

Primary Care Task Force Oversight Committee Meeting Summary

May 2, 2018

Committee Members Present:

Robert Allison, MD

Kim Malsam-Rysdon, Chair

Mary Nettleman, MD

Dr. Mike Rush

Mark Schmidt

Sen. Billie Sutton

Workgroup Members Absent:

Sandy Diegel

Sen. Alan Solano

Others Present:

Andy Klitzke, DOH

Tom Martinec, DOH

Jay Perry, Board of Regents

Josie Petersen, DOH

Susan Sporrer, DOH

Updates

- ❖ *Family Medicine Program Rural Training Track (RTT)* – The Pierre Rural Family Medicine Residency received news of initial accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) on November 17, 2017. This allowed residency program to begin recruiting applicants for the inaugural class, though it left a relatively short period of time to do so before the deadline for participation in the National Resident Match Program. Dr. Tom Huber became a full-time employee of the Center for Family Medicine, as the Associate Director for the Pierre Rural Family Medicine Residency Program on January 1, 2018. Dr. Huber is a well-established physician in Pierre and has the experience to ensure a quality and relevant educational experience. Dr. Huber also has good relationships with both the Sanford and Avera physicians to help facilitate the logistics of a smooth transition for the residents to arrive. The official logo for the program has been adopted (along with a complementary new logo for its sister program, the Sioux Falls Family Medicine Residency) and a permanent sign that incorporates it has been installed at the clinic site in Pierre. Two resident physicians have signed contracts with the Pierre Rural Family Medicine Residency, marking the inaugural class. The residents will spend the first year of their residency in Sioux Falls and will move to the Pierre RTT site at the start of the second year of residency in 2019. The DOH is working with the Department of Social Services to ensure Medicaid federal funds will be available to support the program's budget.
- ❖ *Sanford School of Medicine (SSOM) Match Results* – Dr. Nettleman shared the match results for the SSOM Class of 2018 students. There were 60 students who matched into 19 specialties and will train in 22 different states. Thirteen students (22%) matched in family medicine (compared to 12% nationally). Eleven students matched to South Dakota residencies – psychiatry (4), family medicine (2), internal medicine (1), preliminary medicine (3), and transition year (1).
- ❖ *FARM Update* – Of the six FARM students in the SSOM Class of 2018, 3 matched in family medicine residencies, one in internal medicine, one in anesthesiology, and one in psychiatry. FARM students in the Class of 2021 will begin their FARM experiences in the coming year. There were 15 applicants for the 10 available slots. Dr. Nettleman said that FARM students do well on their final exams, including the observed clinical exams, compared to other SSOM students.

- ❖ Recruitment Assistance Programs – Josie Petersen provided an update on the Rural Healthcare Facility Recruitment Assistance Program (RHFRAP) and Recruitment Assistance Program (RAP). For RHFRAP, of the 70 applications approved in 2016, 55 are still in the program. Of the 70 applications approved for 2017, 66 are still in the program. The RHFRAP program began accepting applications for 2018 on May 1st with information sent to eligible facilities and posted to the Office of Rural Health website. For the RAP program, 12 of the 15 physician slots, 4 of the 5 dentist slots, and 10 of the 15 physician assistant/nurse practitioner/nurse midwife slots are currently filled.

Josie also provided an update on the Rural Experiences for Health Professions Students (REHPS) program. During the summer of 2017, there were 30 participants in 15 communities. For 2018, there will again be 30 students in 15 communities. The communities include Bowdle, Britton, Chamberlain, Hot Springs, Huron, Martin, Miller, Parkston, Philip, Platte, Redfield, Scotland, Sisseton, Sturgis, and Winner. Student disciplines include, pharmacy (13), medical laboratory scientists (2), medical (1), nurse practitioner (2), nursing (1) clinical psychology (2), physician assistant (2), and physical therapy (3). Physical therapy students are new to the program this year and occupational therapy students will be added next year.

- ❖ Scrubs Camps/Camp Meds – Josie provided an update on the Scrubs Camps and Camp Meds. During both the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school year, 20 Scrubs camps were held with 1,158 and 1,253 participants, respectively. The 2017-18 participant numbers are not yet finalized as there was still one camp left to be held. Planning has begun for Scrubs camps for the 2018-19 school years to include 20-21 camps across the state. For both the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years, there were 11 Camp Meds in 9 locations. There were 2,904 Camp Med participants in 2016-17 but numbers for 2017-18 school year have not yet be finalized. Planning has begun for 2018-19 Camp Meds to include 11 camps in 9 locations.
- ❖ 2018 Legislative Session – Tom Martinec provided a brief recap of the 2018 legislative session. The DOH budget included \$179,666 in general funds and \$232,128 in federal fund authority for year 1 of the RTT. In addition, a special appropriation of \$837,972 passed to reimburse RAP and RHFRAP participants who will be fulfilling their agreements during FY 19.

Discussion of Final Evaluation of Primary Care Task Force Work

Kim Malsam-Rysdon led a discussion about development of a final evaluation report for the Primary Care Task Force (PCTF) and Oversight Committee. The DOH will be contracting with Roland Loudenburg of Mountain Plains Evaluation to compile the report. The DOH currently works with Mountain Plains to compile the Health Care Workforce Report and the DOH envisions using this report as a starting point for the PCTF evaluation report. While the Health Care Workforce Report is broader than what has been looked at by the PCTF and Oversight Committee, the group discussed whether parts of the report can be enhanced or expanded to help evaluate the work of the task force. Oversight committee members were asked to review the Health Care Workforce Report and provide any comments back to the DOH by May 31st of how aspects of the report could be used for evaluation purposes. Other questions that need to be addressed through the evaluation are how to show relevancy of data (e.g., when looking at numbers by region, how do numbers compare to need), how to quantify/evaluate use of telemedicine, and ultimately, how to evaluate if citizens have greater access to primary care providers than they did six years ago before the task force was formed. The final report will also include an opportunity to make recommendations to help advance access to primary care in the future.

Wrap-Up

Kim Malsam-Rysdon thanked Dr. Rush for his work on the Oversight Committee and wished him well in his retirement. Jay Perry will represent the Board of Regents in future meetings. The next Oversight Committee meeting will be July 25th from 1-3. The October 9th meeting will be from 1-5 in Sioux Falls.