



## **Georgia Board for Physician Workforce**

State of Georgia

### **GEORGIA BOARD FOR PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE MEETING MINUTES**

**Sunday, August 13, 2006  
1:00 p.m.**

**The Lodge at Unicoi State Park  
Helen, GA**

#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

##### **PRESENT**

Ralph Austin, M.D., Chairman, David Rearick, D.O., MBA, Secretary/Treasurer; Brian Burdette; J. Daniel Hanks, Jr., M.D.; Thomas L. Hatchett, M.D.; Julia H. Jones; Gilbert S. Klemann, M.D.; James R. Lowry; Wayne Martin; E. Chandler McDavid, M.D.; Reuben S. Roberts, Jr., M.D.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

##### **ABSENT**

Edward D. Conner, M.D.; Robert B. Copeland, M.D.; Jacinto del Mazo, M.D.; Joe Sam Robinson, Jr., M.D.

#### **GUESTS PRESENT**

Betsy Bates, Morehouse School of Medicine; Dee Hanson, Mercer University; Rob Hash, M.D., Mercer University School of Medicine; Linda Womack, Emory University

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Ben Robinson, Cherri Tucker, Kelly McNamara.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Austin called the Board Meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### **ACTION**

On **MOTION (Hanks/Hatchett)**, the minutes from the May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 meeting were approved as written.

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**CHAIRMAN'S  
REPORT**

Dr. Austin reported there was no Chairman's report for this meeting.

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS  
BUDGET & CONTRACTS  
COMMITTEE**

**DISCUSSION**

Dr. Rearick informed the Board the Budget and Contracts Committee would be meeting as a "Committee of the Whole." He presented the minutes from the March 23, 2006 meeting for approval.

**ACTION**

On **MOTION (Austin / Hanks)**, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2006 meeting of the Budget and Contracts Committee.

***Contract Revisions***

**DISCUSSION**

Mr. Robinson provided the Board an update on Contracts for FY2007. Board approved changes were included in the Contracts for FY2007. These changes included the removal of the language related to failure of funding for convenience. The contracts were sent to the Hospitals and Medical Schools in June and have been returned and signed by the appropriate Board officials.

***Expenditure Report***

**DISCUSSION**

Ms. Tucker reviewed the Year End Expenditure Report for FY2006. She informed the Board 99.64% of the Budget for FY2006 was expended. The report was provided for information only and required no Board Action.

***Budget Requests***

**DISCUSSION**

Mr. Robinson informed the Board all state agencies were required to submit flat budget requests for the FY2007 Amended Budget and FY2008 Budget. Complying with these instructions, the FY2007 Amended Budget request presented to the Board for approval contained no changes.

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**ACTION**

On **MOTION (McDavid / Klemann)**, the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY2007 Amended Budget request as presented.

**DISCUSSION**

Mr. Robinson informed the Board staff requested information from all funded partners on their plans for the next several years. Information requested included intended program expansions, reductions or closures, the establishment of new programs or initiatives as well as specific concerns relating to their programs. For the FY2008 budget request, the Medical Center of Central Georgia is continuing the reduction of the number of positions in the family medicine residency program. Staff recommends the funding for these 2 positions be redistributed pro-rata between the family medicine programs. Mr. Robinson also informed the Board that Morehouse School of Medicine will be losing the matching dollars previously provided through Grady. As with Mercer several years ago, the amount of the matching dollars is greater than the amount the Board can submit in a budget request. Staff recommends the Board send a letter to the Governor and OPB indicating the Board supports replacing the lost federal dollars with state funds.

**ACTION**

On **MOTION (Hanks / Roberts)**, the Board voted unanimously to give staff authority to use/re-allocate funds from the General Assembly under the Graduate Medical Education Program.

**ACTION**

On **MOTION (Hanks / Roberts)**, the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY2008 Budget request as presented.

**ACTION**

On **MOTION (Klemann / Austin)**, the Board voted unanimously for staff to prepare a letter indicating support for Morehouse School of Medicine's pursuit of state funding to offset loss of federal matching dollars previously received through Grady.

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***PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE  
COMMITTEE*****DISCUSSION**

Dr. Austin provided an update on the "Is There a Doctor in the House" publication of the 2004 physician licensure data. The report is in final review and should be printed for release by the next Board meeting.

***MEDICAL EDUCATION  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE*****DISCUSSION**

Dr. Austin stated the Board would like to work with MEAC to clarify quality indicator language for the Graduate Medical Education Program. He also charged the MEAC with reviewing the reporting guidelines that will be made available to all contract recipients.

**UPDATE ON  
RETREAT**

Dr. Austin provided a brief update on the retreat which took place prior to the Board meeting. He stated Board members will be contacted before the next meeting for ad-hoc committee meetings that will be held via teleconferences.

**NEW BUSINESS****DISCUSSION**

Dr. Austin reported several long term Board Members were replaced over the past few months. He stated one member had served on the GBPW or its predecessor agency for over 20 years.

**ACTION**

On **MOTION (Rearick / Martin)**, the Board voted unanimously to direct staff to engage in seeking resolutions acknowledging contributions of past Board Members, particularly Dr. Morley.

**DISCUSSION**

Dr. Austin informed the Board with the new Board appointments the office of Vice-Chair was vacant and that Dr. Rearick's term as Secretary/Treasurer was ending and a nominating committee would need to be appointed. Dr. Austin appointed Dr. Hanks, Dr. McDavid and Dr. Klemann to the nominating committee and asked

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for a report at the next meeting of the Board.

**DISCUSSION**

Dr. Austin asked Board Members to let him know of their particular interest for board committees. He will make committee appointments at the next Board Meeting.

**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR'S  
REPORT****DISCUSSION**

Mr. Robinson informed the Board there would be a Legislative Conference on Medical Education System Capacity on August 24, 2006. He stated presenters would be Dr. Dan Rahn, our Board and Ed Salsberg. He stated Senator Don Thomas also wanted to hear from the medical education programs.

Dr. Hanks stated this would be a good experience for the new members of the Board and asked Mr. Robinson to e-mail all Board Members information on the conference.

**NEXT MEETING**

Dr. Austin informed the Board the next meeting was scheduled on November 4, 2006.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

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David A. Rearick, D.O., MBA  
Secretary-Treasurer