

## GLMS Board Highlights

September 9, 2022

- The Board approved minutes from the July Board meeting.
- Dr. Valerie Briones-Pryor reported that there are a few events coming up for members. Open to the public, a donor appreciation concert at The Healing Place called “Doctors Rock” will take place on Sunday, Oct. 2 at 3:00 p.m. Dr. George Quill’s band, The Details” will perform.
- Also open to all members is a Nature-Guided Trail Hike at Iroquois Park on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 10:00 a.m. This event is being planned by the GLMS Foundation’s Physician Wellness Committee. More information will be provided on this family-friendly event closer to the date.
- Dr. Thomas Higgins, Delegation Chair, updated the Board on what happened at the KMA Annual Meeting. Five resolutions were adopted, and one was referred to the Board of Trustees to create a task force (now accepting physician volunteers for this task force). Several resolutions regarding reproductive health care were combined to establish KMA opposition to criminal sanctions against physicians and other medical professionals who provide evidence-based care. It also stated that KMA policies would automatically sunset after 10 years.
- Bert Guinn, GLMS EVP/CEO, reported that at the KMA Annual Meeting, GLMS Past President Dr. Monalisa Taylor was installed as the 172<sup>nd</sup> President of the KMA, making her the youngest and first female President of color. Also from GLMS, Dr. Heidi Koenig was elected as KMA Vice Speaker. The following GLMS physicians graduated from the KPLI program: Dr. Aneeta Bhatia, Dr. Lesley Kellie, Dr. Dylan Adamson and Dr. Mark Slaughter.
- Jessica Williams, GLMS Credentialing Director, shared that before an overhaul of the MedCentral Credentialing process three years ago, initial application turnaround was 90-120 days; after the restructuring, initial applications are now being processed in under 30 days and in 2022, the average turnaround was 23.5 days.
- Stephanie Woods, GLMS Director of Practice Support, shared that there is a provision in the No Surprises Act that will require all payers request directory updates and verifications at least every 90 days. GLMS offers an annual service that will help lessen this burden for providers.
- Dr. Jeff Howard, Interim Director of the Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness, provided an update on monkeypox and said the city is currently sitting around 20 cases. Vaccines are being distributed to the city from the state from the federal government, causing more demand than there is supply. There are currently about 4,000-5,000 vaccines in the Louisville area that have been distributed to health care providers. Dr. Howard said that COVID-19 numbers are in the red status, being driven by hospitalization data. They hope this number will decrease soon as more people receive new vaccines covering additional variants of the virus. Finally, he shared that Louisville was awarded \$30 million in opioid settlement funds to be distributed over 18 years to help people with substance abuse disorders.
- Dr. Toni Ganzel, Dean of the University of Louisville School of Medicine, expressed her gratitude for the GLMS Foundation golf tournament, with scholarships more than ever this year. The superfund grant was renewed at \$10.6 million, even more than in the past. They have seen an increase in pediatric research and the pediatrics department has jumped in rankings. They have

broken ground on a new tower of the adult UofL Hospital. There is an active search for the orthopedic surgery chair, and they are bringing candidates in for interviews this fall, hoping to make a selection by January. They are excited about a structured partnership with Central High School with specific curricular inclusion and a pre-med partnership. They are also working with other JCPS health magnet schools, Wagner, PRP and Moore.

- Dr. Lewis Hargett, District 3 Trustee, thanked Dr. Ganzel and the UofL School of Medicine for their continued support of the Falls City Medical Society and inclusion in events like the White Coat Ceremony. They recently hosted a welcome back event for incoming minority students and continue to promote education for students entering the medical profession. The Falls City Medical Society continues to grow membership as new physicians join the community. The National Medical Association had their annual meeting over the summer and welcomed new officers to their Board.
- Dr. Monalisa Tailor, gave a report on the KMA Annual Meeting, saying that it was well-attended and educational, featuring speakers on telemedicine and social determinants of health. In the upcoming year, there are plans to look for opportunities to collaborate with other health care provider groups such as the Kentucky Nursing Association, Kentucky Society of Physician Assistants and others. The KMA received a grant to discuss scope of practice, which will be an ongoing discussion for the next year. Dr. Tailor asked for any physicians interested in these topics to reach out to her for more information.
- Bert Guinn shared an update on behalf of the GLMS Foundation saying that the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Doctors' Cup was the most successful they've ever had. Typically, they give out five scholarships at \$5,000 each – this year they gave out eight scholarships at \$10,000 each. There was a record total of 24 teams with approximately 100 players. Bert thanked the sponsors and any Board members who donated to help make this event happen.
- The GLMS Foundation will also take part in the Give For Good campaign on September 15. He encouraged everyone to share on social media and to donate on this date to help raise funds for medical student scholarships, programs to reduce physician burnout and delivering fresh produce to families in food deserts.