

Indiana Graduate Medical Education Board

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

10:00 am Eastern

101 West Ohio Street, Suite 300

Kent Weldon Board Room

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present In-Person: Steven Becker, Michelle Howenstine, Tim Putnam, Donald Sefcik, Rachel Shockley, Tricia Hern

Board Members Calling-In: Paul Haut, Jeffrey Rothenberg, Tom Sonderman

Advisory Members Present In-Person: Kaitlyn Brown

Commission Staff Present: Eugene Johnson

Board Administrative Service Staff Present: Linda Bratcher

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10 am.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A roll of nine (9) Board members were counted as being in attendance and a quorum was confirmed.

INTRODUCTION OF CHE STAFF

Courtney Hott was introduced as CHE's Director of Legislation and Program Implementation. She provided information on her background and her role at CHE.

REVIEW OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the October 25, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Tim Putnam asked for a motion to approve the minutes; Jeffrey Rothenberg moved to approve; Michelle Howenstine seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

FISCAL UPDATE

Eugene Johnson reported the current GME Fund balance as \$3.7 million. He noted that Southwestern Indiana GME Consortium reduced their Psychiatry residency positions from six to four and that the GME Fund would now retain the amount of funding that had been approved and allocated for the two unused positions. He stated that Parkview Health planned to apply for three, and possibly four, Program Development Grants. He stated that the current Northwest Indiana GME Consortium (NWIGMEC) Program Development Grant application, if approved, would reduce the fund balance by \$500,000. He finished by noting that July 1, 2020 was the start of State of Indiana fiscal year 2021 and \$4 million

would be added to the GME Fund, with the potential to exhaust that fund quickly based on future applications from new and expanding programs.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Courtney Hott touched on the status of House Bill 1082 in her introduction; Josh Garrison of the Commission commented that updates to the technical language for the GME Fund that is part of the broader higher education updates in HB 1082 allowed CHE staff to talk about what's going on with GME and have the expansion plan discussed on the floor of the House. He commented that hopefully the same discussion would take place on the floor of the Senate. He noted that it allowed Commission staff to discuss the importance of these residencies with legislators.

Discussion continued on ways to market the impact of the expansion plan on Indiana, including feedback from residents who stayed in-state because of the availability of expanded residency opportunities and those who came to Indiana and are now staying to practice here due to the expansions. The Board discussed possibly using Match Day and comparable activities to highlight residents and their next steps after completing medical school.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES REPORT

Linda Bratcher asked if a small workgroup could be put together to assist in developing a document to track outcomes for programs with grant-funded residencies that are ending. Several Board members volunteered to assist her with development of the document.

EXPANSION GRANT RESIDENCIES COMPLETING IN 2020

Eugene Johnson commented that three residencies funded in 2017 would be completing in 2020 and that he'd reach out to inquire if the programs would continue seeking GME Board support for their expansions.

SUN SETTING OF FEASIBILITY STUDY GRANTS

Tim Putnam brought up the possibility of a sunset on Feasibility Grant availability, commenting that interested parties have had a few years to consider applying. Donald Sefcik commented that changes happen in hospital systems; new CEO's, other officers change; new leadership may be interested in pursuing studying establishment of a residency program; he stated he'd prefer that consideration be given to a possible temporary suspending feasibility grant but ensure they are revisited at an appropriate time. This sentiment was shared by other Board members and discussion was tabled.

OLD BUSINESS

Eugene Johnson stated that he'd gotten feedback from CHE's General Counsel concerning Parkview Health's Feasibility Study Grant applications; feedback was that the Board could back fund Parkview's applications but it would set precedent that the Board would fund studies after they were complete. The Board's feedback was that the feasibility applications would not be funded; Parkview was notified and was ok with this and stated that they would be applying for three Program Development Grants for development of Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and General Surgery residency programs.

The Board discussed Parkview's timeline on getting their program off the ground and on if they'd be ready to start in July 2021. Michelle Howenstine provided details on IUSM's interaction with Parkview and conversations she's had with their program.

Steven Becker commented on how the \$500,000 Program Development Grant covered good parts of the expansion for Psychiatry and Family Medicine and not as much for the 56 resident Internal Medicine residency. Discussion took place on whether funding \$500,000 for a two-resident rural residency track, as an example, was a worthwhile use of funds. Tim Putnam stated he felt the \$500,000 made a loud statement that the state wants entities to develop residency programs.

Eugene Johnson reported that Franciscan Health decided not to move forward with their feasibility study; he noted they couldn't get the components together to decide that pursuing a residency program was something they could do. He stated that they planned to provide a full report. Michelle Howenstine asked which program they were looking at possibly establishing; Eugene Johnson stated that it was Family Medicine in Northwest Indiana.

Eugene Johnson went over the draft RFP for an economic impact study, explaining what information was put into the development and sources of information for it. Board members discussed the amount they felt was reasonable to spend for the analysis. Linda Bratcher asked who'd bid to do this type of work; she noted the Bowen Center might be an option. Tim Putnam noted that Bowen always has a lot on their plate. Eugene Johnson went over CHE's requirements for soliciting a vendor and stated for bids under a certain amount, they could directly solicit a minimum of three vendors who they felt could do the work. Tim Putnam called for a motion to set a maximum amount of \$20,000 to be spent on the RFP. Donald Sefcik moved to approve; Tricia Hern seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed the New Residency Program Development Grant application from the Northwest Indiana GME Consortium for development of a Psychiatry residency. Michelle Howenstine and Steven Becker recused themselves from discussion and left the room, along with Dr. Paul Wallach who was in attendance as a member of the public.

Eugene Johnson stated that the Board would be scoring based on the metrics that were part of the 4th version of the RFP; he noted that this would be the last evaluation using that RFP's evaluation metrics. Linda Bratcher was asked if there was an FQHC component and confirmed that there was. No AHEC involvement was noted. Eugene Johnson announced the NWIGMEC application score as 91 out of 100. Tim Putnam asked for a motion to approve; Donald Sefcik moved to approve; Tricia Hern seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Michelle Howenstine and Donald Sefcik returned to the room.

Tim Putnam went over the possibility of a meeting to bring together the original core stakeholders to update them what the Board has done so far and to get feedback on their thoughts. He noted he wants their support when they are discussing what's happened and where the Board is going. Board members were in agreement; Tim Putnam asked Eugene Johnson to get the meeting organized and asked that any Board members who could attend to please do so.

Eugene Johnson went over the reappointments that were upcoming and noted that all current Board members are allowed to remain in their seats until appointments were made by the Governor.

Eugene Johnson went over minor details for the Board's upcoming meetings; May 1 in Evansville, July 21 in Gary and October 21. He asked Board members who'd be able to attend to notify him as soon as possible. Steven Becker commented on what the Evansville GME group would like to do including

bringing public officials and other community stakeholders together to engage with the Board both formally and informally while they are in Southwest Indiana. He stated they'd also work to provide opportunities for residents to have time to sit down and speak with the Board.

Steven Becker recognized Dr. Pat Bankston at IUSM – Gary, who pulled the groups together in the Gary area about five years ago to start the consortium conversations which now has its first program off the ground with GME Board and Fund support.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony was offered.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was announced as being scheduled on Friday, May 1 in Evansville.

ADJOURNMENT

Tim Putnam called for a motion to adjourn. Rachel Shockley moved to adjourn; Tricia Hern seconded. Motion passed 9-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:55a.