

**Date:** October 25, 2018

**In Attendance:** Claude Brunson, MD; Thomas Dobbs, MD; Hugh Gamble, MD; Ed Ivancic, MD; Loretta Jackson-Williams, MD; Thomas Joiner, MD; Katherine Patterson, MD; Jason Word

**OMPW Staff:** John R. Mitchell, MD; Zonzie McLaurin, DHA, Nicole Borges, PhD; Julie Paul, Glenn Thomas. Absent: Evelyn R. Walker, MD.

**Via Conference Call:** Ed Barham, MD; Rance McClain, DO

**Absent:** Tim Alford, MD; Jennifer Hicks, MD; Ashley Hood, DO; Aurelia Jones-Taylor; Jamie Miller, Tim Moore, Andrew Ouzts, MD; Shannon Pittman, MD; Janice Sherman; Shirley Schlessinger, MD; Wayne Slocum, MD

**Recognition of Visitors:** Dr. Hood could not be in attendance. Dr. Seger Morris served as representative of the Mississippi Osteopathic Medical Association.

Meeting called to order: 2:05 p.m. Quorum met.

**Review of Minutes:** The Board reviewed minutes from the May10, 2018 OMPW Advisory Board meeting. Minutes were unanimously passed without amendment. Board members also reviewed minutes from the August 28, 2018 OMPW Executive Board Meeting.

### **New Business**

#### **2019 Legislative Session**

OMPW expects no legislative mandates. Dr. Mitchell encouraged board members to contact their legislators and advocate for continued funding at \$1,500,000. Unless a new program development occurs before the end of year. OMPW expects no further GME program expenditures.

#### **Medicaid GME and Mississippi Medicaid State Health Plan Document Rewrite**

Dr. Mitchell met with Representative Sam Mims and leaders from Merit Health Wesley and Forrest General Hospital to discuss the Mississippi Medicaid GME funding component in the state health plan. Later the same day, OMPW met with the Medicaid leadership to discuss the document and the challenges it presents as currently worded. In collaboration with these entities and others, OMPW will submit for consideration a re-write of the two pages in the state health plan addressing Medicaid GME. OMPW has since had the opportunity to discuss the document with UMMC leadership. OMPW will continue to edit and revise to improve clarity.

#### **Magnolia Regional Health Center (MRHC) Emergency Medicine Residency**

MRHC leadership received and expended the financial award from OMPW. OMPW will examine the possibility of further assistance dependent upon new project funding interest and applications. MRHC has submitted an application for ACGME approval of a 6-6-6 Emergency Medicine Residency Program with a planned July 2019 startup.

#### **OMPW Application for Inquiry and Financial Assistance**

OMPW presented board members with a finalized version of its information/financial assistance inquiry policy. The procedure will establish a uniform response procedure regarding OMPW inquiries and/or requests.

### **Budget Update**

A summary of GME project requests, first presented at the May 2018 Spring Advisory Meeting, was distributed to board members for review. OMPW was awarded \$1.425 million in legislative funding for the current fiscal year, however, project funding is not limited to a 12-year timeline. As a result, OMPW will have residual funds remaining from the last fiscal year and will forward the surplus (\$1,134,678) to next year's budget.

## **Project Updates**

### **Mississippi Medical Education and Research Consortium (MSMERC)**

Dr. Mitchell presented Board members with an overview of MSMERC phases of development and informational items:

#### **Informational Items:**

Dr. Walker completed and submitted the ACGME Sponsoring Institution application and will be notified of approval status in mid-January. Residency start-up date is targeted for July 1, 2020.

OMPW has contracted with the consulting firm, Partners in Medical Education, to assist with the February 2019 ACGME Program application. In the meantime, OMPW will work toward developing the residency's clinical infrastructure. King's Daughters Medical Center, if applicable, may be retrofitted to serve as the family medicine center clinic.

Drs. Mitchell and Walker will meet with Delta Regional Medical Center leadership on November 12<sup>th</sup> to review potential facilities and meet with local medical staff and community leaders.

At present, Greenwood LeFlore Hospital will remain in discussion as a potential participating MSMERC partner. Both South Sunflower County Hospital and The Community Health Center Association of Mississippi (formerly Mississippi Primary Health Care Association) will play critical roles in the development of the consortium.

Dr. Walker has joined UMMC's Department of Family Medicine and will work part-time as Assistant Professor at the Lakeland and Flowood clinics. This appointment will also add to her development and qualifications as MSMERC Program Director/Designated Institutional Official.

### **Graduate Medical Education (GME) Programs**

#### **Baptist Memorial Hospital - DeSoto**

The hospital has not yet identified a family medicine program director.

#### **Baptist Memorial Hospital - North Mississippi**

The identified internal medicine program director withdrew her application. The program is currently seeking applicants. Dr. Mitchell requested referrals and/or suggestions from the Board.

#### **Baptist Memorial Hospital - Golden Triangle**

Interest in a psychiatry residency program remains strong, however, the hospital has not yet identified a program director.

### **EC-Healthnet**

Dr. Sarah Grabmiller is the new EC- Healthnet Program Director. Dr. Grabmiller was accepted to the Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors (AFMRD) National Institute for Program Director Development Program (NIPPD). Dr. Lee Valentine will remain as faculty.

### **Merit Health Wesley Internal Medicine Program - Preliminary ACGME Accreditation Approval for 10-10-10 Program**

Merit Health Wesley Internal Medicine Program has received preliminary ACGME approval to transition from a 6-6-6 osteopathic program to a 10-10-10 allopathic program. Merit's has applied for ACGME accreditation for its osteopathic Transitional Year Residency Program and is awaiting approval. Merit leadership received and expended the financial award from OMPW to update their GME-dedicated area.

### **Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center and Merit Health Wesley- Biloxi**

Dr. Mitchell will continue to meet with hospital representatives. GME interest and need remains strong.

### **Old Business**

#### **Mississippi Statewide Medical Educator Development (MS MED) Certificated Program Update**

MS MED placed an advertisement in the Mississippi State Medical Association (MSMA) agenda that was distributed recently to attendees of the Celebration of the 150th meeting of the House of Delegates. Another MS MED advertisement will be placed in the November/December MSMA Journal which will recap the celebration presentations. The advertisement will highlight MS MED's curriculum and venues which include: a yearlong certificate program, on-site medical educator development sessions for faculty and health care professionals at local, regional, and state-level professional meetings and conferences, and customized on-site education sessions for residents, faculty, and other educators. The revised curriculum will be spearheaded by OMPW staff members Nicole Borges and Zonzie McLaurin and William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine faculty Makayla Merritt and Lisa McClain. The program is also available to non-faculty physicians and can be tailored to individual learning groups. Dr. Borges will investigate the cost and benefits of CME accreditation. OMPW will work toward creating MSMED workshop opportunities at Mississippi State Medical Association and Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians programming and summer meetings.

#### **Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Visit**

In August, OMPW hosted members of an ACGME task force that focuses on medically underserved rural populations and physician needs. Through small group discussions, the task force met with physicians, residents, hospital presidents, state legislators, former hospital CEOs, graduate medical education directors, and UMMC and William Carey leaders who offered suggestions and strategies for solving the physician/Graduate Medical Education training program shortage. Meetings went extremely well and provided an excellent opportunity for ACGME Institutional Review Committee members to learn of plans for the Mississippi Medical Education and Research Consortium.

#### **Graduate Medical Education (GME) Training in Mississippi**

Dr. Mitchell presented members with a chart detailing GME slots in Mississippi. Approximately 75% of residents train at UMMC. Since OMPW's formation in 2012, approximately 100 training slots have been added via non-academic GME programs.

### **ROMP – Follow-up on 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Opportunities For Mississippi Physicians Career Fair**

OMPW met with representatives from the Community Health Center Association of Mississippi (CHCAMS), Mississippi Rural Health Association, Mississippi Hospital Association, and Mississippi Economic Council to discuss ways to improve potential rural hospital/clinic employer involvement. Although medical student and resident participation is greater than past years, ROMP has not had success attracting rural/small town/ healthcare and community exhibitors. OMPW will review and re-examine options suggested at the meeting including partnering with other healthcare organizations and hosting the site at multiple venues.

### **IT Update**

OMPW has contracted with Gary Hennington, President of the Geospatial Group, to work through processes for data recovery and reconstruction, new data, data sharing, and public availability of the OMPW products. A workable, publicly accessible GIS physician site is planned for early 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.