

# Primary Care Task Force Oversight Committee Meeting Summary

## September 14, 2016

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### Committee Members Present

Kim Malsam-Rysdon, Chair

Sandy Diegel

Mary Nettleman, MD

Jay Perry (for Dr. Mike Rush)

Sen. Alan Solano

Sen. Billie Sutton

Gale Walker

### Workgroup Members Absent:

Robert Allison, MD

### Staff Present:

Halley Lee

Tom Martinec

Josie Petersen

Susan Sporrer

### Updates

- ❖ Rural Family Medicine Residency Track (RTT) – There is a contract in place with the Sioux Falls Family Medicine Residency Program and the Department of Health for the development of a rural training track in Pierre. The Sioux Falls Family Medicine Residency program provided a timeline for getting the RTT in place and operational. The RTT site preparation must be completed, the local director and faculty in place, and curriculum development must be completed prior to the formal application to ACGME. The goal remains to attain accreditation by Spring 2017. The DOH budget request includes approximately \$250,000 in general funds to support year 1 of the RTT.
- ❖ Rural Healthcare Facility Recruitment Assistance Program (RHFRAP) – Josie Petersen provided an update on number of applicants and numbers currently participating in the program. Thirty-three RHFRAP participants are completing their agreements in 2016 (started in 2013). Reasons given for not completing the three-year contract include resignation, new job, relocation, death, return to school, and family reasons. Of the 60 participants in 2014, 44 are still in the program and 57 of the 60 participants in 2015 are still in the program. Applications are still being accepted for 2016. The number of participants in RHFRAP is limited to 60 healthcare providers but the DOH will look at increasing the number of applications approved to take into account the number of original applicants who do not complete their three-year commitment.
- ❖ 2017 Legislative Session – Tom Martinec provided an update on the upcoming 2017 legislative session. In addition to the funding included in the DOH budget for the rural training track, there will be two special appropriations. The first for the Recruitment Assistance Program will appropriate just over \$550,500 to the DOH to reimburse four physicians, one physician assistant, and four nurse practitioners who will be fulfilling the requirements of their agreements with the State during FY 2018. The second bill will appropriate \$315,000 to the DOH to reimburse those eligible healthcare professionals who have complied with the requirements of the Rural Healthcare Facility Recruitment Assistance Program.
- ❖ SD WINS – Kim Malsam-Rysdon provided an update on SD WINS. Many of the issues addressed by the Primary Care Oversight Committee have fed into SD WINS such as Medical School class expansion, the Frontier and Rural Medicine (FARM) program, family medicine rural training track, Rural Experiences for Health Professional Students (REHPS) and recruitment assistance

programs. A copy of the 2016 annual report can be found at [http://www.southdakotawins.com/images/data/files/sdwins\\_annual\\_report\\_2016.pdf](http://www.southdakotawins.com/images/data/files/sdwins_annual_report_2016.pdf). Halley Lee also mentioned that at the last SD WINS meeting she attended, the Department of Education had reported that Mitchell Technical Institute (MTI) had applied to the South Dakota Board of Nursing (BON) to start an LPN program. MTI has received approval for Prerequisite status for their program and will now be working to get approval for interim status from the BON. The intent is to have the program operational and accepting 32 students in the fall of 2017.

- ❖ *Frontier and Rural Medicine (FARM)* – Dr. Nettleman reported that the first cohort of FARM students graduated in May 2016 and four of the five are in Family Medicine Residency Programs, with one of them negotiating with his host community to potentially return there to practice. The second cohort of FARM students is in their final year of medical school and starting the residency selection process and the third cohort is half way through their FARM experiences. The fourth cohort will start in March 2017 and have been engaged with the program through case presentations with the physicians from the FARM sites. Pierre and Spearfish will officially come on board as FARM sites with students at those sites starting in 2017. At that time, there will be eight sites to accommodate approximately 9 FARM students. The SD Foundation for Medical Care provided a gift of \$50,000 over five years to support community projects in the FARM communities.

### **Nursing Pipeline**

- ❖ *Scrubs Camps* – Halley Lee provided an overview of the DOH Scrubs Camps. Scrubs Camps are part of a continuum of pipeline activities in the state that includes Camp Meds (DOH camps for middle school students), SDMyLife, Scrubs Camps, HOSA (through AHEC), university-sponsored health career camps, REHPS, FARM, rural residencies, Recruitment Assistance Program, and RHFAP. Scrubs Camps are designed for high school-aged students and are one-day, hands-on opportunities to get students interested in careers in healthcare. The DOH has sponsored Scrubs Camps since the 2007-08 school year – starting with 5 camps and 500 students. During the 2015-16 school year, there were 21 camps for 1,093 students. Funding for Scrubs Camps has come primarily from federal grant funds received by the DOH. The cost of Scrubs Camps is about \$41 per student. Information collected for Scrubs Camp participants in 2015-16 indicated that 14% of students attending a Camp were not considering a health career or were unsure. After attending Scrubs camp of those 145, 59% said they were now considering a health career.

As federal funding to support Scrubs Camps goes away, the DOH is going to be looking at different program models to support students in encouraging them to select careers in healthcare.

- ❖ *Department of Education – SDMyLife* – Tiffany Sanderson with the Department of Education (DOE) provided an overview of SDMyLife which is an online portal ([www.sdmylife.com](http://www.sdmylife.com)) aimed at helping South Dakota students make informed decisions about their futures. Using the site, students can develop their personal learning plan and take interest and ability assessments to learn about careers that might be a good match for them. Tiffany indicated that about 60% of students are using SDMyLife and log on an average of about 5 times per year. Tiffany also provided a copy of the SDMyLife magazine that was distributed to schools in August 2016. The magazine is geared at middle school and early high school students and provides students with an opportunity to explore career fields, meet young South Dakota professionals, learn about businesses throughout the state, and identify ways to prepare for life after high school.

Megan Tatum with DOE demonstrated the various features of SDMyLife. Students can complete a questionnaire about likes and dislikes and based on those responses, the site will suggest possible careers that would match to those likes/dislikes. Students can explore careers and postsecondary education options, search for internships and jobs and connect with South Dakota businesses and professionals. There is also a parent portal portion of SDMyLife that allows parents to monitor their child's progress and discuss options. However there are very few parents utilizing the parent portal on SDMyLife. There are also opportunities for the South Dakota healthcare industry to utilize SDMyLife to promote health careers.

- ❖ *Board of Nursing – Clinical Enrichment Programs* – Gloria Damgaard and Linda Young with the SD Board of Nursing provided an overview of clinical enrichment programs (CEPs). CEPs typically occur during the summer of a nursing student's last year of school and help students transition from the education to practice setting by allowing them to practice as a nurse under the supervision of a registered nurse. The CEP site must provide a preceptor/student employee ratio for the clinical setting of 1:1. CEPs must be approved annually by the BON and there are currently 11 approved programs in South Dakota. The CEP can be an important recruitment and retention tool for facilities but there may be a general lack of awareness among facilities of the option to have a CEP.
- ❖ *Prairie Futures* – Lisa Feller with the USD Nursing Program and Erica Peterson with Sanford Chamberlain Medical Center provided an overview of the Prairie Futures program. Supported by the Matson, Halverson, Christiansen, Hamilton (MHCH) Foundation, the Prairie Futures program is a partnership with USD Nursing and Sanford Medical Center Chamberlain where students interested in becoming a RN can obtain their degree. The first cohort of students began taking general education courses toward the Associate of Science degree through USD in the fall of 2010. The MHCH Foundation plays a critical role during the pre-nursing phase of the student experience through their involvement in the formation of communities of learning. Examples of assistive services provided through the project include coaching, mentoring, and facilitation of tutoring. This allows non-traditional students to receive crucial support that enhances their ability to be successful in their educational endeavors.

In the fall of 2011, the first cohort of students was accepted to the USD Nursing Pierre Campus. Students receive the theory portion of the program through a combination of face-to-face classes in Pierre and online modalities. Much of the clinical portion of the program is delivered at Sanford Chamberlain Medical Center. In addition to the provision of clinical space, Sanford Chamberlain staff members serve as clinical faculty and provide administrative services such as test proctoring.

So far, there have been 19 graduates from the Prairie Futures program (only one student has failed to complete the program) with a 94% placement rate in rural facilities within the region. Two graduates have completed the RN-BSN program and 3 graduates are currently enrolled in courses toward a BSN degree.

### **Committee Discussion and Recommendations**

Sen. Sutton said he thinks there needs to be more promotion of CTE courses at the high school level. He shared a partnership currently underway with 4 high schools in his area to provide opportunities for students to get CTE courses that would not otherwise be available to them. There are mobile units for 4 of the career clusters, one of which is health related. Each mobile unit spends the school year at one of the participating schools so by the time a student graduates from high school they will have had an opportunity to take a class related to that career cluster. Sen. Sutton

wondered if there were opportunities to use Building SD funds to support replication of this model in other rural schools. The Oversight Committee supported the concept of promoting Health-related CTE in schools and supported rural schools to enter into CTE partnerships. The Oversight Committee also asked the DOH to work with the Department of Education to discuss ways to make the healthcare industry more aware of the opportunities in SDMyLife.

The Oversight Committee also asked the DOH to work with the SD Board of Nursing to make healthcare facilities, particularly in rural areas, more aware of the Clinical Enrichment Program. The DOH will work with BON to develop materials to promote the program and get it out to facilities.

The Oversight Committee also asked the DOH to work with GOED to identify barriers to replication of a Prairie Futures-type program in other communities.

Finally, the Oversight Committee provided its support to increasing access to healthcare by helping individuals access health insurance coverage through expansion of Medicaid in South Dakota. Sen. Sutton shared an article on Medicaid expansion and the positive impact of expansion on rural hospitals.

### **Wrap-Up**

Focus areas for next year were discussed by committee members including: (1) physician assistant and nurse practitioner practice issues; and (2) telemedicine opportunities to expand healthcare access in rural areas.

DOH staff are currently on working the 2016 annual report. A draft of the report will be provided to the Oversight Committee for their review and comment before it is finalized and submitted.

The next meeting of the Primary Care Oversight Committee will be April 26, 2017.