



Florida Physician Workforce Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes

Council Members Attending:

Alma Littles, MD, Chair
Saima Chaudhry, MD
Michael Curtis, MBA
Linda Delo, DO
Mark Gabay, DO
James T. Howell, MD
James O'Leary, MD
Ralph Nobo, MD
Dennis Saver, MD
Sergio Seoane, MD
Kevin Sherin, MD
Brett Scotch, DO
Emily Sikes

DOH Staff:

Ella Biggins, Gubernatorial Fellow
Nathan Dunn, MSA, Strategic Projects Manager
Debbie Reich, MA, State Primary Care Office Supervisor
Keri Taggart, State Primary Care Office
Jamie Scarborough, Division of Medical Quality Assurance
Kendra Scholz, Communications Specialist

Members of the Public:

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

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Approve the October 24, 2017 and July 23, 2018 meeting minutes

Minutes from the previous meetings were approved with no discussion.

III. Update regarding Revised Physician Re-Licensure Survey

Dr. Littles thanked everyone for their input into the recommended changes to improve the survey questions. Members reviewed the revisions to the survey.

Dr. O'Leary asked about question 39 and pointed out that questions regarding practicing in another state and practicing telemedicine may cause confusion. Dr. Saver asked if another bullet could be added for clarification. The group discussed what constitutes telemedicine. It was decided that ultimately, because the changes are already in the rulemaking process, no significant additional changes can be made to the survey at the present time, but they can be

recommended next year.

IV. Updates from the 2017 Physician Workforce Annual Report

The Council reviewed and received status reports on each of the eight recommendations from the 2017 Annual Report.

Dr. Sherin asked about student/resident rotations in free and charitable clinic organizations in the state. Debbie Reich commented that she manages a contract with the Association of Free and Charitable Clinics and she said one of those associations might consider offering an internship program, etc.

Dr. Saver asked if the Council of Florida Medical School Deans (CFMSD) is keeping an ongoing count of GME positions created. Chair Littles said there is a workgroup of the CFMSD whose goal is to keep the data updated. There was a request for a summary of the GME positions that were created.

V. Update regarding 2018 Physician Workforce Annual Report

The report represents a snapshot of the survey responses from the most recent two-year cohort of licensed physicians. The 2018 report will include trend information from the last ten years. The Council was assured that the recommendations will appear again in the 2018 report. There was discussion regarding whether the Council members will see a final report and vote on it. The group concluded that DOH develops the report with consultation from the Council and then the final report comes from the State Surgeon General.

VI. Mental Health Questions on Initial Licensure Application

Chair Littles provided an update regarding the recommended revisions to the mental health questions on the physician licensure application.

VII. Next Steps and Future Goals

Chair Littles asked the Council members to think of areas of concentration for next year that can be discussed with the Surgeon General under the new administration.

VIII. Public Comment

No public comment.

IX. Adjournment

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