

GLMS Board of Governors Highlights

March 12, 2021

- The Board approved minutes from the previous meeting on Jan. 8, 2021.
- Dr. Monalisa Taylor, President, shared that the three-part Racial Inequality in Medicine series concluded on March 11. As requested by membership, this will be considered an enduring CME, with videos from each session housed on the GLMS website indefinitely. The Board voted in favor of a \$900 special project to fund the CME accreditation. More details to follow on how members can obtain CME for these sessions.
- The GLMS Election will launch soon. The proposed ballot has gone out to the membership with one month to review the slate. Anyone interested in running for a position can submit their name along with a list of signatures from GLMS members until March 22. If there are no additions, this will be the ballot that will go out at the end of March.
- Amanda (Edmondson) Hall, Director of Communications and Membership, presented new, interactive GLMS membership materials. This interactive flyer highlights different GLMS member benefits and can be shared to recruit new physicians and encourage them to join.
- Dr. Rishi Kumar, Chair of the Policy & Advocacy Team, shared that GLMS members met with legislators virtually in six Hill Visits and two Town Hall events over the last few months. These events were well-attended, and he shared that Senator Julie Raque Adams said she heard physician's voices more this year than over the past 10 years. In addition to in-person visit in the future, GLMS will try to do virtual events again to encourage more physician participation.
- There are two weeks left in the legislative session, which will conclude March 30. Dr. Kumar called for physicians to reach out to legislators to voice their opinions on priority legislative issues such as SB5 (COVID-19 liability protection), SB45 (co-pay accumulator), HB553 (false claims), HB50 (mental health parity), and HB140 (telehealth expansion).
- Dr. Sarah Beth Hartlage, Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness and co-chair of Vaccine Task Force, reported that they have given roughly 60,000 vaccines at the Broadbent Arena site. For physicians who have signed up to volunteer at the vaccination site but are busy during the week, weekend hours should be available in the next couple of weeks.
- Dr. Sarah Moyer, Director of LMDPHW, added that they have now vaccinated health care workers, teachers, first responders, child care workers, and those 70+, and are now working through 60+. All of Phase 1C is now open, with expanded criteria. COVID-19 case counts are trending down, with vaccine rates trending upward.
- Bert Guinn, EVP/CEO, presented on behalf of the GLMS Foundation that they have developed Public Service Announcement videos to encourage people in Louisville to get their vaccine and trust the efficacy of the vaccine. The two videos, one in [English](#) and one in [Spanish](#), feature Drs. Lewis Hargett, Luisa Franco, and Christian Furman. These will be shared on local television and social media and Mr. Guinn encouraged physicians to share on their own social media pages.
- Dr. Lewis Hargett, President Falls City Medical Society, reported that Norton Healthcare and UofL Health are making a push to be inclusive with African American and minority communities and FCMS is working with these organizations to coordinate efforts. The FCMS continues their adoption of a boarding school

for boys and plans to adopt a new school for girls, providing mentorships and encouraging a future in health care.

- Dr. Toni Ganzel, Dean of the University of Louisville School of Medicine, said that Match Day will take place virtually on Friday, March 19. However, they are planning an adjusted in-person graduation on May 8, as well as an in-person White Coat Ceremony for current first-year students on May 16. The current plan is to go back to face-to-face classes in the fall. First-year and second-year students are now able to do some preceptorships, and they will have the Summer Research Scholars program on-site this year. The Summer Health Professions Education Program will be virtual. UofL is partnering with several churches in the area to try to expand access to vaccines. The LCME site visit will take place April 19-21 virtually.
- Karyn Hascal, President of The Healing Place, said they are continuing to admit people. All staff have been vaccinated and they are working with the Health Department on a pop-up vaccine clinic for clients. The facilities are seeing extremely low numbers, especially on the women's campus. She said this same trend is being found across the country.
- Mr. Guinn shared that the GLMS Foundation has selected and confirmed its initial members of the two new committees they've launched, the Physician Wellness Committee and the Community Health and Wellness Committee. They also appointed the Chair for the Physician Wellness Committee, Dr. Denise Puthuff. Membership in both committees is open to all members.
- The Doctor's Cup Golf Scramble has been confirmed for Monday, Sept. 27 at Hurstbourne Country Club.
- Dr. Charles Oberst, Chair of the CATO Senior Physicians Committee, shared that their most recent meeting was an update on the UofL School of Medicine by Dr. Toni Ganzel. The next meeting will take place on Tues. April 13 and will feature Billy Reed, former sports writer for the Courier Journal, Lexington Herald and Sports Illustrated. Dr. Oberst is searching for speakers, topics may be medical or not, and invited anyone to come forward with suggestions.
- Debi McDonald, President of the GLMS Alliance, said they are actively trying to find ways to assist in the community, but have no new events at this time.
- Dr. John Roberts, KMA Trustee and AMA Delegate, gave an update on the KMA and AMA Annual Meetings. A timeline for the KMA Annual Meeting will be released this spring. The AMA has not yet decided whether their Annual Meeting will be held in-person or virtually, but plan to have a decision mid-March.
- Dr. Burns announced that the 2021 Virtual All-Payer Roundtable event will take place on May 6, beginning at 7:30 a.m.