



Georgia Board for Physician Workforce

State of Georgia

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Thursday, April 25, 2014
8:10 a.m.

Southeast Georgia Health System
2415 Parkwood Drive
Brunswick, GA 31520

Board Members Present:

Mark Hanly, M.D.; Antonio Rios, M.D.; Jimmy Childre; David Kay, M.D.; William Kemp; Jim Lowry; George McCluskey, M.D.; Terri McFadden-Garden, M.D.; Joe Sam Robinson, M.D.

Board Members Absent:

Jacinto del Mazo, M.D.; Carol Burrell; Frank Carter, M.D.; Thomas Hatchett, M.D.; Bill Herringdine; William Waters, M.D.

Staff Present:

Cherri Tucker; Cheryl Culp, Pamela Smith

Guests Present:

G.E. Alan Dever, M.D., PhD., Health Services Analysis; Penny Hannah, Georgia Department of Law; Joseph Hobbs, M.D., Medical College of Georgia at Georgia Regents University Augusta; Linda Womack, Emory University; Bryan Ginn, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine – Georgia Campus; Betsy Bates, Morehouse School of Medicine; Martha Elks, M.D., Morehouse School of Medicine; Trey Seagraves, Mercer University School of Medicine; Caroline Abercrombie, M.D.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Hanly called the Board Meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board unanimously approved the minutes from October 24, 2013 and December 5, 2013.
(McCluskey/Lowry)

AGENDA ITEMS

DISCUSSION/ ACTIONS/ NEXT STEPS

PRAA PROGRAM

On **Motion** (Rios/Kay), the Board approved funding 18 PRAA awards at \$20,000 each.

On **Motion** (Hanly/Kay), the Board approved the review of the ranking methodology of PRAA applicants as presented.

On **Motion** (Rios/McCluskey), the Board approved the PRAA applicant rank to offer awards to the top 18 applicants and to continue down the list if someone should decline the award.

MEDICAL SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

On **Motion** (Rios/McCluskey), the practice request of Patricia Hall was approved by the Board.

On **Motion** (Rios/Childre), the Board approved the practice request location of Lawrence Wilson.

On **Motion** (Rios/McCluskey), the Board approved the practice deferment request of Abhi Saxena.

On **Motion** (McCluskey/Rios), the Board denied the deferment request of Samuel Williams and require him to begin practice in Georgia in July 2014.

On **Motion** (Rios/McCluskey), the Board voted not to accept the settlement offer of John Mix and to pursue full payment from him.

On **Motion** (Rios/Kemp), the Board voted to reject the repayment offer of Caroline Abercrombie.

On **Motion** (Childre/Rios), the Board voted to change Caroline Abercrombie's penalty to triple damages.

On **Motion** (Childre/McCluskey), the Board voted to reduce Caroline Abercrombie's damages penalty to \$40,000. She owes \$80,000 lump sum principal payment and \$20,000 in damages due immediately and the remaining \$20,000 will be due in April 2015.

On **Motion** (Rios/McCluskey), the Board voted to notify Willie Kitchen of the breach of his contract and seek repayment.

On **Motion** (Kemp/Lowry), the Board voted to defer a decision on Amy Bailey until research is completed on her patient base. Dr. Rios abstained from the vote.

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On **Motion** (Rios/Kemp), the Board voted to extend Elizabeth Long's service obligation by the actual shortage of hours per week.

On **Motion** (Kay/McCluskey), the Board approved the scholarship recipients beginning residency programs.

On **Motion** (Rios/McCluskey), the Board directed staff to meet with the Governor's staff regarding sunseting the Medical Student Scholarship Program.

RULE CHANGES

On **Motion** (Rios/McCluskey), the Board voted to defer Promulgation of 195-11-.01 in order to add section addressing the public comment received.

On **Motion** (Kay/Rios), the Board voted to change the wording of 195-11-.01 line (31) from "refer" to "such as" in the definition of "compelling reasons". Dr. McCluskey voted nay.

On **Motion** (Rios/Kay), the Board voted to add a statement in Physicians for Rural Areas Assistance rule 195-12-.01 stating that any medical education debt in default is not acceptable. Language should mimic the National Health Service Corps position on defaults.

CONTRACT OUTCOMES

On **Motion** (McCluskey/Rios), the Board did not approve the appeal to waive the non-compliant penalty for the family medicine program at Memorial Health University Medical Center.

The next meeting will be held on July 17, 2014 in Atlanta at the GBPW office.

The Board meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m. (Rios/Kay)

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherri Tucker
Executive Director