

IMG Assistance Workgroup Minutes

August 19, 2019

1. Call to Order

a. Workgroup Members in Attendance:

- i. Alden Roberts
- ii. J. Espenschied
- iii. Mike Maples
- iv. Gabrielle Pett
- v. Siobhan Brown
- vi. Russell Maier
- vii. Judy Pauwels
- viii. Mohamed Khalif
- ix. Cheryl Carino-Burr
- x. Renee Fullerton
- xi. Ricardo Jimenez
- xii. Mouammer Abouagila

b. Staff

- i. Micah Matthews
- ii. Stephanie McManus
- iii. Rebecca King
- iv. Sarah Chenvert

2. Review Last Meeting Items

- a. The group reviewed key points from the August 5th meeting.

- b. Micah Matthews reached out to TRAC for more information but was unable to get a response.
 - c. Gabrielle Pett reached out to the UW Department of Surgery for program information. They have a cert program that receives 50 applications a year for 3-4 IMG spots in an 8 week sub internship. Once the internship is completed Students are encouraged to apply to general surgery residency. Program costs are \$2000 which covers application fees, tuition and quarterly registration fees.
 - i. Discussion was had concerning the possibility to scale the program out across the State, the program's success rate, and requirements to enter such a program.
3. Discussion
- a. Service Requirements
 - i. Renee Fullerton discussed her brief going over service obligations. Discussion focused on the types of service obligations and how other states have attempted to implement them, placement of individuals based on different types of need faced by urban and rural communities, and the ethics of potentially displacing or locking an IMG to a geographical area. Definitions would need to be carefully crafted and the type of obligation of the state for retraining would need to be addressed.
 - b. Potential Licensure System Changes

- i. Stephanie McManus, WMC Staff, reviewed several possible paths for system changes that would grant IMG's easier access to gaining clinical experience and becoming licensed.
 - ii. Discussion on the definitions for each of the paths presented along with some advantages of each. Bill verbiage was presented and asked to be thought over.
4. Review Initial Draft Of Workgroup Reports –GMEs
 - a. Moved to September 4th due to time constraints.
5. Other Business
 - a. None
6. Agenda and Expectations for September 4th Meeting
 - a. Siobhan Brown - Provide credentialing impacts to non-Board Certified practitioners.
 - b. Gabrielle Pett and Cheryl Carino-Burr – Service Requirements Recommendations.
 - c. Sarah Chenvert and Becca King– Gather information on DOC medical programs as a possible residency/placement path.
7. Adjourn
 - a. The meeting adjourned at 11:31AM

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