

Indiana Graduate Medical Education Board

May 13, 2019

10:00 am Eastern

101 West Ohio Street, Suite 300

Kent Weldon Board Room

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present In-Person: Tricia Hern, Peter Nalin, Tim Putnam, Jeffrey Rothenberg, Rachel Shockley, Beth Wrobel

Board Members Calling-In: Tom Sonderman, Steven Becker

Advisory Members Present In-Person: Vanni Rodriguez, Darcy Lash, Kailyn Brown

Commission Staff Present: Eugene Johnson, Zach Smith

Board Administrative Service Staff Present: Linda Bratcher

**CALL TO ORDER**

Tim Putnam called the meeting to order at 10am.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

A roll of six Board members attending in-person and two attending by phone was counted. A quorum was confirmed.

**REVIEW OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

Tim Putnam called for a review of the 1/10/19 Board meeting minutes. Eugene Johnson acknowledged a correction to verbiage in paragraph five, line 10; the verbiage should read “internal medicine program” and not “family medicine program”; Eugene Johnson stated this correction would be made to the final minutes. Jeffrey Rothenberg moved to approve the minutes as corrected; Tricia Hern seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

**FISCAL UPDATE**

Eugene Johnson announced a current fund balance of \$2,647,719.03. He noted that this amount did not include the Southwestern Indiana GME Consortium (SWIGMEC) Internal Medicine funding request which the Board reviewed in January but decided to hold until the program was within 12-months of start. He stated that new GME funding provided by the Indiana General Assembly would be available after July 1, 2019 which is the start of fiscal year 2020. Eugene Johnson noted that Reid Health had expanded their residency program the prior two years but did not apply for funding in 2019. He noted

that Reid had not billed CHE for the funding they received the prior two years and he'd worked to get this situation settled. He stated they had new GME personnel who he had been in contact with.

Beth Wrobel asked if they'd committed beyond this year the \$45k/year? Eugene Johnson confirmed that the \$2.6M was unencumbered currently and the \$4M of new funding would be able as of 7/1/19; he stated that all awarded funds were already encumbered. He also confirmed that a \$2.5M application from SWIGMEC from January had been tabled for review until July.

Tim Putnam noted he'd spoken with the CEO of Reid Health; he noted that they were happy with the program and he stated he was surprised they weren't continuing. Eugene Johnson noted he'd spoken with the GME administrator and that while it seemed they'd planned to continue, he never got a clear "yes" or "no" answer.

### **GME INITIATIVE CONFERENCE FEEDBACK**

Beth Wrobel discussed the Initiative's plan to ask for member fees going forward.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES REPORT**

Linda Bratcher went over her work that would be covered in 'New Business'; scoring metrics, application deadlines and the continuation of the service agreement with IUSM. Beth Wrobel asked about the administrative services personnel doing site visits; Tim Putnam noted that the work would involve both the evaluation of reporting requirements and site visits; Linda Bratcher stated that she felt the focus of her work would be on outcomes and one thing she's working on is a standardized template for grant awards.

Tim Putnam commented that the current scoring metrics were the original ones and they may need to be updated; he stated he'd ask for volunteers later in the meeting to evaluate the current metrics and possibly offer new ones. He stated he felt they might not change but he wanted to reevaluate them.

### **GME EXPANSION PLAN LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Tim Putnam asked Eugene Johnson to provide an update on GME legislation. Eugene Johnson thanked all who helped advocate for GME expansion funding during the recently concluded 2019 Indiana General Assembly. He noted how the information summary sheet was well-received and made explaining the Board's work easier to discuss. Zach Smith noted that GME funding comes from the Master Tobacco Settlement Fund and that when he and CHE met with the House Ways and Means Committee to request continuation of funding, the plan was well-received. He noted that GME expansion was packaged with the Commission's general ask; he stated CHE is happy with the \$1M increase for each FY 20 and 21 and CHE looks forward to showing results when the funding discussion comes up again in 2021. Eugene Johnson noted they'd initially requested \$9M and were happy that \$8M was funded. Tim Putnam noted that the discussion with the Lieutenant Governor's office made it clear that the \$8M was an amount to defend funding on.

Eugene Johnson noted that Rep. Chyung planned to attend the April meeting but, due to its postponement; he was unable to attend. Tim Putnam asked Zach Smith when they should be planning for the next session; Zach Smith gave feedback that it would be around spring 2020 when the ground should start being laid. Tim Putnam asked if there were any partners or stakeholders they need to reach; Steven Becker asked if they've developed a communication strategy to all the leadership of Indiana hospitals; maybe every six months or so? He also noted how well-received the summary sheet was

received by the GME Initiative participants at the Washington, D.C. meeting in March. He stated that hospitals that have expanded; Medicare increases that have occurred. Tim Putnam commented that he felt it was time to start collecting stories as well from students and residents who are able to match in Indiana due to expansion of opportunities.

Vanni Rodriguez stated that she felt it would be attractive to those from the Midwest; she noted being from the Midwest she'd seen Indiana growing in GME expansion and has seen more opportunities to stay closer to home. She noted that different classmates she's spoken to feel the same way especially those studying Primary Care; they see more opportunities to stay here. Zach Smith noted that stories are well-received by legislators and stakeholders. Tim Putnam asked if the Board should make more of a big deal about Match Day; Beth Wrobel noted that an increase could be captured as a metric attributed to the additional slots made available. Steven Becker noted that Indiana University has stories of students who would not have matched in Indiana without the expansion and the same was noted for Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Tabitha Arnett thanked Eugene Johnson for stopping by their setup at the statehouse and speaking with Rep. Robin Shackelford and speaking with her about the Board's work in expanding residencies around the state; she noted that representatives want data; she said she wasn't sure that data on the cost of residency wasn't available for provided but this could be helpful. She also stated that a legislator asked a student about the legislation and the student gave feedback that now that they knew that other professions are expanding in Indiana they are sure they want to practice Primary Care. Eugene Johnson commented that looking forward, they will need to look at who may be in Rep. Brown's seat should he leave office and if the Board and CHE needed to memorialize this initiative. Tim Putnam stated he felt this was a worthwhile thought. Jeffrey Rothenberg stated that it could be worth reaching out and seeing who his allies on GME are and would be if he decided to leave office.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Dr. Hannah Maxey with the Bowen Center for Health Workforce Research and Policy was introduced by Tim Putnam. She presented the Board with data about the work of the Bowen Center concerning Indiana healthcare workforce capacity. The Center's data was noted as being available as something the Board may look at utilizing as it continues to move forward with the state's GME expansion.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Tim Putnam announced that Development and Expansion Grant applications were submitted by Indiana University School of Medicine (IUSM) for two Psychiatry residencies; Psychiatry and Integrated and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Steven Becker and Peter Nalin each recused themselves. Peter Nalin left the room while discussion took place. Eugene Johnson stated that IUSM's request was for \$360,000 for two four year Psychiatry residencies and \$225,000 for one five-year Integrated and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry residency. He stated the total funding request was \$585,000. Tricia Hern looked to clarify if the program was an existing program being converted or a new program. Steven Becker stated he believed the way it was set up was that the 4<sup>th</sup> year was Pediatric as well as the 5<sup>th</sup> year; the 4<sup>th</sup> year of a Psychiatry residency is normally an elective year; to get pediatric certificated the program has to have two years so if they didn't do a 4<sup>th</sup> year in peds they'd have to do another two years after a four year psychiatry. Beth Wrobel asked if they are truly adding another slot or just adding another year to a current residency? Other Board members expressed the same question. Kaitlyn Brown commented that she thought it was already a residency, a triple board, and she thought they were just adding a position.

Several members expressed questions about not understanding if the application for was a new position or extending an existing one. Paul Haut noted in the application where the number of current positions are listed and requested, the number of current positions are two and the number accredited positions for which funding is being requested is one.

Discussion continued about the program; the Board requested clarification on the status of the request to ensure it was a new position request and not an addition to an existing one. Paul Haut noted Michelle Howenstine of IUSM's letter as part of the application stating the residency request for was for the "the integrated program is essentially the current general program and fast track fellowship integrated over five years rather than being done traditionally as sequential and separate". Linda Bratcher stated that sequential means they come in right out of medical school. Tim Putnam asked again if it is new training; Paul Haut explained that how its currently run is psychiatry is done and then a fast-track peds piece which is independently accredited; he stated he's still unclear if they are adding a person to a new program or to the current one. Jeffrey Rothenberg asked that if it's the latter, does the old model go away? Board members expressed reservation on voting on the funding request until they received clarification on what type of residency would be being funded.

Tim Putnam repeated the funding requests from IUSM and asked if there were concerns on taking action on their request for funding two, four-year Psychiatry residencies. Board members stated they were ok with scoring the four-year Psychiatry program and having Linda Bratcher follow up about the Integrated and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry residency. Tim Putnam asked what questions the Board had for IUSM concerning the ICAPS residency. Jeffrey Rothenberg asked for clarification on, after both possible expansions, what their numbers would be increasing to and is the old program going away when the new integrated program is on Board. Paul Haut stated that essentially they needed to know if there's net new positions. Additional discussion took place and the Board added additional questions for Linda Bratcher to ask IUSM. During the discussion Steven Becker noted that he'd been able to reached MH who confirmed the request was for a new slot. The Board still had questions remaining. Tim Putnam stated that the Board would ask for additional written verification concerning the program and would act on at the July meeting if necessary.

Tim Putnam tabled scoring of the Psychiatry grant request until Eugene Johnson tabulated scores. He moved on to discussing updating grant scoring metrics and application deadlines. He asked the Board if there was a desire to have deadlines to know what years they are looking at or do they want to keep it rolling, and do they want to keep the scoring rubric the way it is or look at modifying it. Jeffrey Rothenberg stated he felt they should look at modifying it as it is a little confusing as it is. Tim Putnam asked Jeffrey Rothenberg and Steven Becker to work with Linda Bratcher on a committee to look at possible modification. Beth Wrobel and Vanni Rodriguez both volunteered to serve on the committee as well.

Discussion on possible deadlines continued. Tim Putnam offered that the feasibility may continue to be rolling but the others may need to have deadlines; Beth Wrobel stated that Development and Expansion and Program Development could get applications and evaluated prior to program match dates. Linda Bratcher went over the proposed deadline dates shed' put together; April 1 and October 1 for feasibility, and April 1 for Development and Expansion as programs would need to put their salary numbers in after the match. Beth Wrobel asked if those application would be wanted before March as they have to put the numbers in for the match. Linda Bratcher also noted an October deadline as programs are in the interviewing process at that time. Beth Wrobel commented her worry was ensuring they had sufficient

funding. Peter Nalin stated that he felt simplicity could work to the Boards advantage; perhaps for a year or two they go with April 1 and October 1; it's very easy to communicate and the Board would have a meeting or two to make its decisions.

Tim Putnam asked about the advantage of having April 1 at all; Peter Nalin stated that the GME year is July to June so April precedes that. Tim Putnam noted that this would mean an April 1 deadline could be for funding a slot the following year. The Board continued discussion about the timing of application and when a program could apply for funding related to when the new residency would be. Steven Becker offered that a small group should be put together to discuss this topic as well. The Board discussed availability of funding and this was added to the committee work as well to evaluate funding and when they could run into a situation where funding is short. Tim Putnam stated that the first thing to look at what the funding should be using the spreadsheet that's projected out to 2030 as well as look at when applications should be received related to the funding cycle. Linda Bratcher asked if they funding a new slot is indefinite; Tim Putnam and Beth Wrobel commented that this was the goal. Tim Putnam stated that the programs fiscal note projected funding out to \$22.5M in 2030.

Tim Putnam commented that to him, its money well-invested in the state as the hospitals running residency programs are often losing money. Peter Nalin commented that they could also move forward with adding in the understanding that institutions who apply for funding will also be pursuing federal funding. He noted this could be communicated at the outset of the application process.

Tim Putnam tabled discussion of continuation of feasibility and program development funding until the July 2019 meeting.

Eugene Johnson announced the scoring of the IUSM application as 88 out of 100. He announced voting members of the Board for the application as Tim Putnam, Paul Haut, Jeffrey Rothenberg, Beth Wrobel, Tricia Hern, Tom Sonderman, and Rachel Shockley. Jeffrey Rothenberg moved to approved Eugene Johnson the application from IUSM; Beth Wrobel seconded. Vote passed 7-0.

Eugene Johnson went over the Board attendance and electronic meeting policy. He noted that all Board members were in compliance in 2018.

Tim Putnam asked for a vote on the continuation of the administrative services agreement with IUSM. Jeffrey Rothenberg moved to approve; Paul Haut seconded. Eugene Johnson discussed the dates of the agreement being updated to be an agreement from July 1 to June 30, 2020 because this aligns with the state fiscal and institutional calendars. Steven Becker and Peter Nalin recused themselves from the vote. Vote passed 7-0.

#### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

No public testimony was offered.

#### **ADDITIONAL**

As the meeting marked his last Board meeting, Tim Putnam thanked Peter Nalin for all his work with the Board and noted that he would always have fingerprints on the expansion of GME in Indiana. Eugene Johnson thanked Peter Nalin for his service to the Board. Peter Nalin thanked Eugene Johnson and the Board and gave a brief overview of his role at the University of Minnesota School Of Medicine.

**ADJOURMENT**

Beth Wrobel moved to adjourn; Tricia Hern second. Vote passed 9-0.