

Advisory Graduate Medical Education Council (AGMEC)
Thursday, July 24, 2008 --10:00 am
Room 3405, Clinical Academic Building, New Brunswick

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Bojko, MD, MS, Chairperson; UMDNJ-Child Health Institute
Emmanuel Ashong, MD (via telephone), Public Member
Richard Goldstein, MD, NJ Council of Teaching Hospitals
Robert Johnson, MD, Interim Dean, UMDNJ-NJMS
Ronald Lockman (via telephone), Public Member
Betsy Ryan (via telephone), President and CEO, NJ Hospital Association
Rick Scott, MD (via telephone), President of the Medical Society of NJ
Dr. John W. Sensakovic for Dr. Brian Shulman (via telephone), Seton Hall University
School of Graduate Medical Education

Voting Members Absent/Excused:

Elliott L. Ames, DO, President of the NJ Assoc. of Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons
Brian Little, MD, PhD, Past President, Association of Hospital Directors of Medical
Education of NJ

Staff Members Present:

Murphy Samson, UMDNJ
John Franzini, Esq., Deputy Attorney General
Marguerite Beardsley (via telephone), Commission on Higher Education

Dr. Bojko, AGMEC chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. He announced that the meeting was called in accordance with the regulations of the State of New Jersey with regard to public meetings. There was a quorum of voting members present, either in person or via teleconferencing.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the March 11, 2008, meeting. Dr. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Dr. Goldstein seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Dr. Bojko summarized the letter dated May 12, 2008, that he received from Anthony F. LaBue, Esq., of the law firm DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Wisler. The law firm represents St. George's University School of Medicine (SGUSOM), which is requesting an increase in the number of Internal Medicine clerkships at Trinitas Hospital from six to twelve. In addition SGUSOM is requesting authorization of a clerkship program in Psychiatry in lieu of a previously authorized program in Obstetrics and Gynecology since Trinitas no longer offers an Obstetrics and Gynecology residency program. According to Mr. LaBue, pursuant to NJSA 18A:64H-13(b), nine items of information along with documentation in support of this request are listed in the letter.

Dr. Bojko reminded the committee that the issues in question are a request for an increase in the number of clerks in Internal Medicine from 6 to 12 and conversion of the program in Obstetrics and Gynecology to a program in Psychiatry.

Dr. Bojko requested that the committee review the response letter and suggest revisions. There was discussion about suggested revisions and additions to the letter. The group agreed that in the interest of due diligence, certain information must be requested in order to make a decision. The information requests were noted as follows (corresponding to the numbers in Mr. LaBue's letter):

- (1) Copy of the agreement with Trinitas requiring students selected as clinical clerks to successfully complete the USMLE step 1
- (4) Evidence of Dr. Ghail being the director of medical education/clerkship director for the proposed clerkship program in Psychiatry
- (5) Copy of the agreement between SGUSOM and Trinitas and copies of the Internal Medicine and Psychiatry curricula
- (6) Certification by a hospital official as to the 2007 average daily census in Internal Medicine and Psychiatry
- (8) Evidence of current board certification of the Department Chairs in Internal Medicine and Psychiatry
- (9) Certification by a hospital official as to the current (as of July 2008) number of residents in Psychiatry and Internal Medicine.

A motion was made by Dr. Johnson and seconded by Dr. Ashong that the response letter be revised as indicated and sent to Mr. LaBue. All participating members voted in favor. The committee will have 90 days to respond following receipt of Mr. LaBue's response. A meeting will be convened at that time.

There being no further business at this time, Dr. Bojko thanked the committee for their attendance and participation. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.