

Indiana Graduate Medical Education Board

Date: Friday, February 17, 2023

Time: 11:00AM ET

Location: 101 West Ohio Street Ste #700, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Virtual: Microsoft Teams

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Tricia Hern, Curt Ward, Rob McLin, Kevin Gebke, Clif Knight, Michelle Howenstine (Virtual), Steven Becker (Virtual), and Rachel Shockley (Virtual)

Board Members Absent: Beth Wrobel and Tom Sonderman

Advisory Members Present: Kristin Bredhold (virtual) and Sarah Hopfer

Staff Present: Greg Harrell and Linda Bratcher

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Hern at 11:00AM Eastern Time.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was determined to be in place.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Dr. Hern welcomed Dr. Kevin Gebke as a new board member. Dr. Gebke thanked Dr. Hern and shared that he is excited to join the board. He went on by sharing some of his background, stating that he has been living in Indianapolis for 23 years, a period that began with him pursuing a Sports Medicine Fellowship. He has served in several roles, including the Chair of the Department of Family Medicine for the IU School of Medicine for 13 years. He recently left this position to lead a statewide physician role.

REVIEW OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the October 28, 2022, meeting were reviewed. Dr. Ward moved to approve, and Mr. McLin seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed 6-0.

FISCAL & LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Greg Harrell presented fiscal and legislative updates. He began by sharing that the remaining, unencumbered budget was \$3,391,525.43. Greg went on to explain the budget process for the 2023 legislative session during which the budget bill is drafted and passed. He discussed that GMEB is seeking \$10 million for fiscal year 2024 and \$10 million for fiscal year 2025. Greg explained that taken together, these amounts would represent an \$11 million total increase over the current biennium. He also shared that he has been meeting with legislative leadership in both chambers and has been accompanied by Dr. Becker and Dr. Knight during these advocacy efforts. He concluded that the legislature must adjourn by April 29, 2023.

Following Greg's presentation Dr. Ward commented on the importance of the Graduate Medical Education Board (GMEB) funding for the hospital and healthcare ecosystem. Greg concurred and cited the importance of the Tripp Umbach Economic Impact Study, completed for the GMEB in late 2022, for illustrating the value proposition of GME funding. Dr. Knight added that during the meeting with

Chairman Thompson in which he participated with Greg, the focus of the conversation was on the healthcare workforce and how the GMEB contributes to it. Dr. Knight explained that the conversation went well, and that Chairman Thompson seemed supportive of our presentation and advocacy efforts. Dr. Gebke then cited that he does have some concern about our return on investment when health indicators for Hoosiers are lower than national averages.

NEW BUSINESS

Expansion Grant Applications

Greg kicked off the discussion of new business by previewing the Expansion Grant Applications that were submitted to the GMEB which would need voted on during the meeting. He detailed what the cost would be for each grant opportunity per fiscal year and each grant's total cost. Dr. Hern explained that Parkview Health had two grants up for vote, one for Internal Medicine and one for General Surgery. She let the board members know that these applications ask for funding beginning fiscal 2023 instead of fiscal year 2024, because they weren't reviewed in 2022 upon submission and cited the reason for this as staffing transitions.

Dr. Hern transitioned to discussing each of the grant applications in detail. She began with the Indiana University School of Medicine Merrillville Psychiatry Expansion application. The grant application was submitted for 4 positions over the course of 3 years. Its average score from board members was 88. Dr. Hern stopped to remind board members that if each grant were approved during the meeting, the total cost would be over \$7 million and would exceed the remaining budget prior to the new biennium. She explained that approving the two Parkview expansion grant applications would not exceed the GMEB's current budget and that, technically, these grants should have been reviewed during GMEB's July 2022 meeting. Dr. Becker, Dr. Ward, and Mr. McLin disclosed conflicts of interest with the grant. For that reason, it was necessary for Dr. Hern to invoke the Rule of Necessity to require members to vote. Dr. Gebke motioned to conditionally approve the IUSM Merrillville Psychiatry application and for the full approval to be granted during the May 19 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLin. It passed 7-0.

The next application reviewed was the Parkview Health General Surgery Expansion application, which scored an average of 71. Dr. Hern shared that the total fiscal ask was \$900,000 because there were 4 positions over the course of 5 years. Discussion about the available budget then continued for several minutes with conversation focusing on projecting out the fiscal ask of grant recipients compared to appropriated funds and funds for which GMEB expects to be appropriated. Greg Harrell stated that the total fiscal commitment if both Parkview Health's grants were approved would be just short of \$3 million. Mr. McLin motioned to fully approve the Parkview Health General Surgery Expansion application, and the motion was seconded by Dr. Ward. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Hern moved to the Parkview Health Internal Medicine Expansion application. It had an average score of 68. Dr. Hern detailed that the application requested \$2,025,000 over 3 years to fund 15 positions. Dr. Knight motioned to fully approve the Parkview Health Internal Medicine Expansion application, and the motion was seconded by Dr. Ward. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Hern then moved to the expansion grant applications submitted by the Southwestern Indiana Graduate Medical Education Consortium (SIGMEC). Dr. Becker, Mr. McLin, and Dr. Ward all disclosed conflicts of interest with the grant applications from the SIGMEC. For that reason, it was necessary for Dr. Hern to invoke the Rule of Necessity for each application. SIGMEC submitted expansion grant

applications for Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, and Psychiatry. Dr. Hern noted that the average score for the Psychiatry Expansion was 73. Dr. Gebke motioned to conditionally approve the SIGMEC Psychiatry application and for the full approval to be granted during the May 19 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ward. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Hern then moved to the SIGMEC Internal Medicine expansion application. She explained that the grant requests \$2,160,000 to fund 16 positions over 3 years. Additionally, it asks for another \$360,000 to fund 8 preliminary positions for 1 year. The average score for the application was 72. Dr. Ward motioned to conditionally approve the SIGMEC Internal Medicine application and for the full approval to be granted during the May 19 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Knight. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Hern mentioned that the last application to be voted on would be the SIGMEC Family Medicine application. The average score for the grant was 59. Dr. Hern explained that the grant requests \$675,000 to fund 5 positions over 3 years. Dr. Knight motioned to conditionally approve the SIGMEC Family Medicine application and for the full approval to be granted during the May 19 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ward. The motion passed 8-0.

Timeline for Grant Applications and Reporting

Dr. Hern transitioned to the next order of new business which was the timeline for grant applications and reporting for Development and Expansion Grants. She cited that our current process is lengthy, and we are working on making things more efficient. Dr. Hern requested that Greg share a document which detailed a framework for the 2024 calendar year. It was stated that the framework would not be up for an official vote during the meeting; however, it was being provided to generate discussion on the format. Dr. Hern suggested creating a working group to explore this topic further, and she stated that we need to sync up to residency program calendars. Dr. Ward advised that the quota deadline for residency programs is January 31, so the quarter one meeting should be moved to January if the board moves in this direction. More discussion between members ensued, and some suggested that reviewing and scoring expansion grants would be optimal in July, but October would also work during a quarter four meeting. Dr. Becker concurred with this idea and suggested January would be too late.

Dr. Gebke questioned when Feasibility Grants could be submitted and reviewed by the GMEB for the framework being displayed. Dr. Hern indicated that they could be submitted and reviewed during any of the quarterly meetings.

Dr. Hern requested that Greg display a draft reporting structure for the Program Development or Expansion Grants. This draft reporting structure was created by Greg, Linda Bratcher, and Dr. Hern prior to the GMEB meeting to preview to the GMEB. The goal of the reporting structures is to streamline and simplify reports, while providing additional quantitative and qualitative data for GMEB. Dr. Hern requested that the board members who join the working group review these drafts too. Dr. Hern walked through the questions on the report and feedback was heard. Dr. Knight raised a concern about question 13, citing that it may be a question that is difficult for program directors to answer. Dr. Gebke followed by asking for clarification about the purpose of the reporting. He was answered by Dr. Hern who added that the purpose is to track short-term and long-term programmatic outcomes and impact.

Dr. Hern requested volunteers from the board to serve on the working group. Dr. Howenstine, Dr. Ward, Dr. Knight, and Dr. Shockley agreed to serve on the working group and will provide suggestions to the

2024 proposed calendar and reports for Program Development and Expansion Grants. Greg and Linda will convene the group and findings will be shared during the next GMEB meeting on May 19, 2023.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Gary Zwierzynski, Senior Vice President of Graduate Medical Education for Parkview Health, provided remarks, thanking the board for their support of Parkview Health's two expansion grants. He expressed that he is excited to work with Greg, the new staff liaison to the GMEB. Gary also shared that Parkview Health's OBGYN program recently received initial accreditation. He later discussed the Internal Medicine Expansion application in greater detail. It is based on a 4 + 1 model, where the residents return to the ambulatory setting after 4 weeks. They have seen 447 internal medicine patients in the first 6 months.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date is Friday, May 19, 2023, at 11:00AM Eastern Time.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Knight made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. McLin. Motion passed 8-0 and the meeting adjourned at 12:25PM ET.