

Texas Health Care Policy Council

Teacher Retirement System of Texas, 5th Floor Boardroom
1000 Red River Street, Austin, Texas 78701

PARTNERSHIP MEETING

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2008

9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stacey Silverman (Chair), Alexia Green (Vice Chair), Theresa Cruz, Maureen Milligan, John Monk, Ken Shine

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rick Danko, Larry Jones, and Larry Phillips

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting is called into order at 9:37 a.m. by Chair Stacey Silverman. Chair Silverman asked Mr. Tony Gilman, executive officer of the Texas Health Care Policy Council, to take roll. Chair Silverman welcomed members of the subcommittee and guests. She also welcomed Dr. Nancy Dickey, chair of the Health Care Policy Council, and Dr. Ben Raimer with the Statewide Health Coordinating Council who also participated in the meeting. She also noted that Ramdas Menon is representing Rick Danko and the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) today. Dr. Menon is the Director of the Center for Health Statistics at DSHS. Finally, Dr. Silverman announced that Dr. Don Peska, Associate Dean for Educational Programs with the University of North Texas Health Science Center, is representing the University of North Texas System.

REPORTS, UPDATES AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS

Approval of Minutes from the March 7, 2008 Meeting

Chair Silverman asked members to review the minutes of the March 7th meeting of the Texas Health Workforce Planning Partnership Subcommittee. Ms. Theresa Cruz made a motion to pass the minutes. Dr. Ken Shine seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Presentation by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on Nursing

Chair Silverman noted that the next item on the agenda was a presentation from Chris Fowler, Program Director, Department of Instruction and Academic Affairs, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, on partnerships and other collaborative efforts to increase the number of nursing graduates in Texas. Ms. Fowler reviewed the Coordinating Board's work to align nursing education issues with Closing the Gaps, including SB 138 (new curriculum model), SB 139 (calculating graduation rates), SB 141 (interdisciplinary education), and the partnership grants funded through the Nursing Innovation Grant Program.

Partnership members discussed the information presented by Ms. Fowler. Chair Silverman thanked Ms. Fowler for her presentation. She also recognized Vice Chair Alexia Green to provide members with a brief update on the Texas Team that attended the national Nursing Education Capacity Summit. Vice Chair Green discussed the composition of the Texas Team and the purpose of the summit, which was devoted to a discussion of four key aspects of increasing nursing education capacity: 1) Strategic Partnerships and Resource Alignment; 2) The Role of Policy and Regulation; 3) Increasing Faculty Capacity and Diversity; and 4) Education Redesign.

Physician Workforce Study Presentations

Chair Silverman noted that the next item of business was several presentations to help inform the work of the subcommittee and Health Care Policy Council on physician workforce. She also asked Mr. Gilman to brief members on this item. Mr. Gilman advised members that Section 26 of SB 10, 80th Texas Legislature, requires the Council to conduct a study on graduate medical education (GME) needs in preparation for the 81st legislative session. He further noted that the bill directs the Council to coordinate the study with the Institute of Demographic and Socioeconomic Research at the University of Texas at San Antonio, the Regional Center for Health Workforce Studies at the Center for Health Economics and Policy of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, and the Texas Medical Board. Mr. Gilman also provided an update on a physician workforce stakeholder forum held with the Texas Medical Association in April 2008 to assess the physician workforce needs for Texas and the role of GME, and on testimony provided by Dr. Dickey before the House Committees on Appropriations, Public Health, and Border and International Affairs.

Chair Silverman thanked Mr. Gilman for his presentation.

Presentation by Karl Eschbach, PhD, State Demographer

Chair Silverman next invited the state demographer, Dr. Eschbach, to provide his presentation on population change and physician workforce in Texas. Dr. Eschbach reviewed population projections through 2025 and current physician workforce trends. He also projected the need of physicians in 2025 based on currently observed population-to-physician ratios.

Partnership members discussed the information presented by Dr. Eschbach. Chair Silverman thanked Dr. Eschbach for her presentation.

Presentation by Clifford Moy, MD, representing the Texas Medical Association (TMA)

Chair Silverman next invited Dr. Moy to provide his presentation. Dr. Moy discussed physician workforce trends in Texas and reviewed the TMA's recommendations on physician workforce and GME. He also provided TMA's perspective on the April 2008 GME Stakeholder Forum.

Partnership members discussed the information presented by Dr. Moy. Dr. Shine also made a motion that the Partnership Workforce Subcommittee recommend to the Health Care Policy Council the need for an initiative in the future related to the connection between education and health care delivery systems. Dr. Maureen Milligan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote. Chair Silverman thanked Dr. Moy for his presentation.

Chair Silverman announced that the Partnership Workforce Subcommittee would recess at 12:20 p.m. and resume work at 12:55 p.m.

Presentation by Jaime Garanflo, Director of Licensure, Texas Medical Board (TMB)

Chair Silverman invited Ms. Jaime Garanflo to provide her presentation on the TMB. Ms. Garanflo discussed the TMB's biennial budget and fee revenue collected from physicians for licensure and enforcement. It was noted that as part of the physician workforce study, the Council is required to examine the feasibility of using a percentage of physician licensing fees to increase GME programs and slots.

Partnership members discussed the information presented by Ms. Garanflo. Chair Silverman thanked Ms. Garanflo for her presentation.

Presentations by Melinda Moore, President of the Texas Academy of Physician Assistants, and Lynda Woolbert, Executive Director of the Texas Coalition of Nurses in Advance Practice

Chair Silverman invited Ms. Moore and Ms. Woolbert to present to the Partnership Workforce Subcommittee. Ms. Moore and Ms. Woolbert presented on their respective health professions, including the role physician assistants and nurses in advance practice play in the health care system.

Partnership members discussed the information presented by Ms. Moore and Ms. Woolbert. Chair Silverman thanked them for their presentations.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Chair Silverman asked members if there were any questions or concerns about future meeting dates.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Ivy Goldstein, representing the Family Medicaid Access Project, provided comments on physician workforce and improving access to quality health care for children and young adults with disabilities.

ADJOURN

Chair Silverman asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Dr. Shine and seconded by Vice Chair Green. The meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.