

Indiana Graduate Medical Education Board

January 26, 2018

11:00 am Eastern

101 West Ohio Street

Kent Weldon Board Room

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present In-Person: Steven Becker, Peter Nalin, Tim Putnam, Tom Sonderman, Donald Sefcik

Board Members Calling-In: Jeffrey Rothenberg, Beth Wrobel, Paul Haut

Commission Staff Present: Eugene Johnson

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 11:06am

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

A roll of four Board members in attendance in-person and two calling in was counted. A quorum was confirmed.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUEST**

Tim Putnam asked guest in attendance to introduce themselves; students in attendance from the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine and Indiana University School of Medicine introduced themselves.

**REVIEW OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

Tim Putnam called for a review of prior meeting minutes and asked if there were questions or changes. Hearing none, Tim Putnam called for a motion to approve. Tom Sonderman moved to approve; Steven Becker seconded. Eugene Johnson stated that as a point of information, Don Sefcik was not listed as being on the phone during the prior meeting but that this was incorrect. He stated that Don Sefcik would be included in an updated copy of the minutes. Motion was modified by Tom Sonderman to add Don Sefcik being listed as in attendance; Steven Becker second. Motion passed 6-0.

**FISCAL UPDATE**

Eugene Johnson reported the GME Fund balance was \$4.99 million. He stated that in the prior meeting the Board approved a \$270,000 Development and Expansion Grant for Fort Wayne Medical Education Program. He stated that current grant applications up for review would total close to \$700,000 if all were approved in the current meeting.

## **REAPPOINTMENTS AND SELECTION OF BOARD CHAIRPERSON**

Eugene Johnson reported that all names of Board members had been submitted to the Governor's Office for reappointment. He stated only Mark Cantieri indicate that he would not be returning and that the IOA had submitted RS as his reappointment.

Tim Putnam stated that the position of Chairperson was up for reappointment. He stated he was willing to again serve in this capacity. He opened up the floor for nominations. He asked Donald Sefcik if he would run the meeting as he would rescue himself if there were no other nominations. Don Sefcik agreed he would do this. Tim Putnam rescued himself from the meeting. Don Sefcik chaired the meeting in Tim Putnam's absence. Steven Becker nominated Tim Putnam as Chairperson for 2018. Don Sefcik asked for a motion to approve Tim Putnam as Chairperson. Don Sefcik made the motion; Tom Sonderman seconded. Motion passed 7-0. Don Sefcik reinstated Tim Putnam as Chairperson of the meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The Board discussed the GME Summit that Steven Becker, Beth Wrobel and Eugene Johnson would attend that weekend. Tim Putnam expressed his appreciation for Board members and staff stepping forward to represent Indiana at the Summit.

Eugene Johnson discussed the Request for Services for Administrative Services that the Board authored. He stated that the RFP was posted on CHE's website in the appropriate section of the site, and that CHE had provided email notification of the availability of the RFP to three vendors; Thomas P. Miller and Associates, HCM Consulting, and Indiana University School of Medicine. Eugene Johnson went through the RFP question and response period and how responses would be scored. Tim Putnam asked if the Board would have the chance to evaluate and scoring; he was told they would. Tim Putnam asked the Board if they were ok with the applications being due in March and review and scoring in April. Board members stated they were ok with this.

Tim Putnam asked about the Board having resident and student advisory members. Eugene Johnson stated that the question about having these members had been referred to the Office of the Inspector General. Eugene Johnson stated he'd also asked if these members would need to go thru State Ethics Training and he'd get an answer to that questions as well.

Tim Putnam stated that the Board had discussed the St. Vincent Emergency Physicians Feasibility Study Grant application in their last meeting. He commented that it came from the ER Physician Group instead of a hosting group, and that they sent a letter of clarification to the Group. He commented he had a conversation with the physician that submitted the application and expressed the Board's concern, in particular to the fact that even though their physicians would provide the education, the residency would have to take place somewhere where patients were coming in and there was no indication in the initial application that they were supported by St. Vincent's Hospital. Tim Putnam commented that the ER Group wanted to work thru the issues of whether or not a residency program to train ER physicians was feasible as there is a need for well-trained, local ER physicians in Indiana. Tim Putnam also spoke with the CEO of St. Vincent's and asked if they were in support of the study and potential for an ER residency and got feedback that St. Vincent's was in support. Tim Putnam stated he felt comfortable with the Group's proposal and wanted the Board's feedback. Steven Becker stated that knowing that the hospital's CEO is on Board makes it a stronger proposal in his opinion. Beth Wrobel asked about the

scoring and their lack of working with rural hospitals and FQHC. Tim Putnam stated he asked this questions and was informed they work in Indianapolis and in critical access and smaller community hospitals so the proposal would be multi-site in nature.

Peter Nalin stated that it will be important that the study provide the analysis to what extent would St. Vincent be involved, and to ensure that \$75,000 wasn't being awarded for doctors to talk to doctors. Tim Putnam commented that St. Vincent's CEO wanted physicians to take the lead; he knows that a residency program would not go very far if the physicians who'd do the training were not in support. Beth Wrobel asked if they could get a letter from St. Vincent's CEO stating they support the application; Tim Putnam felt there would be no issue getting this letter. He stated he'd like to move forward with taking action on the application as they'd delayed this action.

Don Sefcik asked if they'd defined a floor for scoring, and if they have particular questions, can they make it part of the approval of the feasibility or make it pending a response if there are specifics that they would like to know. He stated as an example that, if these physicians are contracted and that group is high on residency program but not St. Vincent employees, in five to ten years if that same group is no longer there, would that affect the longevity and integrity of the program? Steven Becker stated that in his mind, the Feasibility Grant was a bit less lenient because they want many of the questions to be answered in the study. Beth Wrobel stated that she'd be comfortable if the application came from St. Vincent's with a letter from the ERP group because it would show the collaboration. She commented she scored it low; other Board members commented that the application was tough to score. Don Sefcik asked if they could ask clarifying questions and take an electronic vote. Eugene Johnson stated that they couldn't take an electronic vote and the Chair could call a special meeting but everything must be as public as possible. Steven Becker asked if they could vote on and possibly approve contingent on a letter from St. Vincent stating they are in support of the study. He commented they have some innovative ideas; Tom Sonderman commented that they proposed a network of critical access care ER physicians. Other Board members agreed. Tim Putnam stated they would take the discussion up later in the meeting and they would take another look at the application at break and discuss before public testimony.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Tim Putnam discussed long-term GME Expansion and long-term funding plans to discuss with state representatives. He told the Board that finding out about long-term funding plans for GME was of interests to many, in particular the South Bend Medical Education Foundation. He commented that Eugene Johnson and Beth Wrobel had presented the plan to this group and asked Eugene Johnson to talk about that meeting. Eugene Johnson talked about the presentation, told the Board about the stakeholders and then reviewed the meeting with that group. The Foundation had interest in finding out about how long funding could be available for the Expansion Plan. Beth Wrobel commented that both residency directors, St. Joe's and Memorial, were in attendance and it allowed a conversation about the Expansion Grant. Tim Putnam commented that it was good that they recognized the economic impact of GME to their area. He commented that the feedback he received was that, if stakeholders were to talk to their Boards and students, 2-3 years of funding from the state; it didn't necessarily feel comfortable; Tim Putnam stated he responded to them that he felt comfortable with the state's commitment. He asked Steven Becker to recap his conversation with the Lieutenant Governor about GME funding. Steven Becker committed about the historical relationship with the LG and how she was at the forefront of starting the IN GME discussion. He discussed how meetings with Sen. Kenley and Rep. Brown helped and

how the IHA took the lead with developing a plan for GME funding. He stated that she offered to help facilitate meetings for himself and Tim Putnam to get in front of people to discuss the Board's current successes and long-term plans and needs.

The Board continued discussion on what long-term funding would look like as it relates to the number of residents to be supported and the funding that would be necessary to sustain. Tim Putnam went over a funding plan developed by his Administrative Fellow that projected funding needs out to 2030 and that added 50 slots per year. Steven Becker stated that initial analysis showed Indiana being 500 slots short. He stated that through Tripp Umbach's analysis for the GME Board, 350-400 slots was more realistic. Peter Nalin stated that he wonders if that, for planning purposes, keeping things at 45 and 45 would keep the calculations consistent, and that there could be an advantage to keeping the 500 number at some future year out rather than plateauing at 400; use those plateau years to get to 500. He commented that factor could change; 500 could set them up and then fine-tuning would allow them to utilize that full number. Tim Putnam asked Peter Nalin if he was comfortable with staying at 400. Jeffrey Rothenberg commented that information was being predicated on residents staying in IN; what he seeing at his institution is that a lot are not and that should be kept in mind. Beth Wrobel commented that she thought it was half of residents stay; Tim Putnam he planned to use the physician modifier to show where of an additional 100 residents 60-70% would stay in state. Steven Becker stated that the inclusion of Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine students would potentially increase the number of students staying in state. Tim Putnam asked the Board if they were comfortable with using the estimates in discussions with legislative stakeholders. Beth Wrobel moved to use the current financial analysis in discussing long-term funding plans. Don Sefcik seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

Eugene Johnson commented that the requirement of a scoring rubric for grant applications was mandatory for any grants administered by CHE. Steven Becker stated that he felt it was unlikely, but could they ever see someone submitting an application for residency program funding for a residency that was not one they were looking to support, and they wouldn't have a scoring floor to vote against it? Tim Putnam and Don Sefcik stated they felt they could use a qualifying threshold to review the application ahead of any scoring. Discussion continued about establishing scoring floors for evaluation of grant applications.

The Board reviewed New Residency Program Feasibility Study Grant applications from Jay County/IU Health and Franciscan Health Foundation. Tim Putnam asked if there were any conflict of interest with either applicant; no conflicts were stated. Tim Putnam stated that he would need to invoke the rule of requirement; he then clarified that he would be invoking the rule of necessity to allow review of all grant applications as the current attendance in the meeting meant business could only be conducted by invoking that rule. Peter Nalin stated that he had no indication from the application that he derives no personal benefit from the Feasibility applications.

The average score for Franciscan Health Foundation was announced by Eugene Johnson as 77. Tim Putnam entertained a motion to approve the grant application. Don Sefcik moved to approve; Tom Sonderman seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Peter Nalin recused himself from the vote on the application from Jay County Hospital/IU Health.

Tim Putnam commented that this facility are an independent hospital looking at their relationship with IU and that he feels they are an ideal location for a residency. The Board continued discussion about the

potential for the Jay County/IU Health residency and the potential for the facility and others like it to help improve care in critical access hospitals.

The average score for Jay County Hospital/IU Health was announced by Eugene Johnson as 88. Tim Putnam entertained a motion to approve the grant application. Don Sefcik moved to approve; Tom Sonderman seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

The Board reviewed the Development and Expansion Grant applications submitted by Indiana University School of Medicine – Emergency Medicine and Reid Health. Eugene Johnson stated that this was a second application for Emergency Medicine residency funding. Eugene Johnson announced that this could be a rule of necessity situation.

Tim Putnam asked if there were any other areas that the Board wanted to promote the Board's plan and action in. Steven Becker stated that SE Indiana was a possibility and getting to Clark and Floyd Counties could be of benefit.

The average score for Reid Health was announced by Eugene Johnson as 84. Tim Putnam entertained a motion to approve the grant application. Peter Nalin moved to approve; Don Sefcik second. Motion passed 7-0.

Tim Putnam announced that the rule of necessity would be invoked as Steven Becker and Peter Nalin votes would be needed to take action on the items in front of the Board at the current time.

The average score for the Indiana University School of Medicine was announced by Eugene Johnson as 75. Tim Putnam entertained a motion to approve the grant application. Steven Becker moved to approved; Don Sefcik second. Motion passed 6-0.

The Board scored the application from St. Vincent Emergency Physicians. The average score was announced as 60. Eugene Johnson commented that the front end of the application had high scores but the back end was lacking. Peter Nalin moved the Board approve the application for a feasibility study grant submitted by St. Vincent Emergency Physicians, contingent on receipt of a letter from St. Vincent's Hospital's CEO indicating they will participate fully in the study. Don Sefcik seconded. Eugene Johnson was asked to work to get this letter and was asked to do so.

#### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Students from Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the meeting.

Tim Putnam called for a motion to adjourn. Steven Becker moved to adjourn; Tom Sonderman seconded. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 1:26pm.