

Hawai'i Medical Education Council (HMEC) Meeting
 July 25, 2022 Time: 7:30-9:00 a.m.
 John A. Burns School of Medicine, Medical Education Building #202 and via Zoom

Members Present: Mary Ann Antonelli (representing the federal healthcare sector), Lee Buenconsejo-Lum (Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Designated Institutional Official (DIO) for Graduate Medical Education, JABSOM), Katherine Finn Davis (for Interim Dean Clementina Ceria-Ulep, representing Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing), Jerris Hedges (Chair, JABSOM Dean), Colleen Inouye (representing the health professions community), Lorrin Kim (for Elizabeth Char, representing the Department of Health), COL Judy Kovell (representing a hospital conducting ACGME programs), Loic Le Marchand (Interim Director UH Cancer Center), Kenneth Nakamura (for Leslie Chun, representing a hospital conducting ACGME programs), Lisa Rantz (representing a person of the general public), and Todd Seto (representing a hospital conducting ACGME programs).

Members Absent: Linda Rosen (representing the health professions community).

Others in Attendance (Public): Chip Ellis (CFO, University Health Partners of Hawai'i), Aimee Grace (Director of UH System Office of Strategic Health Initiatives), Lynn Iwamoto (Assistant DIO, JABSOM), Cynthia Nakamura (Government Affairs and Legislative Consultant), Holly Olson (Deputy DIO, JABSOM), Susan Steinemann (Assistant DIO, JABSOM), Kelley Withy (Director, AHEC), and Derek Wong (Interim CEO, University Health Partners of Hawai'i).

HMEC Administrator: Lee Buenconsejo-Lum **Recorder:** Crystal Costa

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| 1. Review of Minutes – Dean J. Hedges | Minutes from the last meeting, held on 4/25/22, were approved by voting members. There was one abstention by Dr. Le Marchand who was not present at the previous meeting. The motion for approval came from Dr. Todd Seto and was seconded by Dr. Maryann Antonelli. Voting was conducted by raising hands for those in person and using the “raise hand” feature for those attending via Zoom. | |
| 2. Public Comment Period | No comments during this time. | |
| 3. Chair Report - Dean J. Hedges | <p><u>Report from HMEC Chair (Dr. Jerris Hedges)</u></p> <p>In additional to welcoming comments or questions from public attendees at the opening of the meeting, Dean Hedges explained that there will be another opportunity for public comments before the meeting closes. As a reminder, in-person meeting locations will continue to be made available for future meetings in addition to a virtual Zoom option.</p> <p>Welcome Dr. Loic Le Marchand, Interim Director of the UH Cancer Center.</p> <p>In regards to legislative updates, Dean Hedges commented that while the physician workforce needs have been an ongoing crisis for some time, is it also important that we work together to support the entire healthcare workforce and noted the efforts being done in the school of nursing to better support the needs of the community.</p> <p>a. GME-related state legislation (Cynthia Nakamura)</p> <p>The 2022 session of the legislature was very successful and resulted in JABSOM's priority initiatives passing.</p> | Ongoing updates. |

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| | <p>SB 2657 Relating to Medical Education and Training was signed into law on 7/7/2022 as ACT 262. The bill (1) Appropriates \$2.7 M to JABSOM to create more residency and training opportunities on the neighbor islands; and (2) Appropriates \$4 M to JABSOM to create additional medical residency and training opportunities through a partnership between JABSOM and the Veterans Affairs.</p> <p>SB 2597, Relating to Loan Repayment for Health Care Professionals, was also signed into law on 7/7/2022 as ACT 263. This bill appropriates \$500,000 in state funds to JABSOM’s loan repayment program which will enable JABSOM to seek matching federal funds for a total of \$1M in funding that will go a long way in providing loan repayment to health care professionals who will work in medically underserved communities throughout the State.</p> <p>Additionally, \$1.8 M was appropriated to JABSOM in the state budget to expand residency training to the neighbor islands.</p> <p>b. GME updates (Dr. Lee Buenconsejo-Lum)</p> <p>The new academic year has started with many JABSOM residency and fellowship graduates remaining in Hawaii. Some have remained to fulfill service contracts as recipients of loan repayment programs, including the Freeman Scholar program (three awards offered in 2022 of \$40K loan support tied to a two-year service commitment), while others finding their desired positions in our communities. The work continues to track our GME graduates post training to monitor where they go and how long it takes them to return.</p> <p>We also continue to work closely with our health system partners to build alignment and synergies in regards to quality and patient safety and promote well-being and resilience to find meaning in work and reduce burnout with an aim to create environments our trainees want to work in. A report of our annual institutional review (to be held in September) will be provided at our next meeting.</p> <p>Expansions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Family Medicine and Obstetrics & Gynecology programs are working together to pursue a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) \$750K (over 3 years) grant to develop the infrastructure of a rural residency training program on Kauai. A 50% training requirement will need to be completed on Kauai and the programs are working closely with the DIO and HPH teams in hopes to build a robust infrastructure that will be able to obtain new CMS positions. The grant is due in January and teams are beginning their work to review curriculum and develop plans to complete the grant before the holidays. 2) The Queen’s Medical Center is exploring a primary care rural training track that would supplement and augment the current Internal Medicine training program noting that QMC is designated as a “rural referral center”. Opportunities continue to be explored. | |
| <p>4. Physician Workforce Data Updates & Synergies</p> | <p>Physician Workforce Data Updates & Synergies – Lisa Rantz, Drs. Aimee Grace & Kelly Withy</p> <p>a. Access to Care (ATC) (Lisa Rantz)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The ATC program launched in the fall of 2021 with a simple goal: to better understand what Hawai’i needs to improve timely access to healthcare services. Questions included access to care, financial support needed (purchasing essential items like food, medicine, etc.), and postponing care. The final report will be released this week and will be accessible to all. ● More than 600 respondents reported a need for mental health services that are unable to be met. | <p>Ongoing Updates.</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future work groups will be created and all are invited to join to help address specific topics that will be presented to the Governor who has made a commitment to supporting rural healthcare needs. More will be discussed at the upcoming Hawaii Workforce Summit (September 2022) where there will be a call to action to address and support rural health. <p><u>b. Federal appropriations and GME financing update (Dr. Aimee Grace)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Build Back Better package has been stalled and the work continues to obtain more GME positions with advocacy for non-contiguous areas to be included in the rural criterion, and to add a new criterion for hospitals that partner with minority-serving institutions like UH. UH is starting a Rural Health Research and Policy Center using a \$1M grant that is expected to begin in August 2022. Dr. Kelley Withy will be a co-investigator (in addition to Dr. Grace) with key partners including the Hawaii State Rural Health Association, DOH Office of Rural Health and the Pacific Basin Telehealth Resource Center. This is a one-year grant that is hoping to produce policy briefs that will help to bring more awareness and highlight the list of needs for Hawaii. Will be aiming to hire a project manager/grant writer to support the project and hope to continue to work after a year to keep efforts and initiatives moving. Native Hawaiian (NH) and Pacific Islander (PI) (FY23 House Milcon/VA Bill) to establish a Center for NHPIUSAPI to better serve veterans, is to partner with a non-government institutions and universities to focus on issues specific to the community. This includes telehealth and telepharmacy to reach remote and isolated areas using multi-disciplinary teams including clinical pharmacists and incorporating local and indigenous cultural practices in the VAs healthcare system. \$5M was awarded to establish The Center and work continues with the VA to develop opportunities outlined in the bill. Dr. Grace is working with the VA Director, Dr. Adam Robinson on potential leadership suggestions for The Center. A more coordinated approach to developing strategic legislative requests addressing healthcare is being developed across the UH system and ongoing updates will be provided. <p><u>c. Physician Workforce Update (Dr. Kelley Withy)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Withy shared the draft agenda and flyer for the upcoming Hawaii Healthcare Workforce Summit to be held on Saturday, September 24, 2022 from 8:00 am-5:00 pm at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. There will still be a virtual Zoom option for this year's conference. The theme for this year's summit is "Creating Lasting Solutions; Effective Real Change and is expecting over 600 participants. Please keep an eye out for the final materials that will be distributed widely. This year's conference will be aiming to document all the current initiatives being done throughout the state in hopes to begin a more coordinated approach and building partnerships to address sustainable solutions. This includes address the housing concerns and financial incentives to address recruitment and retention. Updated workforce shortage numbers will be shared during the Summit and be reported at the next HMEC meeting. <p><u>d. Preceptor Tax Credit Update (Dr. Kelley Withy)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future work will continue on revisions to the credit to make it more accessible to providers from the neighbor islands to be eligible. | |
| <p>5. Public Comment Period</p> | <p>Dr. Kenneth Nakamura wondered if it would be a good time to start discussions on coordinated efforts in education to review the models that would provide the right number and right kind of team based care to increase access. Dean Hedges and Dr. Lee Buenconsejo-Lum share that coordinated efforts are important and that future meetings are being developed to address short-term</p> | <p>FYI. Discussion only.</p> |

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| | and long-term strategies to build better alignment supported financial and administratively by UH System. The College of Health Sciences will be reviewing models in August/September. Updates forthcoming. | |
| 6. New Business | No new business was addressed. | |
| 7. Additional Items | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next HMEC meeting: Monday, October 24, 2022, at 7:30 am, location JABSOM Medical Education Building Room 202 and via Zoom. | |
| 8. Adjournment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting adjourned by Dean Hedges at 8:52 am. | |

Minutes Approved: CC, 10/24/22 (Recorders Initials & Date)

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