

Minutes of Meeting, January 19-20, 2011

The Council of Graduate Medical Education (COGME) convened in the Hilton Washington D.C. Rockville Executive Meeting Center at 8:30 am both January 19 and January 20, 2011.

Members Present

Russell G. Robertson, M.D., Chair
David Goodman, M.D., M.S., Member
Thomas Keane, M.D., Member
Jerry Kruse, M.D., M.S.P.H., Member
Spencer Nabors, M.D., M.P.H., Member
H. David Reines, M.D., Member
Mary Ellen Rimsza, M.D., Member
Keya Sau, Ph.D., Member
Gamini Sooriyaarachchi, M.D., M.B.A., Member
David Squire, Member
Donald Keith Watson, D.O., Member
Daniel Winn, M.D., Member
Barbara J. Chang, M.D., M.A., Designee of the Department of Veterans Affairs
Tzvi M. Hefter, Designee of the Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, DHHS
J. Nadine Gracia, M.D., Designee of the Assistant Secretary for Health, DHHS

Members Absent

Elizabeth Giesting, Member

Staff

Kathleen Klink, M.D., Director, Division of Medicine and Dentistry, Bureau of Health Professions
Jerald M. Katzoff, Executive Secretary
Eva Stone

Welcome

Dr. Robertson, Chair, welcomed the new and returning COGME members. He indicated that the prime focus of the two day meeting will be to hear presentations and discuss issues pertaining to the state of the current and future supply of the physician workforce and emerging issues for Graduate Medical Education.

Opening Remarks

Dr. Marcia Brand, Deputy Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and Dr. Janet Heinrich, Director, Bureau of Health Professions (BHP), each gave welcoming remarks. Both noted and congratulated the Council on its most recent report covering primary care. Both described the current activities of both HRSA and BHP, and indicated that the passage of the Affordability Care Act (ACA) in March 2010 has created challenges and opportunities for the Agency and Bureau. They both expressed the hope and trust that the Council's work will continue to complement and guide the Agency's and Bureau's activities and goals over the coming years. Dr. Heinrich noted the recent changes and expansion of staff at the Bureau. She introduced Dr. Kathleen Klink, the new Director of the Bureau's Division of Medicine and Dentistry. Both acknowledged the long term contributions of Jerry Katzoff, COGME's Executive Secretary, who will be retiring after 41 years of government service

Executive Secretary's Report

Mr. Katzoff reviewed the contents of the agenda and briefing book. He called attention to the fact that this meeting will be able to showcase the roll out of the Council's 20th report, as it follows the formal transmittal of the report to the DHHS Secretary and to the U.S. Senate's Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee and the House of Representative's Energy and Commerce Committee.

Presentations to the Council (First Day)

In mid morning, Drs. John Prescott (Association of American Medical Colleges), Paul Rockey (American Medical Association), Stephen Shannon (American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine), and Michael Whitcomb (George Washington University) gave presentations and participated in a panel discussion concerning issues for optimizing graduate medical education to best meet the needs of our nation.

Following the panel discussion, Tim Dall, formerly of the Lewin Group, presented his latest work and results of his study on the projections of supply and requirements for the primary care workforce by state. This work was done under contract to the BHP.

After lunch, Dr. Roger Straw, Director of the Bureau's Office of Workforce Policy and Performance Measurement, guided the COGME members through the new areas of performance measurements activity that have been given to COGME and the Bureau's other advisory committees through the passage of the ACA.

Dr. Kathleen White, senior staffer in the Bureau's National Center for Health workforce Analysis, presented current and future activities and studies of the Center. She stressed that the Center should be viewed as a prime data and analytical resource for the COGME.

Dr. Candice Chen (George Washington University) then presented the work of GWU staff on evaluating the output of a Graduate Medical Education program based on its social mission.

In late afternoon, Christina Boccutti and Craig Lisk, senior staffers of the Medicare Payment and Advisory Commission (MedPAC), presented on the chapter on Graduate Medical Education in the Commission's latest report.

The first day's plenary session ended at 5 pm.

Presentations to the Council (Second Day)

In the morning, Dr. Jerry Kruse, member of COGME, led the Council through the findings and recommendations of its 20th Report, *Advancing Primary Care*.

Following that presentation, Bob McNellis (American Academy of Physician Assistants) and Polly Bednash (American Association of Colleges of Nursing) each presented on their respective professions. Following their presentations, they each participated in panel discussions with COGME members concerning issues for their professions of importance to the council.

Council Items for Follow-up

Dr. Robertson asked the Council members to send in suggested topics to serve as candidates for COGME's next report. These suggestions will aid in the preparation for COGME's next meeting, to occur sometime in June 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M