

IMG Assistance Workgroup Minutes

August 5, 2019

1. Call to Order - 10:03AM
 - a. Workgroup Members in Attendance:
 - i. Katharine Weiss
 - ii. J. Espenschied
 - iii. Mike Maples
 - iv. Gabrielle Pett
 - v. Siobhan Brown
 - vi. Russell Maier
 - vii. Jeb Shepard
 - viii. Mohamed Khalif
 - ix. Cheryl Carino-Burr
 - x. Hala Alyasiri
 - xi. Yulia Sledneva
 - b. Staff
 - i. Micah Matthews
 - ii. Stephanie McManus
 - iii. Rebecca King
 - iv. Sarah Chenvert

- c. Others
 - i. Mohmoud Omar
- 2. Review Last Meeting Items
 - a. The group reviewed key points from the July 22nd meeting.
- 3. Pre-Residency Support Systems in WA and Related Needs (Cheryl)
 - a. The group reviewed the presentation by Cheryl Carino-Burr (Available on the site). Major Topics covered include:
 - i. The Welcome Back Initiative and the resources provided by the Welcome Back Centers.
 - ii. Cost and other barriers encountered by IMG's.
 - b. Discussion followed the presentation which covered a variety of topics including:
 - i. IMG's leaving the state and attending residency programs outside of Washington.
 - ii. The number of Welcome Back Centers in Washington and the possible gaps created by low funding.
 - iii. TRAC and its function and funding sources.
- 4. Discussion
 - a. Appropriate Support for WA IMGs going to WA GMEs

i. Several methods for supporting IMG's while they are in transition where brought to the table.

1. The ability to recruit them into paid jobs that offer clinical experience while also not obstructing their ability to study would be ideal. This includes working with clinics and hospitals and encourage outside promotion and recruitment of night and weekend positions.
2. Taking advantage of and promoting more programs like the UW Surgeon Clinical experience which is friendly to IMG's and has high success of getting them into residency programs.
3. Creation of grants and scholarships.
4. More support and funding for Welcome Back Centers

b. Potential State Funding mechanisms for GME and Pre-GME Supports

- i. Ideas where gathered from the group included the Washington general fund, opportunity scholarships, and private sector sponsorships.
- ii. Another path that was suggested was to look closer at the contracts that fund TRAC and see if interest in funding IMG's from those agencies exist.

5. Other Business

a. None

6. Agenda and Expectations for August 19 Meeting

- a. The next meeting will have presentations from Renee Fullerton on Service Requirements, Stephanie McManus on Potential Licensure System Changes, and Sarah Chenvert and Rebecca King will present the initial draft of reports for review.
7. Adjourn
 - a. The Meeting adjourned at 11:33AM