

UTAH MEDICAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2014

Held 12:00 p.m. UMEC offices

Council Members Present:

Wayne Samuelson (Chairman)
Gar Elison Doug Smith
Mary Williams Sue Wilkey (by phone)
Mark Hiatt

Council Members Excused:

Larry Reimer
John Berneike

Other Individuals Present:

Sharee Bracken

Staff Present:

Ric Campbell Jenna Christensen
Julie Olson Clark Ruttinger
Jaron Halford
Andrew Salt

Motions:

- The June 4, 2014 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
- The Council approved the Pharmacist Workforce Report recommendations.

Action Items:

- To be included in the next report, Andrew will differentiate the participants in the rural rotation program with a rural background and non-rural background. Andrew will also look at the actual numbers in regard to the Utah Valley Family Medicine Program participants and make sure they are designated from that program (Table 4). Also, the training sites need to include Manti, where Dr. Bob Armstrong precepts family medicine residents.
- The next pharmacy report will include information as to what kinds of residencies are available.

Handouts:

- Agenda for 11-5-2014 Meeting
- Minutes of the 6-14-14 Meeting
- Rural Rotation Program
- Pharmacy Report - Draft

1. Call to order and approval of 6-4-14 minutes - Wayne

2. Graduate Medical Education - Ric

Result of Medicaid Request:

Staff presented to the Medical Care Advisory Committee on Medicaid the idea of expanding Medicaid dollars for residencies. The committee ranked the request 16 out of 19 in the list of priorities. However, the staff felt good about getting on the radar and to inform people that there is a need. The long-term approach will probably require a “champion” legislator who will back the funding.

Feedback on Residency Funding Solutions Business Model:

Ric distributed a brochure from a company with a novel approach to residency funding. For candidates who are not successful in the match, but still desirous to do a residency, this company has created a way for these candidates to negotiate and fund their own residency (\$80,000 to \$90,000/year). Sharee Bracken will look at this business model with Allen Smith.

3. Rural Rotation Program Report - Andrew

Andrew reviewed the rural rotation program. The program averages about 100 participants a year. The program includes medical residents, pharmacy students, dental students, nurse practitioner and physician assistant students. 8% of the rural participants ultimately choose a rural setting in which to practice.

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The program is up for sunset review next year. Ric will be presenting to a legislative committee in November. Senator Vickers, the chair, is willing to carry the legislation.

4. Pharmacist Workforce Report – Jaron

Jaron reviewed the draft report for pharmacy.

Staff sought guidance regarding the chart of the percentage of time in various activities of a pharmacist. The percentages total 171% due to crossover in different pharmacy settings (there is not a “typical pharmacist”) and doing two activities at the same time. The pharmacy committee did not have a problem with the way this data was presented. Dr. Smith suggested reporting this data as is with the addition of an explanation. Jaron also suggested building profiles of certain pharmacists to show data according to profile, which Dr. Samuelson also preferred.

Dr. Smith asked if there was a plan to study pharmacy residencies. Some baseline information on this issue is included in the report.

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