

Physician Manpower Training Commission
Commission Meeting
August 22, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The Board of Physician Manpower Training Commission met for a regular meeting at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, August 22, 2019, at the offices of Oklahoma State University at 900 North Portland Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with LeRoy Young hosting. Notice of the meeting date had been properly filed with the Secretary of State, and a copy of the notice and agenda was posted by Tuesday, August 20th by 10:00 a.m., in prominent public view at PMTC and on the Commission website, <http://pmtc.publishpath.com/default.aspx>, in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

Commission Members Present

Pam Spanbauer, Chair, RN BSN, Med	Bruce Storms, MD, Vice Chair
Jack Beller, MD	Zane DeLaughter, DO
Jason Hill, DO	Kevin Khoury
Joe L. Leverett, MD	

PMTC Staff Present

Janie S. Thompson	Michelle Cecil
Aneesa Sharp	Diane Mickelson
Deborah Butler	

Ex-Officio Members & Guests

Steven A. Crawford, MD, OU College of Medicine, *Ex-officio*
William J. Pettit, DO, *Ex-officio*
Lesley VanVolkingburg
LeRoy Young, DO
Gary Slick, DO, OSU Center for Rural Health
Lana Ivy, Oklahoma Osteopathic Association
Joe Ashbaker, Assistant Attorney General
Andy Fosmire, Oklahoma Hospital Association
Hollye Hunt - OU
Patti Davis, Oklahoma Hospital Association
Jessica Russell, OSU
Matt Robison, Director of Government Affairs, Oklahoma State Medical Association
Jonas Mata, TSET

1. Call the Meeting to Order and Introductions, & Roll Call

Ms. Spanbauer opened the meeting at 10:06 a.m. by thanking Dr. LeRoy Young, OSU OKC, for hosting the Commission meeting. Roll Call was taken with all Commissioners present. Director Richard Evans left before the meeting began due to illness.

2. Consideration and Vote to Approve/Disapprove Minutes of the June 20, 2019, Commission Meeting

Dr. Storms made the motion to approve the June 20, 2019, minutes with a wording clarification to page six of the printed copy, the section: "Legislation – Budget". Dr. Beller asked for a clarification of the amount: OSMA has given \$500,000 to be paid over three years and to be spent over five years. Page 15 of the printed copy at the end of the sentence regarding Resident Rural Family Medicine Scholarship, the word "Oklahoma" was omitted. It should read: Five participants will complete their practice obligation in July and plan to remain in Oklahoma. Dr. DeLaughter seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Dr. Beller, Dr. DeLaughter, Dr. Hill, Kevin Khoury, Dr. Leverett, Ms. Spanbauer, and Dr. Storms. None were opposed.

3. Consideration and Vote to Approve/Disapprove Minutes of the July 18, 2019, Special Commission Meeting

Dr. Storms made the motion to approve the July 18, 2019, Special Meeting minutes as presented with Dr. DeLaughter seconding the motion. Voting in favor were: Dr. Beller, Dr. DeLaughter, Dr. Hill, Kevin Khoury, Dr. Leverett, Ms. Spanbauer, and Dr. Storms. None were opposed.

4. Consideration and Possible Action regarding the FY2021 PMTC Budget Request

Ms. Thompson presented Mr. Evan's PowerPoint presentation on the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget request.

Ms. Spanbauer made a motion from the Budget Committee to approve the FY21 Budget Request with a proposed request for additional funding for Family Medicine Residency Programs once more data is received. Dr. Leverett seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Dr. Beller, Dr. DeLaughter, Dr. Hill, Kevin Khoury, Dr. Leverett, Ms. Spanbauer, and Dr. Storms. None were opposed.

5. Consideration and Possible Vote regarding Loan Repayment rules and statute changes – Increase Maximum Available

Ms. Thompson brought up for discussion increasing loan repayment amounts as the commission had wanted to revisit the amounts. The current amount is \$160,000. Dr. Hill had been looking at what the military pays which is \$250,000. Texas pays \$160,000 with no differentiation between metropolitan and rural. Texas, however, uses a vaping and smokeless tobacco tax to provide additional funds for loan repayments. Their competing edge is they are giving two different windows of 100 loan repayments each year for a total of \$160,000 without restrictions. The proposal makes Oklahoma more competitive and encourages more physicians to stay in rural Oklahoma. It would increase loan repayment from \$160,000 to \$200,000. There

would be a change to the payment schedule from a graduated payment—which is a little more difficult to budget—even for our partners providing funds, to a flat \$50,000 per year for four year.

Dr. Storms requested clarification on the "\$200,000/\$60,000" wording. Ms. Thompson explained that the first amount is for Physicians and the second amount is for PAs as listed in the rules, which is not being revised.

Jonas from TSET was present for the discussion. Ms. Thompson explained they are paying \$64,000 over a four year period on the current 40:40:20. TSET also honored 41.43% on older loan repayments while PMTC is picking up the other 58.57%. Attorney General Ashbaker is working with Blue Cross Blue Shield on a contract detailing the \$500,000. BCBS is being very specific about how the \$160,000 will be paid over four years. Ms. Thompson stated that PMTC would have to supplement the money.

Dr. Hill stated he felt it is a step in the right direction as the national average student loan debt is over \$300,000. Ms. Thompson confirmed if they owe less than \$200,000, they will only receive what they owe. Dr. Storms asked if the commission thought it was a good number to start with or go higher. Dr. Leverett reminded that the \$200,000 is tax-free money.

Dr. Beller made the motion to approve the rule change only as proposed for \$200,000. Dr. Storms seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Dr. Beller, Dr. DeLaughter, Dr. Hill, Kevin Khoury, Dr. Leverett, Ms. Spanbauer, and Dr. Storms. None were opposed.

6. Consideration and Possible Vote regarding Loan Repayment rules and statute changes – Expand Definition of Primary Care

PMTC had contacted Oklahoma Hospital Association staff after the July Commission meeting regarding doing a survey. Ms. Thompson passed the floor to Mr. Andy Fosmire to present the results of the survey. Mr. Fosmire expressed his appreciation on behalf of the rural members to have their opinion heard. He stated that he was asked to survey for input, if there was an opportunity to use an expansion of loan repayment funds for specialty positions. The survey asked what those positions might be. The brief survey was distributed to 70 of the Oklahoma Hospital Association members. There were two questions: (1) Would they use PMTC funds for this specialty? "No, yes, or maybe". He stated that the results showed a bell curve aside from flat: orthopedics and urology. General surgeon, with 34, was the highest one. (2) What other special needs might be needed? 4-ob/gyn, 3-ENT, gastroenterology, (2) pulmonology, hospitalist, internal medicine, dermatology, neurology and emergency medicine. One response was that they offer loan repayment as a part of all physician recruiting.

Ms. Thompson stated that General Surgery was on the current proposal but opened the floor to other specialty suggestions. She added that Physician Community Match, as Dr. Beller had pointed out, already lists General Surgery and that adding it to Loan Repayment lines up the two programs.

Dr. Beller made the motion to adopt the effort to change the statute to include General Surgery. Dr. Storms seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Dr. Beller, Dr. DeLaughter, Dr. Hill, Kevin Khoury, Dr. Leverett, Ms. Spanbauer, and Dr. Storms. None were opposed.

7. Consideration and Possible Vote regarding Physician Assistant population restriction rules and statute changes

Ms. Thompson explained physician assistants were having trouble finding positions with the restricted population of 20,000 or less. She explained while there are many PA openings, they are in metropolitan areas and they want them to have at least two years of experience. They may not have a physician in the clinic or work side-by-side with one, or if they work in an emergency room or urgent care, they want someone with experience and be a little more on their own. Ms. Thompson proposed two options. The first proposal aligns with the Resident Rural Scholarship which does not restrict except for the Tulsa and OKC metropolitan areas. Lawton has been restricted since it is close to the 100,000 population and we have placed multiple doctors there, but statutes and rules do not restrict it. The second proposal moves the population restriction from 20,000 to 40,000. It adds five communities: Duncan, Ponca City, Ardmore, Shawnee and Owasso. Owasso is an MSA. It opens up Duncan, Ponca City, Ardmore, Bartlesville and Muskogee. If we use the first one it opens it up and aligns with Resident Rural adding Lawton, Enid and Stillwater. Stillwater's population is 48,600 on the present census.

Dr. Hill made the motion in Title 540 Chapter 45-1-3 to strike the words "and having a population of 20,000 or less according to the last preceding United States Decennial Census". Dr. Storms seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Dr. Beller, Dr. DeLaughter, Dr. Hill, Kevin Khoury, Dr. Leverett, Ms. Spanbauer, and Dr. Storms. None were opposed.

Ms. Thompson presented information on Physician Community Match which states the population should be 10,000 or less. She noted the rules do not restrict but state "Priority shall be given to underserved rural communities with a population of less than 10,000, which qualify under the current rules approved by the Commission and State Legislature." The question was asking if the wording should be changed.

Ms. Spanbauer asked if there is criteria that can equally be considered so each has an equal opportunity. Ms. Thompson explained that is what makes it difficult since physicians can apply at any time, there is no competing, so communities can approach PMTC at any time. She stated putting in the same approved wording as Resident Rural it might be more appropriate. Ms. Thompson confirmed for Dr. Storms how the Physician Community Match pays: \$50,000 for three years and \$30,000 for two years. The one-time payment is restricted to communities of 10,000.

Dr. Storms stated that the consistent wording needs to state it is everybody outside of the Tulsa and Oklahoma City metropolitan area if that is how we are going to define rural.

Dr. Hill asked if we use a calculation right now to stratify the most underserved areas. Ms. Thompson responded we do but it would not be wording that we would include in a rule.

Dr. Storms made the motion in Title 540 Chapter 35-1-3 to add additional language after the word "underserved" strike the "." It should say "rural Oklahoma communities outside the Oklahoma City and Tulsa metropolitan service areas." Strike the word "Priority shall" through "State Legislature." Dr. Beller seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Dr. Beller, Dr. DeLaughter, Dr. Hill, Kevin Khoury, Dr. Leverett, Ms. Spanbauer, and Dr. Storms. None were opposed.

8. Consideration and Possible Action on Nursing Program

- *Approval of matching and non-matching nurse scholarships for FY20*

Dr. Storms made the motion to approve the 64 matching and 54 non-matching nurse scholarships for FY20. Mr. Khoury seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Dr. Beller, Dr. DeLaughter, Dr. Hill, Kevin Khoury, Dr. Leverett, Ms. Spanbauer, and Dr. Storms.
None were opposed.

- *Approval of any late sponsored applications submitted for FY20*

Dr. Storms made the motion to approve using \$40,000 leftover nursing money for any late sponsored applications. Dr. DeLaughter seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Dr. Beller, Dr. DeLaughter, Dr. Hill, Kevin Khoury, Dr. Leverett, Ms. Spanbauer, and Dr. Storms.
None were opposed.

9. Consideration and Possible Action regarding Physician Assistant Scholarship Program – Ms. Sharp

- *McKenzie Lloyd*

Dr. Storms made the motion to approve PA Student McKenzie Lloyd for a Physician Assistant Scholarship. Dr. DeLaughter seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Dr. Beller, Dr. DeLaughter, Dr. Hill, Kevin Khoury, Dr. Leverett, Ms. Spanbauer, and Dr. Storms.
None were opposed.

10. Consideration and Possible Action regarding Physician Loan Repayment Program – Ms. Thompson

- *Roselynn R. Dean, MD*
- *Jentry McLaughlin, DO*
- *Vanessa Meuniot, DO*

Dr. Pettit state that after six months Dr. Meuniot will become full faculty at the McAlester Residency Program.

Dr. Leverett made the motion to approve the four Physician Loan Repayment applicants. Dr. DeLaughter seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Dr. Beller, Dr. DeLaughter, Dr. Hill, Kevin Khoury, Dr. Leverett, Ms. Spanbauer, and Dr. Storms. None were opposed.

11. Physician Placement Report – Ms. Sharp/Ms. Thompson

Ms. Sharp and Ms. Thompson gave updates and provided charts and graphs for the various programs.

12. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

13. Discussion and vote to Adjourn

Dr. Leverett made the motion to adjourn Dr. Storms seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Dr. Beller, Dr. DeLaughter, Dr. Hill, Kevin Khoury, Dr. Leverett, Ms. Spanbauer, and Dr. Storms. None were opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.