



Florida Physician Workforce Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes

Council Members Attending:

Alma Littles, MD, Vice-Chair
Thesla Berne-Anderson, MS
Saima Chaudhry, MD
Michael Curtis, MBA
Linda Delo, DO
James T. Howell, MD
Ralph Nobo, MD
James O'Leary, MD
Dennis Saver, MD
Brett Scotch, DO
Emily Sikes

DOH Staff:

Dorothy Hall, Division of Public Health Statistics and Performance Management
Jennifer Johnson, Interim Assistant Deputy Secretary for Health
Jamie Scarborough, Division of Medical Quality Assurance
Keri Taggart, State Primary Care Office
Mark Whitten, Division of Medical Quality Assurance

Members of the Public:

Terry Meek, Council of Florida Medical School Deans
Joan St. Onge, MD, MPH, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
Roger Strickland, Board of Governors
Brooke Yowell, Agency for Health Care Administration

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Approve the October 29, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by members present.

III. CFMSD GME Workgroup Presentation

Dr. St. Onge presented on the Council of Florida Medical School Deans (CFMSD) GME Workgroup. She provided trends for the number of residency and fellowship positions in Florida for the past three years, as well as the total increase in residents and fellows training in Florida for academic year 2016/17 to 2018/19. There has been some expansion of existing programs and there are approximately ten new hospitals since 2015 who now have GME. Graduating students vs. residency programs are still falling short.

The Council members expressed interest in seeing more detailed data Dr. St. Onge has available. Vice-Chair Littles said the additional data will be shared with the Council.

IV. 2019 Legislative Update

Mr. Whitten shared a PowerPoint explaining how the following bills will impact physician workforce:

- SB 732 – Office Surgery Centers – Effective January 1, 2020
- HB 23 – Telehealth – Effective January 1, 2019
- HB 1253 – Prescription Drug Monitoring Program – Effective January 1, 2019

The Division of Medical Quality Assurance is working on FAQs and action steps to put on their website soon.

Ms. Johnson gave an update that \$4,393,286 in extra funding for GME residencies will be appropriated effective July 1, 2019. Ms. Yowell commented the Primary Care portion of the Graduate Medical Education is only available to hospitals in region 8 who have residents. The total funding available for SFY 2019-20 is \$8,249,500. Region 8 counties are Sarasota, DeSoto, Charlotte, Glades, Lee, Hendry, and Collier.

V. Update on Initial Results from New Physician Workforce Survey Questions

Ms. Taggart provided preliminary results from licensure survey questions to the Council. The results include old survey questions from 6/1/17 – 9/24/18 and new survey questions from 10/18/18 – 5/31/19. Comparing the data is challenging with only 17 questions exactly the same, 8 questions combining new and old, and 30 brand new questions.

VI. Next Steps and Future Goals

The next meeting will be determined once the Surgeon General comes on board. The Council members spoke about following trends in the available data and hope to make better recommendations with the Surgeon General for the legislature in the coming year.

VII. Public Comment

No public comment.

VIII. Adjournment

Vice-Chair Littles thanked the Council members for their time and adjourned the meeting.