

**Commission on the Future of Health Care Education
and Physician Retention in Northwest Ohio**

Monday, December 3, 2007
Owens Community College
AV Room 125

Meeting Minutes

I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Rep. Peter Ujvagi opened the meeting at 9:37 a.m. He thanked Owens Community College, especially Dr. Christa Adams, for hosting the meeting and the Toledo Community Foundation, especially Keith Burwell, for facilitating the meeting.

II. INTRODUCTIONS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

All members present introduced themselves: Anthony Armstrong; Jack Bartell; Vicki English; Dale Fallat; Teresa Fedor; Scott Fry; Randy Gardner; Deborah Gavlik (ad-hoc member); Pete Gerken; Jeffrey Gold; Tom Joseph; Linda Julian; Stan Korducki; Craig LaHote; Richard Markwood; John McGreevey; Steve Mickus; Francis Rogalski; Barbara Sears; Mark V'Soske; Mark Wagoner; and Peter Ujvagi .

Alan Brass, James Carter, Lloyd Mahaffey, Doni Miller and Mark Snyder were absent. A roster of members is attached to these minutes (Attachment A).

Also present were Keith Burwell, president of Toledo Community Foundation and Bridget Brell Holt, donor relations officer of the Toledo Community Foundation. Ms. Holt served as the recorder for the meeting.

III. REMARKS BY STATE LEGISLATORS

The four state legislators – Representatives Ujvagi and Wagoner and Senators Gardner and Fedor – welcomed members of the Commission and thanked them for their willingness to serve. They made remarks concerning the importance of attracting physicians to and keeping physicians in northwestern Ohio, particularly as our physician population is aging and the quality and cost of health care is affected by physician retention.

Rep. Ujvagi noted the goal of the Commission, as outlined in the legislation that created the Commission (see Section F of Attachment B), is to "...prepare a report that examines and makes recommendations regarding the graduate medical education system in northwest Ohio..." He also remarked that originally a Commission was to have been appointed to address issues regarding graduate medical education statewide; however, due to the critical nature of this issue in our community it was limited to northwestern Ohio only.

He stated that only those who have been appointed to the Commission may "sit at the table"; all others present today are only observers.

Sen. Gardner noted that heightened awareness of this issue has already had some positive impact in northwest Ohio. He welcomes members of the Commission to contact him with any questions or concerns.

Sen. Fedor spoke to the need to strengthen health care in northwestern Ohio. Rep. Wagoner noted that the rest of the state will be looking to the report of this Commission as an example or blueprint for what might happen statewide.

IV. COMMISSION'S STATUTORY CHARGE

Rep. Ujvagi formally reviewed the complete statutory charge of the Commission, as noted in Section 263.30.30 (see Attachment B). He stated that there has been some discussion about reducing the number of members on the Commission, but ultimately it was decided to keep it at 27.

V. REVIEW OF COMMISSION ROSTER

Rep. Ujvagi asked that each Commission member review their own info on the roster. Corrections should be given to Ms. Holt. Given that the roster did not include mailing addresses Commission members provided their business cards to Ms. Holt. The Toledo Community Foundation will take responsibility for updating and correcting the roster and attaching to the minutes of this meeting in order that each member can have an updated roster (Attachment A).

VI. ELECTION OF THE COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

As directed by the statute creating the Commission - "At its first meeting, the commission shall elect from among its members who are members of the Senate and House of Representatives a chairperson and a vice-chairperson." - Sen. Fedor nominated Sen. Gardner to be the Commission chair. This was seconded and approved unanimously. Sen. Gardner, as chair, asked for nominations for vice-chair. Rep. Wagoner nominated Rep. Ujvagi to be vice-chair. This was seconded and approved unanimously.

VII. PROSPECTIVE COMMISSION SCHEDULE

Rep. Gardner stated that there would most likely be six meetings to meet the deadline of April 1, 2008, as required by the statute; however, he will seek to get this date changed to May 1, 2008, as he does not believe the earlier date is achievable.

After discussion all agreed that the next meeting will be **Monday, January 14, 2008 from approximately 8 a.m. until 12 noon at Owens Community College in AV Room 125.**

VIII. ROUNDTABLE COMMISSION DISCUSSION

There was considerable discussion about the content of the January meeting. It was agreed that the meeting agenda will include presentations of approximately 30 minutes each by the three major providers of residency medical education in northwest Ohio – The University of Toledo (UT), Mercy Health Systems and ProMedica Health System. Each provider can structure their presentation as they desire.

Additionally there will be other presentations and/or information including:

- A. A “briefing” document on medical residency accreditation, terminology, history, etc.; why specialists leave the area; Association of American Medical Colleges study on the funding of graduate medical education nationwide (Dr. Gold, UT);
- B. Observations by current practicing physicians and other information on local physician satisfaction, retention, etc. (Dr. Armstrong, Toledo Academy of Medicine);
- C. Board of Regents statewide study on physician supply and demand (Deborah Gavlik, Board of Regents).

Dr. Markwood noted that information regarding graduate osteopathic medical residency needs to be included as well. Mr. Mickus noted that many positive things are happening in graduate medical education in northwestern Ohio.

Rep. Ujvagi reminded everyone that the Commission needs to focus on issues that are directly related to the charge of the Commission. It needs to avoid getting bogged down with ancillary issues. It will be the responsibility of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission to identify those issues which are essential to fulfilling the charge of the Commission.

The Board of Regents agreed to facilitate a website which Commission members could use to review and preview information for both educational and meeting purposes.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Bridget Brell Holt
Toledo Community Foundation
Recorder