

Advisory Graduate Medical Education Council (AGMEC)
Thursday, March 25, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
UMDNJ – New Jersey Medical School
Medical Science Building/Dean's Conference Room, C677
Newark Campus

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Bojko, MD, MS, Chairperson
Alex D. Blanco, D.P.M., Public Member
Emmanuel Ashong, MD, Public Member (via telephone)
Richard Goldstein, MD, NJ Council of Teaching Hospitals
Robert Johnson, MD, Interim Dean, NJMS
Jeffrey L. Levine, MD, Atlantic Health System (via telephone)
Betsy Ryan, New Jersey Hospital Association (via telephone)
Rick Scott, MD, Meridian Health (via telephone)
Dr. Sensakovic, Seton Hall Univ. (via telephone)
Susan Volpicella-Levy, DO, President of the NJ Assoc. of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (via telephone)

Non-Voting Members Present:

Stanley Schiff, MD, UMDNJ/SOM

Voting Members Absent/Excused:

Ronald E. Lockman, Public Member

Staff Members Present:

John Franzini, Esq. Deputy Attorney General
Marguerite Beardsley, Commission on Higher Education
Michelle Robinson, Ethics Liaison Officer, Commission on Higher Education

Guests:

Kyla Scarponi, DO
Edward Kulesa, MD, American University of the Caribbean
David Kountz, MD, Jersey Shore University Medical Center

Dr. Bojko, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He announced that notice of the meeting was provided in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Introductions were made around the table and of those joining via telephone. There was a quorum of voting members present, either in-person or via teleconferencing.

The minutes of the previous meeting, June 25, 2009 were approved unanimously.

John Franzini, Deputy Attorney General, swore in the new member, Dr. Alex D. Blanco, who was appointed in January by Governor Corzine. Dr. Blanco is a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine and the Mayor of Passaic, NJ.

A motion was made and seconded to move to executive session to obtain legal advice regarding ethics matters and implementation of AGMEC's enabling legislation. A resolution was adopted to move to executive session that provided that the minutes of the executive session would be made available to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

AGMEC then moved to executive session and returned to open session at 10:55 a.m.

A discussion of the report of the subcommittee concerning draft regulations to approve a foreign medical school to operate a clinical clerkship program in New Jersey followed. Dr. Goldstein submitted his subcommittee's draft proposal for discussion.

Dr. Johnson submitted his subcommittee's draft proposal for approving a specific clinical clerkship program application. Both proposals were reviewed and discussed with the Council. (Proposals are attached to these minutes)

Discussion regarding Dr. Goldstein's proposal is as follows:

Definitions of the clerkships and teaching teams: Dr. Johnson felt it was an unreasonable standard mentioned in the definition of the Teaching team as there are teams in place but not the same requirements as listed in this definition. Dr. Scarponi was asked to do some research and advise the Committee of her findings.

ACGME Requirements to Host Clerkships—page 3, item No. (9) was discussed. The section that was added, "In addition, the Teaching Hospital applicant must agree, if approved, to join or be a member of national academic professional organization (AAMC, UHC, AOA) and is expected to participate on the Academic Affairs Council of the New Jersey Council of Teaching Hospitals." Dr. Johnson felt this was not appropriate.

Page 4, under Affiliation Agreement, third bullet—All patient orders must be signed by the house staff on the service caring for the patient and not by a hospitalist or a faculty physician. The Committee felt there is a problem with this wording as residents will be responsible for patient care and should have a significant role in the care of patients including responsibility for order writing.

Page 4, under Affiliation Agreement, fourth bullet—the wording "Outpatient facilities" should be changed to "ambulatory experience."

Dr. Johnson's proposal was reviewed with the Council and all changes are in red. Pages 3, "Additions to This Section" are a specific part of the GME regulation.

Mr. Franzini read a portion of AGMEC's enabling legislation that identifies an alternatively accredited medical school as the applicant to operate a specific clinical clerkship program.

A discussion concerning the status and evaluation of the SGUSOM/HUMC application followed.

The following motions were made and carried unanimously:

1. A motion was made to authorize the Chair, following receipt of the additional information requested of SGUSOM, to review the application from St. George's University School of Medicine for completeness and to determine completeness and advise the applicant. (Dr. Robert Johnson recused himself from this discussion).
2. A motion was made to authorize the Chair to appoint a committee consisting of three AGMEC members (voting or non voting) and authorizing the committee to evaluate the SGUSOM/Hackensack application for compliance with the provisions of AGMEC's enabling legislation, in particular, N.J.S.A.18A:64H-13, and to make a report and recommendation to the Council for approval or disapproval of the application. Members of AGMEC may submit comments to the committee concerning compliance with the statutory criteria and the committee shall arrange for and conduct a site visit to the hospital. The committee will prepare a report and submit it to all members of AGMEC and to the applicant and the hospital for comment. Comments from the applicant and the hospital shall be made in writing. The committee will prepare a final report and recommendation for approval or disapproval of the application for consideration of the full Council. Time frames to be determined by the committee in consultation with the Chair.

The Chair referred the two subcommittee reports to Ms. Beardsley (as administrative practices officer of the Commission on Higher Education) and DAG Franzini for review and to prepare draft regulations. When available, those draft regulations will be submitted to AGMEC for discussion and final approval. The Chair will work with Ms. Beardsley and Mr. Franzini to expedite the finalization of the drafts.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.