

**SCHOOL OF MEDICINE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017
10:00 – 11:30 AM
ACADEMIC OFFICE ONE, 7TH FLOOR BOARDROOM**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

PRESENT:

John J. Reilly, Jr., MD, Dean, School of Medicine and Chair

MEMBERS: John Cambier, PhD; Robert D'Ambrosia, MD; Gerald Dodd, MD; Alison Heru, MD; Mark Johnston, PhD; Brian Kavanagh, MD, MPH; Kevin Lillehei, MD; Wendy Macklin, PhD; Naresh Mandava, MD; Dennis Matthews, MD; David Norris, MD; Angie Ribera, PhD; Richard Schulick, MD, MBA; David Schwartz, MD; Ron Sokol, MD; Ann Thor, MD; Andrew Thorburn, DPhil; Vesna Todorovic, MD, PhD, MBA; Kathleen Torkko, PhD; Ken Tyler, MD

GUESTS: Eva Aagaard, MD; Robert J. Anderson, MD; Peter Buttrick, MD; Colleen Conry, MD; Mark Couch; Anne Fuhlbrigge, MD; Carolyn Goble; Glenn Gravlee, PhD; Ben Honigman, MD; Allison Kempe, MD; Steven Lowenstein, MD, MPH; Ellen Mangione, MD; Larry Melia, MD; Sarah Miller; Michael Pascarella; Judy Regensteiner, PhD; Andy Sirotnak, MD; Suzann Ruedeman; Carol Rumack, MD; Jane Schumaker; Christopher Smith; Kristina Tocce, MD

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Rebecca Braverman, MD; Will Cook; Stephen Daniels, MD, PhD; Frank deGruy, MD; Donald Elliman, Chancellor; Jena Hausmann; Sallie Houser-Hanfelter; Herman Jenkins, MD; Connie Savor Price, MD; Jennifer Richer, PhD; Nanette Santoro, MD; Tamara Terzian, PhD; Dan Theodorescu, MD; Erik Wallace, MD; Richard Zane, MD

I. GREETINGS – Dean Reilly

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 18, 2017 meeting minutes were adopted unanimously as presented.

III. DEAN'S UPDATES

The Dean referenced the updates document (*see attached*) and then noted the following items:

The state of Colorado is waiting on Governor Hickenlooper's signature on the state budget legislation. The budget allows CU Medicine to proceed with an application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for federal funding available under the upper payment limit designation.

The hospital provider fee was reclassified as enterprise revenue in the state budget under legislation approved by the General Assembly. This reclassification enables the state of Colorado to collect federal matching funds without causing revenues to exceed limits imposed by the state constitution. Without the change, the state was proposing to cut hospital provider fee collections by about \$200 million, causing a substantial reduction in reimbursement to hospital affiliates, including \$15 million to Children's Hospital; \$35 million, of which \$13 is on this campus at UCHealth; and Denver Health, where the impact was estimated to have been around \$47 million.

The U.S. House of Representatives has passed a bill that significantly altered the Medicaid program, which would have a major impact on the state of Colorado if it becomes law, because about 20 percent of the state's population depends on Medicaid to cover medical expenses.

A retirement celebration for Maureen Garrity, PhD, former associate dean for student life, will be held in the Krugman Conference Hall on Tuesday, May 16. Dr. Garrity retired in February after more than 30 years with the School of Medicine.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Approval of 2017 Medical Student Graduate Candidates: Unanimously approved.

B. VA Community Care: Larry Melia, MD, MBA, Medical Director, Community Care Program, Eastern Colorado Healthcare System (*See attached document for full presentation.*)

Dr. Melia thanked the University of Colorado, as the University is the largest provider for patients outside of the VA system. The VA had over 100,000 patient encounters in the past year.

The VA will be replacing the current system that providers use to refer their patients outside of the VA. There are several administrative and scheduling problems with the current system and payments to providers have also been delayed.

There VA plans an educational process to train providers and patients on how to access the new system. The new system will provide several improvements, including standard episodes of care, streamlined electronic billing, secure emailing for patients, and other IT improvements.

C. Faculty Senate Updates: *Kathleen Torko, PhD, Faculty Senate President-Elect*

Dr. Torko reported on the Faculty Senate meeting held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

- The meeting included an update from Terri Carrothers, Senior Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus. Terri discussed a new intercampus dependent tuition benefit program that will be offered to faculty and staff starting in the Fall 2017. The three-year pilot program will allow faculty and staff to transfer tuition benefits to one dependent in their family per year, either a spouse, partner, or child up to the age of 27. If the dependent attends a campus other than the one where the employee works, the

dependent will get a cash credit of \$270 off of their tuition, for up to \$2,430 per year. Dependents will be able to enroll with the rest of the students and will not have to wait to register after the rest of the class. The program only applies to undergraduate students and only applies to one dependent per year.

- Pamela Peterson, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine, discussed the Council of Faculty and Academic Societies, which represents medical schools in the United States and Canada. CFAS is comprised of over 360 faculty representatives appointed by member medical schools and academic societies. Please visit the website for further information: aamc.org/members/cfas.

D. Affiliate Updates

VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System: *Ellen Mangione, MD, Chief of Staff, VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System*

VA Secretary David Shulkin announced that 1100 physical buildings will be closing at VA's across the country as part of an effort to decrease costs. Sallie Houser-Hanfelder, Director, Eastern Colorado Healthcare System, has made difficult decisions about how space is utilized at the current VA facility in Denver, including closing the community living center, the VA's nursing home. The VA continues to evaluate its programs with the goal of not compromising care to veterans. There are still ongoing searches at the VA and new hires should be announced within the next month, including a new ER Director .

EXECUTIVE SESSION

I. APPROVAL ITEMS

- A. Faculty Promotions Committee Actions were approved unanimously.
- B. Senior clinical appointments and promotions committee actions were approved unanimously.
- C. Professor Emeritus/Emerita Appointments were approved unanimously.

II. FYI ITEMS

- A. Personnel Action FYI Reports

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

Minutes submitted by School of Medicine Dean's Office