



Georgia Board for Physician Workforce

State of Georgia

Georgia Board for Physician Workforce Conference Call Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 8, 2012
9:00 a.m.

GBPW Administrative Offices
2 Peachtree St., NW, 36th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303

Board Members Present:

Joe Sam Robinson, Jr., M.D., Chair; James R. Lowry, Vice Chair; Frank Carter, M.D.; Jimmy Childre; Jacinto del Mazo, M.D.; Mark Hanly, M.D.; Tommy Hatchett, M.D.; Bill Herringdine; Duncan Johnson, Jr.; William Waters, IV, M.D.

Board Members Absent:

Dean Burke, M.D.; Carol Burrell; Paul Fischer, M.D.; Antonio Rios, M.D.

Staff Present:

Cherri Tucker; Carol Dorsey; Colette Jeffery; Olive Jones-Golden; Pamela Smith

Guests Present:

Hugh Sosebee, Jr., Mercer University; Betsy Bates, Morehouse School of Medicine; Penny Hannah, Georgia Department of Law

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Robinson called the Board Meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT SPECIAL REQUESTS

Discussion

Dr. Caroline Abercrombie is requesting a second deferment of her scholarship obligation until which time she completes GME training. After graduating from medical school, she entered a surgery residency and attempted to transfer to anesthesiology before the end of the first year (June 2010), but was unable to secure a position. The Board granted her a 1 year deferment to

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enable her to enter the match for a residency position beginning July 1, 2011. She states she attempted to apply to various programs within Georgia, but was not considered a viable candidate. She accepted a teaching position in Tennessee. She also applied for a Georgia medical license but was denied because the documentation did not show she completed a full year of residency. She withdrew her application for licensure and signed another contract to teach for another year.

Action

On **Motion (Hanly/Waters)**, the Board granted an extension until June 30, 2013 for Caroline Abercrombie, MD to obtain a residency position and stated that she must also obtain a Georgia medical license by July 1, 2014.

Discussion

Brandon Buckner submitted a letter of appeal of the Board's decision in July 2012 to require him to repay his obligation immediately. He is requesting to set up a payment plan similar to the federal loan repayment plans.

Action

On **Motion (Hanly/Waters)**, the Board approved Brandon Buckner's repayment proposal.

Discussion

Matthew Jenkins, M.D. has submitted a practice request to practice in Murray County Georgia. The county does not meet the population requirements of the program, as prescribed by law, but is in need of a physician as the current physician is leaving. The county serves several surrounding counties which do qualify for the program.

Action

On **Motion (Johnson/Carter)**, the Board denied the request of Matthew Jenkins, M.D. to practice in Murray County, Georgia unless he can provide documentation of 40 hours per week worked in bordering counties with populations less than 35,000.

SPECIALTY APPROVAL FOR PRAA LOAN REPAYMENT

Mrs. Tucker explained to the Board they are required to rank the specialties associated with the PRAA Loan Repayment Program. Mrs. Tucker provided the Board with the ranking list they approved last year as well as the need of the specialties in the rural areas. This material was reviewed by the Board and a brief discussion was held.

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Action

On **Motion (Hanly/Carter)**, the Board approved the FY2013 PRAA Specialty Ranking List as follows:

- 1) Pediatrics
- 2) OB/GYN
- 3) Family Medicine with OB
- 4) General Surgery
- 5) Family Medicine
- 6) Internal Medicine
- 7) Other Specialties

NEXT MEETING

Dr. Robinson noted the next meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2013 in Atlanta.

The Board meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherri Tucker
Executive Director