

**COUNCIL ON GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION (COGME)
WEBINAR AND CONFERENCE CALL
SEPTEMBER 12, 2014**

Meeting Minutes: September 12, 2014

Council Members Present:

H. David Reines, MD, FACS, Chair
Kirk Calhoun, MD
Erin Corriveau, MD, MPH
Lois Margaret Nora, MD, JD, MBA
Mary Ellen Rimsza, MD, FAAP
Beth Roemer, MPH
Keya Sau, MD, PhD
Kenneth I. Shine, MD
Gamini S. Soori, MD, MBA, FACP, FRCP, CPE
David Squire, MPA
D. Keith Watson, DO
Daniel J. Winn, MD

Others Present:

Candice P. Chen, MD, MPH, Director, Division of Medicine and Dentistry
Jennifer Fiedelholz, Acting Director, Office of Workforce Development and Analysis
Juliette Jenkins, RN, MSN, Deputy Director, Division of Medicine and Dentistry

Friday, September 12, 2014

The Council on Graduate Medical Education (COGME) convened its meeting at 9:30 a.m. at the Health Resources and Services Administration's headquarters in the Parklawn Building, Room 18-67, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. The meeting was open to the public and was conducted via webinar and conference call.

Dr. David Reines opened the meeting and took roll. He then introduced Ms. Jennifer Fiedelholz. Ms. Fiedelholz spoke to the Council about HRSA's recent reorganization. The Bureau of Health Workforce was created in May 2014, integrating HRSA workforce programs previously housed in two separate bureaus: Health Professions and Clinician Recruitment and Service. She provided an overview of the Bureau's organization, priorities, and budget. She then addressed the council's questions and comments.

Dr. Candice Chen introduced herself to the Council and spoke about the resources and programs that were available to aid the Council's efforts to leverage resources for a better workforce. In the absence of Shane Rodgers, Designated Federal Official, Dr. Chen presented council updates and formally announced Dr. Gamini Soori's position as vice chair. She also introduced Ms. Michelle Lefkowitz, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), as the CMS liaison for COGME. Dr. Chen and Ms. Lefkowitz addressed questions and comments from the Council.

Discussion

Dr. Reines opened the floor for discussion on the COGME 22nd Report and the letter to Secretary Burwell on the recent Institute of Medicine (IOM) Report, *Graduate Medical Education That Meets the Nation's Health Needs*, which would be sent prior to the report's release. Dr. Lois Margaret Nora called for the Council to clarify the purpose and the goal of the letter, and to make recommendations that would establish the credibility of COGME as a policy body. She also suggested that the letter should spotlight the upcoming 22nd Report and address the published IOM report. The council discussed these concerns, the language of the letter, and ways to make COGME more effective by possibly restructuring of the council.

Discussion then moved to the subject of the 22nd Report. The council went through each section and discussed the report's language, the facts presented, and its organization, drawing out its focus on six key areas: outpatient training, funding, curriculum, accountability, COGME and governance. Council members continued to deliberate on ways the report should address the IOM report, and how COGME could have a louder and more effective voice as an Advisory Council for Congress. Dr. Reines, Dr. Nora, and the technical writer, agreed to make the discussed revisions to the report. Dr. Reines then called for council members to send topics for the next report to Ms. Anne Hughes-O'Bannon.

Dr. Reines opened the floor to public comments. The following members of the public provided comments at the meeting:

Stan Kozakowski, American Academy of Family Physicians
Earl Reisdorff, American Board of Emergency Medicine

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.