

**UTAH MEDICAL EDUCATION COUNCIL**

Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2019

Held 12:00 p.m. UMEC offices

**Council Members Present:**

Wayne Samuelson (Chairman)  
Doug Gray  
Mary Williams  
Mark Hiatt  
Sue Wilkey (by phone)

**Council Members Excused:**

Gar Elison  
John Berneike  
Greg Elliott

**Other Individuals Present:**

**Staff Present:**

Ric Campbell	Jerry Bounsanga
Clark Ruttinger	Andrew Salt
Jingyi Zhang	Julie Olson
Sydney Groesbeck	

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**Motions:**

- The October 29, 2018 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

**Handouts:**

- Agenda for 2-21-19 Meeting
- Minutes of the 10-29-18 Meeting
- UMEC Rural Rotation Ongoing Program Funding FY2018-2019
- Pharmacist Workforce Report

- **Welcome and Introductions – Wayne**

- **Approval of 10-29-18 minutes – Wayne**

**Motion:** The 10-29-18 minutes were approved unanimously.

- **Legislative Update & Rural Rotation Program Funding – Ric**

Ric began with a short legislative update. The UMEC has been fully funded again under the Board of Regents and has been assigned a new legislative fiscal analyst.

In requests for allocations, the dental school was designated number one with \$1.5 million expansion to open three new clinics and serve low-income patients. The number 2 priority was \$1 million allocation to the Home- Rural & Underserved Utah Training Experience (RUUTE) program, a rural program to expand the education in rural areas. Number seven is the AHEC, who currently relies on federal funding and some funding from the UMEC. Further down the list is H.B. 174 for \$1.6 million, an effort to increase psychiatry slots by four.

One-time funding requests include the Primary Care Workforce model (received from IBM) which is number 2 on the list. Clark Ruttinger went with Dr. Mike Magill from AHEC to ask for \$300,000 to provide a user interface to that model.

UMEC Rural Rotation Ongoing Program Funding. The following numbers were presented to the Council:

	2018 Actual	2019 YTD	2020 Planned
Medical Residents (25)	\$26,766.87	\$25,000	\$25,000
Physician Assistant & FNP (47)	\$46,199.65	\$40,000	\$40,000
Pharmacy (51)	\$56,344.43	\$35,000	\$35,000
Dental Residents (9)	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000
Program Office (Evaluation)	\$25,000	\$25,000	

The one-time increase in pharmacy was due to leftover funds from social worker rotations which were not used. The pharmacy school had lost funding from another agency related to their rural rotations. The Program Office funds refer to funds given to the AHEC program office to work on evaluation of preceptors in rural areas, the practice locations in rural areas and also to recognize ten preceptors for the work they had done.

● **Pharmacist Workforce Study – Sydney**

Sydney presented her findings on the pharmacist workforce.

The recommendations include the following:

- Workforce supply projections are in line with national prediction of oversupply. Pharmacy programs will be a net exporter of jobs if current trends remain consistent over the coming decade.
- Promote a more diverse workforce
  - Increase efforts to encourage underrepresented groups to pursue a Pharmacy degree.
  - Develop scholarship or loan reimbursement programs to help enable lower income students to pursue this advanced degree.
- Enhance data collection by partnering with DOPL to add UMEC’s survey to licensing process.
  - This will streamline the survey process by reducing the number of demographic information required.
  - This will enable UMEC to ask more detailed questions regarding prescription fill rates, utilization of mail-order pharmacies, technician utilization, and more. Incorporating these measures will enable future surveys to better predict pharmacist supply and demand.

The Council discussed the increase of time in dealing with insurance issues, especially in managerial positions. Dr. Hiatt pointed out the electronic prior authorization that is being implemented in Arizona that might be recommended in Utah. The Council also noted the need and apparent increase of pharmacists in medical teams.