Graduate Medical Education Expansion Review Board & Advisory Group Meeting

June 5, 2020

Teleconference

Attendees-

Board: NM Human Services Department Cabinet Secretary Dr. David Scrase, Dr. Dave Rakel, Dr. Oliver Hayes, Dr. John Andazola, Dr. Janis Gonzales, Dr. Alisha Prada, Dr. Mauricio Tohen, Dr. Gayle Chacon, Harrison Rommel (representing NM Higher Education Department)

Advisory: Dr. Darrick Nelson, Dr. Jose Canaca, Pamela Blackwell, Dr. Pam Arenella, Dr. Val Wangler, Dr. Mac Bowen, Dr. Darra Kingsley
Staff: Alex Castillo Smith, Erica Archuleta, Audrey Cooper, Charlie Alfero, Holley Hudgins
Public: Sarah Zalud-Cerrato, Julia Ruetten

Minutes

Agenda item: **Welcome and Introductions** **Presenter:** Sec. Scrase & Chair Rakel

Discussion:

- Frame meeting and objectives
- Introductions
- Establish quorum
- Thanks for all work accomplished in such a short time-frame

Agenda item: **Approval: 3/6 and 5/11 meeting minutes** **Presenter:** Alex Castillo Smith

- Motion made for approval of 3/6 & 5/11 minutes- John Andazola
- Motion seconded- Mauricio Tohen
- Minutes approved

Agenda item: **FY21 GME Expansion & Special Legislative Session** **Presenter:** Sec. Scrase

Discussion:

- Outlined NM Human Services Department's (HSD) position for graduate medical education (GME) expansion for Fiscal Year 21
- Upcoming special session and revenue shortfalls
- Medicaid matching funds discussed
- Discussion around ways pubic may support these efforts
- COVID-19 long term increase in mental health needs in coming years
- Surge in behavioral health needs after pandemic
- With lack of psychiatrists, Family Medicine physicians are seeing patients in this capacity

Agenda item: **Strategic Plan Updates: Academic and Financial Sustainability** **Presenter:** Charlie Alfero

Discussion:

- Update on activity-Strategic plan/NM Primary Care Training Consortium (NMPCTC)

- Contract development
- Shiprock-US. Department of Health & Human Services Admin. (HRSA) grant approval for Rural Training Track (RTT) program
- CHRISTUS St. Vincent may possibly apply for federal HRSA development grant-RTT
- Doña Ana County: Family Medicine and Psychiatry programs in development phase
- NMPCTC contract with University of NM for clinical services support
    - Hiring for Statewide Network Development-Program Director, Chief Resident, and Program Coordinator support
- NMPCTC planning-board expansion to include psychiatry and on-going assessment of program support needs
- Discussion around grant funds use for resident salaries

Agenda item: **Strategic Plan Updates: Medicaid** **Presenter:** Erica Archuleta & Alex Castillo Smith

Discussion:

- Outline HSD's progress in addressing Medicaid financing issues related to GME
  Focus areas:
    - Raise Direct GME state annual payment limit to reflect full amount needed for existing and anticipated expansion.
    - Address Direct GME Full Time Employee limit to reflect full amount needed for existing and anticipated expansion.
    - Revise Direct GME payment structure to incentivize Primary Care.
    - Make Direct GME payments for existing resident positions equitable.
    - Change payment structure so residents are counted at provider employer location rather than rotating partner locations.
    - Amend provider types eligible for Medicaid Direct GME (e.g. Indian Health Service, behavioral health agencies).

Agenda item: **Open Group Discussion** **Presenter:** All

Discussion:

- Opportunity for all to ask questions, give input and updates
- Discussion around the need to increase Primary Care in collaboration with Indian Health Services
- Psychiatry/Behavioral Health-use of virtual technologies discussed

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Agenda item: **Summary & Next Steps** **Presenter:** Sec. Scrase & Alex Castillo Smith

Discussion:

- Outline GME Board & Advisory Group next steps
- Identified tasks and owners, as needed
- By statute board must meet quarterly
- Summer-work on GME Strategic Plan updates
- Programmatic-Technical assistance to existing programs and prospective applicants
- Fall-update/amend Strategic Plan
- Request for Applications-changes, updates, process improvement activities
- Medicaid policy work
- Creating work plan/timeline for HSD framework
- Possible deadline for next application - Jan 1, 2021
- Discussion: Barriers to applying
    - Community champion needed to drive program development

    - Financial pressures
- Discussion: Marketing/Toolkit for community discussions
    - Residency development-great marketing and recruitment tool for faculty
    - Create a 'Benefits to Community' tool as a visual for organizations detailing funding opportunities, recruitment benefits etc.
- Next meeting- Friday, September 4, 2020 (time and location TBD)
  Pre-meeting-IT support will be available to assist with any participant questions/issues

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