

UTAH MEDICAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2016

Held 12:00 p.m. UMEC offices

Council Members Present:

Wayne Samuelson (Chairman) Mark Hiatt
Doug Smith Gar Elison
Mary Williams (by phone) Larry Reimer
Sue Wilkey (by phone)

Council Members Excused:

John Berneike

Other Individuals Present:

Clinton Adams, DO
Thomas Told, DO
David Park, DO

Staff Present:

Ric Campbell Jenna Christensen
Julie Olson Clark Ruttinger
Annette Harris Andrew Salt
Gaby Garcia

Motions:

- The June 1, 2016 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
- The physician report is approved for publishing with supplemental reports to follow.

Handouts:

- Agenda for 10-13-2016 Meeting
- Minutes of the 6-1-16 Meeting
- Draft Physician-to-Population Ratios – Shortage or Surplus by Specialty
- Draft Physician Report

Action Items

- In-depth analysis of the Debt ratios (debt-to-income) was requested – as a supplement to the report six months down the road so as not to delay the publishing of the report.
- A reference to the appendix information on the Patients Per Hour section will be added to clarify the information on that section.

1. Call to order, introduction of staff, and approval of 6-1-16 minutes – Wayne

Gaby Garcia and Annette Harris were introduced as new interns. Sue Wilkey has been reappointed for another four years on the Council. The 6-1-16 minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Rocky Vista University – Dr. David Park

A presentation was given by Clinton Adams, DO, David Park, DO, and Thomas Told, DO from Rocky Vista University. Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine (RVUCOM), based in Parker, Colorado, is currently building a campus in Ivins, Utah. The RVU operates as a private, for-profit organization and provides another opportunity to keep many Utahans in the state to pursue their medical education. Utah applicants will be interviewed first with a higher priority.

The RVUCOM campus will be completed in June, 2017. Lectures (60%) will originate from Colorado and be simultaneously broadcast at the Utah location, 40% will originate from Utah. The campus if accredited for 125 students (per class) in Utah. Smaller groups with clinical faculty members (1:8 ratio), lab time, ultrasound training and a medical simulation center will also be a part of the curriculum. Students will be assigned patients from the

nearby veteran center (Dr. Park is the Director of that veteran center). A multi-specialty office building was also bought, which will provide opportunities for the DO students as well.

Osteopathic schooled students generally do clinical training in community-based settings as well as hospital settings. RVUCOM will have regional clinical training sites. The Ivins campus has developed 523 potential sites/preceptors, including clinics and hospitals in Utah. The clinical training will begin the third year of training, which will be 2019 for the initial class. They are also working on raising the number of residency slots. Preceptors will be paid \$500 per student per month.

3. **Physician Report – Clark**

Clark Ruttinger presented findings of the Physician Workforce Report.

9990 surveys were mailed to Utah-licensed physicians. 4622 surveys were returned for a 47% response rate. 60% of those licensed in the state, practice in the state.

Clark presented information on the following:

- o Primary/specialty Care and Population Ratios
- o Age
- o Gender
- o Race & Ethnicity
- o Utah Ties
- o Debt
- o Debt Over Time
- o Income
- o Practice Location by Rural/Urban
- o Practice Location and Age
- o Hours Worked
- o Patients Per Hour – Wait Times
- o Technology Usage
- o Retirement
- o Projection Model 2015-2030

Gar Elison suggested the need to put the debt ratios in context – compare it to other professions in terms of earning capacity. He stressed the need to make the data more meaningful, which could paint a better picture for legislators, etc. Dr. Samuelson added that debt does influence what medical students decide to specialize in as different specialties have different income potential. Dr. Smith added the benefit of connecting the dots between debt load and the challenge for minorities going into the healthcare profession.

Clark also distributed a draft copy of Physician-to-Population Ratios – Shortage/Surplus by Specialty. The top five shortage areas are internal medicine, family medicine, cardiology, surgery, and urology.

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The following recommendations are made in the report:

- Support Pipeline for Medical Careers
- Support For State Recruitment and Retention Efforts For Physicians with Utah Ties.
 - o Master Database of Utah Students in Non-Utah Training Programs
 - o Resident Retention Tracking
- Workforce Training Development
 - o Develop and Expand Programs to Accommodate the Needs of the State
 - o Create a Relationship With New Medical Schools in Utah
- Collect and Update Core Workforce Data More Frequently

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4. **Partnerships**

This item will be moved to the next meeting.