitaker, Heather H. Lewis, Leah M. Waller, Philip G. Boatright, Jr., Candace C. Purvis, Mandy C. McMillan, Jessica Lynn S. Kitchens, Monica L. Moon, Timantha D. Booth, John D. Campbell, Rodger K. Wagoner, Melinda B. Cathey, Amelia M. Harvey, Brooke B. Teal

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

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

Dean Marion presented the following recipients of the loan repayment program:

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Twenty-one renewals: Kimberly D. Williams, Megan D. Kight, Jamie N. Hodges, Tonya L. Register, Travis W. Dobbs, Michael B., Edenfield, Amada J. Riley, Stacey H. Williford, Amanda S. Jarriel, Merrie C. Hamby, John A. Chitoh, Renee N. Bailey, Laura H. White, Lori S. Pope, Jeniece L. Cromartie, Haley S. Revell, Kelly A. Wiedower, Debra D. Rathbun, Allison H. Welch, Kristen C. Hunter, Kellie R. Pack

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

Dean Marion spoke about getting increase funding for the nurses program and the data analysis project.

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

Ms. Speight presented the following recipients for the loan repayment program for approval:

Ten renewals: Zachary L. Bentley, Charles P. Brooks, Jr., Michael R. Carr, Jr., Chen Chen, William C. Clance, Kyle W. Hollis, Jonathan P. Johnson, Jesse F. McMillan, Justin S. Ragan, Reginald L. Makerson,

Two new applicants: Clayton S. Oliver, Dustin A. Petry

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

## **Physicians for Rural Areas Assistance**

Ms. Speight presented the following recipients for the loan repayment program for approval:

Twenty – seven renewals: Kirk A. Munsayac, John C. Spivey, Daniel H. Gordon, Chelsea B. Tehan, Amelia S. Bostwick, Ronald C. Atwater, Jr., Caryn J. Masterman-Smith, Michelle E. Mason-Woodard, Crystal D. Bright, Jonathan A. Lawrence, Thet N. Zaw, Samuel G. Franklin, Karen Butler, Alexander Ibezi-Enendu, Kthryn A. Mckinney, Matthew L. Jenkins, Priscilla G. Thomas, George J. Myers, Joi Rogers, Holly Hoenes, Darren Wooten, Joe H. Livingston, Navin Tandon, Brian W. Pratt, Caitlin Collier, Cassandra L. Wilson, Daniel A. Musser

Ten new applicants: Shad A. Stormant, Christina H. Noguera, Christopher Hicks, Le Thenia J. Baker, Lindsay F. Herbert, Jason T. Wells, Jason B. Moye, Shannon L. Price, Patrick Hanson, Itoro B. Edet

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

## **Georgia Physician Loan Repayment Program**

Three renewals: Samatha D. Boreland, Barry O. Iguobadia, Mandy K. Lucas

Pending funding being released due to Federal Government shutdown.

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

## **Medical Malpractice Insurance Premium**

Ms. Hughes presented the recipients for the Medical Malpractice Insurance Premium Grant.

Two applicants: Omar Akhras, MD, Hancock, Karen S. Kinsell, MD, Clay County

On **Motion (Kay/Gautney)**, the Board unanimously approved the recommendations for the medical malpractice insurance premium to the list of applicants.

## **Scholarship Deferment**

Evan Fountain, MD requested a deferral of his obligation as a chief resident. He would like to pursue a career in Pulmonary and Critical Care.

On **Motion (Del Mazo/McCluskey)**, the Board unanimously approved his request for deferral from the Chief residency program for Pulmonary and Critical Care.

## **Budget**

Mr. Montague informed the board that the budget is not available. The Governor's budget recommendations will be available later today.

On **Motion (Del Mazo/McCluskey)**, the Board unanimously approved the budget announcement.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Ms. Hart presented the 2016 – 2017 Physician Assistant Report. It is a summary of the demand and distribution of Georgia Physician Assistants in Georgia.

On **Motion (Gautney/McCluskey)**, the Board unanimously approved the report for publishing.

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## **Practice Opportunity/Medical Fair Update**

Mr. Dorsey touched on highlights from the medical fair in August.

The Georgia Board for Physician Workforce co-sponsors “practice opportunity fairs” each year in conjunction with graduate medical education programs to link resident physicians with employment opportunities around the state. Invited participants are resident physicians of Georgia-based GME programs and any hospital or health system recruiting for practice opportunities in Georgia.

In FY 2019, two physician residency programs across the state teamed up with the GBPW to host fairs. Below are total figures and a breakdown of participation at each fair.

- **Total**  
**50 exhibitors**  
**89 residents**  
**1.8 resident-to-exhibitor ratio**
- Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University in Augusta (November 14, 2018) 26 exhibitors  
53 residents  
2.0 resident-to-exhibitor ratio
- Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah (December 6, 2018) 24 exhibitors  
36 residents  
1.5 resident-to-exhibitor ratio

The GBPW also held a large, statewide fair that attracted residents and physicians from all over the Southeast. Among the attendees of the 2018 Georgia Medical Fair were resident physicians from 12 different graduate medical education programs representing nine different specialties across three states and exhibitors from Georgia-based hospitals, large practices and community health centers.

29 exhibitors  
38 attendees (35 residents and three already-practicing physicians)  
1.3 attendee-to-exhibitor ratio

**On Motion (Kay/McCluskey)**, the Board unanimously approved the Opportunity/Medical Fair Report.

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## Appearance

Ms. Veda Johnson, MD, presented detailed information on School-Based clinics in rural areas.

On **Motion (Del Mazo/McCluskey)**, the Board unanimously accepted the presentation on School Based-Clinics as information.

## NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Kunkes suggested the board consider funding for telemedicine.

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on April 18, 2019, at NE Georgia General Medical Hospital in Gainesville.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion Dr. Rios, seconded by Dr. Kay, to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m...

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chairman

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William Kemp,  
Secretary Treasurer

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