

# Georgia Board for Physician Workforce

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## Georgia Board for Physician Workforce Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 25, 2018  
8:30 a.m.

GBPW Administrative Office  
2 Peachtree St., NW, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room  
Atlanta, GA 30303

### **Board Members Present:**

Mark Hanly, M.D.; 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., Thomas Hatchett, M.D.; Steven Gautney, MHA; Indran Indrakrishnan, M.D.; Phyllis Kozarsky, MD.; William Kemp (teleconference)

### **Staff Present:**

LaSharn Hughes; Daniel Dorsey; Janice Campbell, Tommy Kelly; Freeman Montaque; Yvette Speight; Andrea Pass

### **Guests Present:**

G.E. Alan Dever, M.D., PhD., Penny Hannah, Georgia Department of Law, Lucy Marion, PhD, RN, MCG at Augusta University; Shelly Nuss, M.D., UGA/AU Partnership Campus ; Jimmy Lewis, HomeTown Health; Laura Bland, Mercer University School of Medicine; Martha Elks, M.D., Morehouse School of Medicine; John Bucholtz, M.D, Columbus Regional Medical Center; Scott Maxwell, Matthews & Maxwell; Devin Kreel, Georgia Psychiatric Physicians; Keri Conley, Georgia Hospital Association; Hugh Sosebee, Mercer University; Giselle I. Pineiro, PCOM; Hillary Thrower, Emory University; Pangela Dawson, Morehouse School of Medicine

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On **Motion (Hanly/McFadden)**, the Board unanimously approved the Agenda of the January 25, 2018 meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dr. Hatchett presented the minutes from the October 26, 2017 meeting for approval.

On **Motion (Hanly/Gautney)**, the Board unanimously approved the minutes from October 26, 2017 as written.

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

### **Chairman's Report**

Dr. Rios welcomed Dr. Phyllis Kozarsky, M.D. and swore her in a new board member. He informed the Board that there are still three vacant positions on the Board.

### **Executive Report**

Ms. Hughes stated the Annual Report could be viewed on the Board's website. It highlights the Board's accomplishments from the last year, including information about Opportunity Fairs and implementing awards to Physicians, Dentists, APRN's and PA's.

Ms. Hughes presented the GME Outcomes Report and Memorial Health failed to meet the contract deliverables. Memorial Health filed an appeal. Dr. Bucholtz, MEAC Chairman, reminded the Board that the MEAC Committee had come up with a remediation plan for programs that failed to meet the contract deliverables. The Board referred this matter to the MEAC Committee for review.

Senate Bill 434, name change legislation has been introduced and working its way through the General Assembly.

Ms. Hughes informed the Board that the offices will be moving to the 6<sup>th</sup> floor in March.

### **Public Relations Committee Report**

Dr. Kay reported that he, Ms. Hughes, and Mr. Dorsey met with the Department of Economic Development for suggestions on how to market the Board and highlight its loan repayment programs for rural Georgia.

One topic discussed included developing a marketing plan to demonstrate how rural medicine is challenging for the young medical professionals. Another addressed creating a video that highlights the Board's mission and operations.

## **LOAN REPAYMENT**

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

Dean Marion, discussed the Advanced Practiced Registered Nurse Loan Repayment program and thanked the Board for the staff's help with preparing the applications for review. She presented the list of twenty-one qualified applicants and recommended the Board to approve the applicants for awards.

Eight renewals: Michael Edenfield, Amanda S. Jarriel, Laura H. White, Stacey H. Williford, Kelly Wiedower, Kellie R. Pack, Kristin C. Hunter, Allison Welch

Thirteen new applicants: Kimberly D. Williams, Megan C. Knight, Debra S. Ratburn, Lori S. Pope, Amanda J. Riley, Merrie C. Hamby, Renee N. Bailey, Tanya L. Register, Amanda C. Merritt, Jeniece L. Cromartie, Jami N. Hodges, Haley S. Revell, Travis W. Dobbs

Dr. Marion also discussed the Senate Bill 351 for APRN's to be able to practice independently in rural areas.

On **Motion (Hanly/Kay)**, the Board unanimously approved the awards for the list of applicants.

#### **Physician Assistance Committee Recommendations**

Ms. Hood thanked the Board for the opportunity and presented list of the following qualified applicants for the program:

Six renewals: Karri Lynn-Owens Ray, J. Chauncey Spencer, Monica A. Moon, Timantha D. Booth, Phillip Boatright, Brooke B. Teal

Thirteen new applicants: Candice S. Purvis, Zachary J. Whitaker, Leah M. Waller, Heather Lewis, Kaila A. Galpin, Jessica L. Shook, Mandy McMillan, Rodger K. Wagoner, Kelsey C. Davis, Melinda B. Cathey, Amelia M. Harvey, Kandace A. Markham, John D. Campbell

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. Speights presented the list of the following qualified applications for loan repayments:

Six renewals: Jonathan P. Johnson, Reginald L. Makerson, Michael Carr, Jesse F. McMillan, Hasim Momin and David Van Tuyl

Four new applicants: Chen Chen, William C. Clance, Cherie R. Murray, Justin S. Ragan

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

The staff noted there are two additional repayments available.

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

Ms. Speight presented the list of the following qualified applications for loan repayments:

Four renewals: Matthew Buck, Mandy K. Lucas, Anita S. Mikita, and David Persaud

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

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

Ms. Speight presented the list of the following qualified applications for loan repayments:

Twenty-two renewals: Linda Gordon, Mary Nesbit, Chelsea B. Tehan, Jonathan Lawrence, Karen L. Butler, Amelia S. Bostwick, Caryn J. Masterman-Smith, Kirk Munsayc, Alexander C. Ibezi-Enedu, Matthew Jenkins, Priscilla G. Thomas, Samantha Boreland, Tara D. Howell, Joe H. Livingston, IV, Joi L. Rogers, Michelle Mason-Woodard, Holly A. Hoenes, Erich Pearson, Daniel Musser, Maria Zita F. Magloire, Jeffrey Q. Dowis and Stephen M. Cox

Thirteen new applicants: Majorie P. Turner, John C. Spivey, Samuel G. Franklin, Shahin Zohoori, Daniel Gordon, Kathryn McKinney, Ronald Atwater, Brian E. Pratt, George J. Myers, Caitlin Colliers, Daren K. Wooten, Navin Tandon and Thet N. Zaw

There is one additional slot available.

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

#### **APPEARANCES**

##### **Shelly Nuss, MD, UGA/AU Campus, DIO**

Dr. Nuss spoke about the physician crisis in Georgia. She also discussed the percentages of students studying and practicing in Georgia. Dr. Nuss mentioned the hospitals that are currently participating in the programs, as well as those which could potentially join in the future.

### **Jimmy Lewis, CEO HomeTown Health**

Mr. Lewis spoke about state and federal funding for hospitals in rural areas. He provided the Board information on rural hospitals.

### **BUDGET**

Mr. Kemp presented the Governor's recommendation for the FY 19 Budget. The Governor recommended the addition of \$915,629.00 for new GME Slots.

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

### **REPORTS/FACT SHEETS**

Dr. Dever and Ms. Pass presented the two survey reports on Georgia Medical School Graduate Survey and Graduate Medical Education Exit Survey.

On **Motion (Kay/del Mazo)**, the Board unanimously approved the reports for publishing.

### **UPDATE ON PRACTICE OPPORTUNITY FAIRS**

Mr. Dorsey updated the Board about the Opportunity Fair, which will be held on March 7th in Augusta. The Board is projecting to have 32 hospital/health systems represented. There was a continuation of the discussion from the last meeting about letting emergency room staff companies participate and recruit for the ERs they represent in Georgia. It was further clarified that those companies can participate in the fairs with the understanding that they can only discuss the Georgia-based practice opportunities.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Samuel K. Williams, III, MD – Dr. Williams is still encountering some employment challenges, and the Board is working with some hospital recruiters in Southwest Georgia to place him for the three months remaining for his obligation.

Johnny Bonner, MD – Tanner Health System is switching software for its human resource department and can provide the additional documentation needed regarding Dr. Bonner's employment tenure for the next meeting.

Patrice Moore, MD – Dr. Moore is still practicing in Liberty County. Since leaving the practice at Comprehensive OBGYN Health Center, she has opened her own practice in the same county

called H.E.R. Wellness Center. However, it did not open for business until September 18, 2017, 201 days after Ms. Moore left Comprehensive OBGYN Health Center.

In addition to her current practice, she retains privileges at both Liberty Regional Medical Center and Southeast Health System.

On **Motion (McCluskey/Kay)**, the Board approved not to move forward with the default process for Dr. Moore and instead added the 201 days she missed onto her obligation.

On **Motion (McCluskey/Kay)**, the Board declined to approve Dr. Moore's PRAA renewal application until she meets her current obligation, at which point she will be eligible to reapply for a PRAA award.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Del Mazo suggested that the Board consider a future retreat for planning purposes.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on April 19, 2018 at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business on **Motion (Gautney/Hatchett)** the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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William Kemp  
Secretary-Treasurer

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LaSharn Hughes  
Executive Director

Recorded by:

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Yvette Speight  
Board Secretary