



Florida Physician Workforce Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes

Council Members Present:

Thelsa Berne-Anderson, MS
Saima Chaudhry, MD
Michael Curtis, MBA
Linda Delo, DO
Michael Gervasi, DO
James O'Leary, MD, FACS
Dennis Saver, MD
Brett Scotch, DO
Emily Sikes

DOH Staff Present:

Nathan Dunn, Strategic Projects Manager
Daphne Holden, PhD, Chief, Bureau of Community Health Assessment
Debbie Reich, MA, State Primary Care Office Supervisor
Jamie Scarborough, Division of Medical Quality Assurance

Members of the Public Present:

TK Feehrer, Agency for Health Care Administration
Jarrod Fowler, Florida Medical Association
Terry Meek, Council of Florida Medical School Deans

I. Welcome and Roll

Nathan Dunn welcomed workgroup members and public attendees to the call and took roll. The meeting was called to order at 12 p.m. Council members received all pertinent meeting materials by email prior to the meeting. Nathan informed the group that Dr. Kelli Wells would not be chairing the meeting as she is no longer with the Department. Nathan also announced that since there was not the minimum of 10 members in attendance on the call to have a quorum that no actions or meeting minutes could be voted upon.

II. Minutes from October 24, 2017 Meeting

The minutes from the October 24, 2017 meeting will be voted on at the next meeting with a quorum. All members received the meeting minutes in email for review and comment.

III. Opening Comments

Nathan introduced the two new Council members, Dr. Saima Chaundhry representing Florida Hospital Association as a representative of a non-statutory teaching hospital with an accredited GME program, and Dr. Brett Scotch, representing the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association. Nathan provided a review and update of recent Council discussion items to provide background for the two new members.

IV. Discussion Topics

- Nathan said that the revised physician licensure survey is on track to be live for the next survey cycle. He explained that the revisions include very specific questions from the AMA national survey, a paring down of some questions and an expansion of others. Medicaid and Medicare questions are reorganized and specialty questions in statute will remain while additional specialty questions are pared down.

Council members discussed the inclusion of additional specialist questions, particularly the breakdown of the various hospitalist types and the differentiation between GYN and OB/GYN specialties. Dr. O'Leary asked about a review of Appendix A of the survey to determine if the hospital specialist and OB/GYN specialties were listed as needed.

- The 2018 Physician Workforce Annual Report which summarizes responses from the Physician Licensure Renewal Survey is being assembled with the current data. The Department will be conducting some trend analysis since there is now 10 years of data. Nathan asked members if there was any specific data, trends or criteria they would like to have the Department staff analyze. Dr. Saver recommended comparing physician supply with population statistics since the state population has grown over the past 10 years. Such analysis would show if the physician workforce is increasing in proportion to the population. The Council also discussed presenting data on the distribution of the workforce by regions, with a map showing primary care physicians as was done in the 2011/2012 report. A final suggestion from the council was to include an analysis of specialty type shortages, such as surgical specialties. A suggestion was that a subcommittee of four or five people could tease out the most important subspecialties.
- Nathan Dunn provided an update and summary of the status of the strategic plan. Dr. Saver, chair of the strategic plan workgroup noted that dates in the draft plan are overdue. Nathan suggested a reset of the strategic plan workgroup to revisit the plan activities and due dates.
- The Council briefly discussed that there will be some new GME data available soon which can be reviewed for inclusion in the draft strategic plan.

V. Public Comment

Terry Meek, Executive Director, Council of Florida Medical School Deans informed the Council of the new GME data points that would soon be made available, perhaps in late October 2018.

VI. Closing Comments and Adjournment

Nathan thanked the group for all its work and time dedicated to the survey changes, the strategic plan and discussions about recommendations for the 2018 Annual Physician Workforce Report. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.