

## GLMS Board Highlights

November 11, 2022

- The Board approved minutes from the September Board meeting.
- In an effort to continue conversations between our local hospital systems and GLMS, we will host leadership from those hospitals as guest speakers at upcoming Board meetings. Dr. Valerie Briones-Pryor, President, introduced Dr. Tom Miller, CEO of UofL Health. They currently have six hospitals (University, Mary & Elizabeth, Peace, Jewish, Frazier and Shelbyville), with a census of about 1,050 inpatients daily. A hospital is under construction in Bullitt County and will open by Fall 2023, designed with 40 beds. Frazier Brownsboro is under construction and will open Summer 2023, also with 40 beds.
- UofL Physicians has 850 providers and had just under 1 million visits last year, back to pre-pandemic levels. They have 12,000 team members with 820 residents/fellows, and an additional 650 medical students. They are currently short about 600 nurses.
- 70% of all patients are seen at the Downtown campus. With several patients daily being held in the ER or waiting room without receiving a bed, the UofL Health Board recently approved a \$175 million project to build a new tower at University Hospital with 90 patient beds. Also, a third of the beds at University Hospital are semi-private, and they are working to make those rooms private. The ED will also receive a refresh over the next few years as a part of this project.
- ULP is the UofL Health Physician Practice Plan. They recruited 165 providers in 2022. There are 830 providers at 250 locations and four urgent care locations.
- Dr. Thomas Higgins, Chair of the Policy & Advocacy Team shared that at a recent meeting, we talked with Cory Meadows of the KMA about the legislative priorities. This year's priorities are prior authorization exemption, physician wellness, and scope of practice. Important upcoming dates include a P&A meeting on Jan. 19, the GLMS Legislative Reception on Feb. 6, and the KMA Physicians' Day at the Capitol on Feb. 22.
- Dr. Patricia Purcell, GLMS President-Elect, spoke on behalf of the GLMS Foundation and shared that the Community Health & Wellness Committee and the Physician Health & Wellness Committee are working on several initiatives to make their name known in the community. The Foundation Family Hike Event was rescheduled to the Spring due to weather concerns last weekend. They are currently working on grants for SPAVA, the Society for Prevention of Aggressiveness and Violence against Adolescents as well as the Kentucky Science Center. A recent grant to St. James School allowed them to purchase heart monitors for students. Dr. Purcell shared a photo from one teacher, showing how the students are able to see their heart rates as they exercise and getting them engaged in their own health.
- Dr. Eric Lydon, KMA Trustee, gave the KMA Report and reminded the Board of the legislative priorities. This year's legislative session is short, only 30 days. Physicians' Day at the Capitol is Feb. 22. The KMA recently received a \$65,000 grant from the AMA to look at scope of practice. The KMA has introduced the CME Guarantee, a list of free CME programs with a guarantee of at least 30 hours available to all physicians annually. There will also be CME trackers to keep track of what has been attended through this program.

- Bert Guinn, GLMS EVP/CEO, shared that the AMA Interim Meeting took place this month in Hawaii. Several GLMS physicians are attending the meeting including Dr. Bruce Scott, Speaker of the AMA House of Delegates.
- Karyn Hascal, President of the Healing Place, shared that they are continuing to increase their services. In the past, they have been non-medical, but they are now providing outpatient services and case management. They are able to provide supportive housing while providing clinical services. While they were traditionally an abstinence-only program, over the last few years they have begun to admit people into the program who are on Medication Assisted Treatment. Construction continues on the replicated program in Wilmington, North Carolina with a planned opening date in January 2023; this will have 100 beds for men and 100 beds for women.