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A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A
BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION*

In order to contain cost and to enhance quality through coordination and cooperation, a Board of Directors for Medical Education is established as a statutory vehicle to implement a meaningful coordination process, assure a statewide perspective, and promote interinstitutional cooperation between the medical schools of the Medical University of South Carolina and the University of South Carolina. The Board of Directors will facilitate the cooperative pursuit of medical education programming and financing. The Board of Directors will provide a means for improved communication between the respective universities and for better coordination of their efforts in accomplishing mutual objectives. The term "medical education" is defined to include the education provided at schools of medicine and their affiliated teaching hospitals for the preparation of physicians at the undergraduate (M.D.) and postgraduate (residency) levels. Research institutes, centers, and other major activities of medical schools are included as "medical education" in this context.

Composition of the Board of Directors

Two (2) trustees from the Medical University, elected by the MUSC Board.

Two (2) trustees from the University of South Carolina, elected by the USC Board.

Two (2) representatives from the Commission on Higher Education, elected by the Commission.

One (1) representative appointed by the Governor.

Secretariat:

Staff of the Commission on Higher Education.

Function and Responsibilities

The Board of Directors for Medical Education will foster coordination and cooperation between the State-supported medical schools at the Medical University of South Carolina, based in Charleston, and the University of South Carolina, based in Columbia, the Consortium of Community Teaching Hospitals, and all other affiliated teaching hospitals. This will be accomplished by referring initially to the Board of Directors for recommendations all programs, budgetary matters, and enrollment considerations related to medical education from each University and the Consortium prior to action by the respective Board of Trustees and subsequent review and approval by the Commission on Higher Education.

Each University shall present to the Board of Directors for review an annual budget request detailing all revenue sources for its medical doctor education program. These budgets shall be prepared to show specific costs for pre-clinical and clinical programs at the undergraduate level as well as costs for graduate medical education by program. The universities in consultation with the Consortium

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of Community Teaching Hospitals shall prepare and submit to the Board of Directors for review a budget for the Consortium of Community Teaching Hospitals. The Consortium budget shall be prepared to show total cost by program, revenues generated by program, and the portion of the total cost the State is requested to appropriate. Community teaching hospital program revenues and expenditures shall be subject to State audit.

In all matters discussed herein, the respective University Board of Trustees may either approve or veto recommendations of the Board of Directors relating to their respective institution but not alter Board of Directors recommendations. In the event that actions and/or recommendations of the Board of Directors are vetoed by a respective Board of Trustees the matter shall immediately be referred back to the Board of Directors for further consideration.

The Board of Directors for Medical Education shall be guided by the South Carolina Master Plan for Higher Education as accepted by the General Assembly on April 1, 1980, and any subsequent amendments. The principal mission of the College of Medicine of the Medical University of South Carolina shall remain as providing the full spectrum of medical and surgical specialties in a tertiary care center. The principal mission of the School of Medicine of the University of South Carolina shall remain primary care as defined in the South Carolina Master Plan for Higher Education.

The Board of Directors shall determine the appropriate limits of the combined entering medical school class sizes.

In order to enhance the primary care mission of the School of Medicine of the University of South Carolina, the administration of the Consortium of Community Teaching Hospitals shall be relocated to Columbia under the day-to-day supervision of the University of South Carolina subject to policies recommended by the Board of Directors that are subsequently accepted by each respective Board of Trustees and reviewed and approved by the Commission on Higher Education. Additionally, functional responsibility for the Statewide Family Practice Program shall be relocated to the Department of Family Medicine of the University of South Carolina School of Medicine subject to policies recommended by the Board of Directors that are subsequently accepted by each respective Board of Trustees and reviewed and approved by the Commission on Higher Education.

The Board of Directors will meet regularly, not less than quarterly, as convened by the Chairman who shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the total membership of the Board of Directors. It will consider matters that may be presented for consideration by the medical schools acting separately or in concert, and the Consortium of Community Teaching Hospitals. The Board will transmit its analysis and recommendations, in the format of a public document, to the respective Boards of Trustees of the Medical University of South Carolina, the University of South Carolina, their affiliated teaching hospitals, and the Commission on Higher Education.