

UTAH MEDICAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

May 31, 2017

Held 12:00 p.m. UMEC offices

Council Members Present:

Wayne Samuelson (Chairman)
Doug Smith
Mary Williams

John Berneike (by phone)
Gar Elison
Sue Wilkey (by phone)

Council Members Excused:

Larry Reimer
Mark Hiatt

Other Individuals Present:

Spencer Pratt

Staff Present:

Ric Campbell
Julie Olson
Annette Harris
Gaby Garcia

Jenna Christensen
Clark Ruttinger
Andrew Salt

Motions:

- The February 15, 2017 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
- The Council approves the money allocated to the family medicine residency programs to increase the number of residency training slots in Utah by at least four per year for three years. The motion was approved unanimously.

Handouts:

- Agenda for 5-31-17 Meeting
- Minutes of the 2-15-17 Meeting

Action Item:

- Staff will conduct additional analysis on the reasons APRNs trained out of state decided to work in Utah, analyze the distribution of mental health-focused nurse practitioners by urban vs. rural settings, and extract ethnicity information on the number of years of practice since RN graduation.

1. Call to order and approval of 2-15-17 minutes – Wayne

Motion: The 2-15-17 minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Board of Regents Update - Ric

Ric was invited, at the last Board of Regents meeting, to present to the Academic and Student Affairs committee, information regarding our workforce reports from the prior year. The information was well received. There is a good working relationship with Dave Buhler, the Commissioner. As a result of the presentation, Ric and Clark are going to meet with some staff members of the Commissioner's office and go through our recommendations in our recent reports, and the Board of Regents will identify which recommendations they have the ability to work on.

3. Legislative Update – (FM Residency Funding) - Ric

In the last legislative session, an appropriation was made in the amount of \$1.2 million to increase the number of Family Medicine residents trained in the state. When this appropriation was mentioned in the last UMEC meeting, it was believed that it would be one-time money. The funds were actually approved as ongoing funding. At a meeting of the Utah Family Medicine Consortium, the group was both excited about the new funding and also daunted by the

task of expanding their residency programs. The Utah Valley Residency Program is already accredited for eight physicians and is ready to use their share of the funding. Other programs need to learn how to change their accreditation with ACGME, which may take some time and effort. Ric asked the Council for their approval to pass through this funding to the family medicine residency programs according to legislative intent. Gar asked if the language should include the addition of any family medicine residency programs that may come into existence in the future. Dr. Samuelson suggested that the Council word its motion to refer to additional spots for family medicine training.

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4. **APRN Workforce Report – Annette**

Annette Harris presented the findings of the APRN Report. The Council discussed the low percentage of Hispanic APRNs, which is 3%. Mary Williams added that it is a huge national concern and has been a topic at every conference she has attended this year. She said many colleges are also looking at more of a holistic approach to admissions so that you're getting a more diverse population of admissions. A state nursing committee is looking at pipeline issues - getting Hispanic students interested at the high school level.

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APRN Workforce Recommendations:

1. Integrate supply, demand and education data to better understand workforce needs
2. Study the involvement of APRNs in inter-professional healthcare teams as the healthcare system continues to change.
3. Support efforts to make the APRN workforce more representative of the population
4. Increase availability of training sites and preceptors in the state.
5. Continue to invest in rural workforce development