

Primary Care Task Force Oversight Committee Meeting Summary

November 14, 2017

Committee Members Present

Kim Malsam-Rysdon, Chair
Sandy Diegel
Mary Nettleman, MD

Dr. Mike Rush
Mark Schmidt

Workgroup Members Absent:

Robert Allison, MD
Sen. Billie Sutton

Sen. Alan Solano

Staff Present:

Tom Martinec
Josie Petersen

Susan Sporrer

Updates

- ❖ Family Medicine Program Rural Training Track (RTT) – Dr. Huntington shared that the Rural Family Medicine Training Track received its initial accreditation in October and has begun recruiting students. Forty-five medical students submitted applications for the RTT and four interviews are being scheduled. There is a supplemental match process for those medical students without a residency or for residency programs that do not fill. Dr. Huntington indicated that the RTT will be very selective in the residents it selects because they want to make sure the program starts strong and residents are successful. Students will find out what residency program they matched to in March 2018. Kim Malsam-Rysdon said that the Department of Health (DOH) has included money in its FY19 budget request for year 1 funding for the RTT and indicated there is strong support for the program. The Governor will give his budget address the first week of December and then there will be individual agency budget hearings before the Appropriations Committee.
- ❖ Sanford School of Medicine (SSOM) – Dr. Nettleman shared that the SSOM received the Spencer Foreman Award for Outstanding Community Service for 2017. This award is presented annually to a U.S. medical school or teaching hospital with a long-standing, major institutional commitment to partnering with the community it serves to identify and address community needs. The award highlights community service and engagement as important elements of the academic mission and singles out institutions that can serve as examples of social responsiveness on the part of the academic medical community. SSOM was recognized for its partnerships with communities to create a culturally prepared workforce, likely to practice in South Dakota and to provide an opportunity for South Dakotans to enter healthcare careers.

The SSOM also just completed its Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) accreditation visit. The LCME is the U.S. Department of Education-recognized accrediting body for programs leading to the M.D. degree in the United States and medical schools receive accreditation visits every eight year. The site review team noted only two citations during their visit and while the final LCME rating and report will not be received until February, Dr. Nettleman anticipates that the school will receive full accreditation.

Dr. Nettleman also shared results of a survey of the 2017 graduating class of medical students regarding satisfaction with clinical faculty. South Dakota was over the 90th percentile in the nation for student satisfaction in 12 of the 16 areas and in the $\geq 75^{\text{th}}$ percentile in 3 of the areas. Other results of the survey indicated that 86% of the class was planning to practice in South Dakota.

- ❖ Recruitment Assistance Programs – Josie Petersen provided updates on both the Rural Healthcare Facility Recruitment Assistance Program (RHFRAP) and the Recruitment Assistance Program (RAP). For RHFRAP, 36 professionals who entered the program in 2014 have completed or will be completing their contracts in the current fiscal year. For 2015 participants, 41 of the 60 are still in the program and for 2016, 65 of 70 are still participating. Enrollment for 2017 is still open until December 31st and there is one remaining slot to be filled. For RAP, 13 of the 15 physician slots are filled, 4 of the 5 dentist slots are filled, and 12 of 15 PA/NP/NM slots are filled. Physician and dentist participants currently receive about \$209,000 upon completion of the three-year service commitment and PAs/NPs receive about \$57,000.
- ❖ Scrubs Camps/Camp Meds – Josie Petersen shared that there will be 21 Scrubs Camps held in 18 locations and 11 Camp Meds in 9 different locations during the current school year. In response to a question, Josie indicated that they do try to track whether kids who go through health camps eventually end up in health careers but that that information is difficult to get. She did share the story of one student who based on his Scrubs camp experience, went on to dental school and is now a RAP participant practicing in Faith.
- ❖ 2018 Legislative Session – Kim Malsam-Rysdon provided a brief update on the upcoming 2018 legislative session. With revenues not expected to grow significantly in the next year, it is anticipated that there will not be money for new initiatives. The DOH will be introducing the special appropriation bill to reimburse RAP and RHFRAP participants and the Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners will be introducing a bill to correct an oversight in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact bill that was passed in 2015 dealing with FBI background checks.
- ❖ Other Updates – Mark Schmidt shared that Lead-Deadwood Hospital, which owns the ambulance service in the community, is in the process of writing a petition to the SD Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners to permit paramedics to practice within their existing scope but in an expanded community paramedicine role. The petition will be presented at the December 14th board meeting.

Kim Malsam-Rysdon shared that the DOH has been working with the Department of Social Services on a community health worker (CHW) proposal. CHW serve as a liaison between health/social services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve the quality and cultural competence of service delivery. If approved to move forward, DSS would seek Medicaid coverage for CHW services.

Review of Draft 2017 Annual Report

Susan Sporrer provided an overview of the draft annual report. The report reflects the new performance metrics that were developed by the Oversight Committee during 2017 to provide more detail information regarding programs and provide context to some measures by comparing South Dakota both nationally and regionally. Susan noted that the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) State Workforce Report has released updated data since the draft annual report was developed and distributed so those measure using AAMC data will be update prior to finalizing the report. Dr. Nettleman noted that the information she provided on student satisfaction with

clinical faculty would be appropriate for the metric regarding preceptor experiences. The draft report will be updated based on Oversight Committee input.

Selection of Focus Areas for 2018

Kim Malsam-Rysdon shared that 2018 will likely be the last year of the Oversight Committee as the Daugaard Administration comes to an end. Committee members discussed that the focus should be on any initiatives that need closure and then identification of emerging issues that might be seen after the Oversight Committee disbands. Selected focus areas for 2018 include: (1) the Rural Residency Track and making sure that is on solid footing moving forward in the next Administration; (2) evaluation as to whether the work of the committee in expanding community access to primary care has impacted the health of the community; and (3) physician/provider wellness (i.e., mental health, substance abuse) to increase retention.

Wrap-Up

The DOH will work to identify 2018 meeting dates.