

## GLMS Board Highlights

March 8, 2024

- The Board approved the minutes from the January Board meeting.
- Dr. John Roberts, GLMS Foundation Chair, highlighted the prior weekend's Doctors' Ball event. There was a great turnout and participation from all three health systems as well as private practice/community-based physicians. Award winners included:
  - Baptist Health Louisville Physician of the Year: Anna Hart, MD
  - Norton Healthcare Physician of the Year: Mary Fallat, MD
  - UofL Health Physician of the Year: Arthur Malkani, MD
  - Community Based Physician of the Year: Charlotte Stites, MD
  - Paragon Award: Jason Smith, MD
- Dr. Thomas Higgins, Vice President and Policy & Advocacy Chair, reported that the Physicians' Day at the Capitol in Frankfort had an excellent turnout again this year from both physicians and medical students. The main legislative focus this year has been prior authorization. The GLMS Officers previously approved a letter in support of HB317, legislation aimed to streamline the prior authorization process and reduce unnecessary barriers to care for Kentuckians. The letter was signed by GLMS, KMA, and many other state health organizations.
- Dr. Patricia Purcell, President, announced that there was a record high number of RSVPs to this year's Specialty Speed Networking event. This event for first- and second-year medical students allows them to interact with physicians and get to know them and their specialties on a more personal level.
- Dr. Purcell shared a few reminders of upcoming events and deadlines: GLMS will sponsor the Match Day ceremony for fourth-year medical students on March 15; the GLMS election has been sent out and is open until Sunday, March 31; this year's President's Celebration will be held on May 19, 6-8 p.m. at the Kentucky Derby Museum.
- Dr. Jeffrey Goldberg, Treasurer, reported the proposed budget for FY2025. There are minimal changes from the previous year. The budget was voted on and approved by the Board. He also shared that the GLMS Officers reviewed and approved a new investment policy for our endowment. The previous policy was last reviewed in 2007. After meeting with our investment advisor, a new policy was developed and will be reviewed for performance quarterly.
- Dr. Steve Hester, Norton representative for GLMS Board, said they are eagerly anticipating the opening of the West Louisville Hospital later this year. They are also focusing a lot of effort on integrating the newly acquired hospitals in Jeffersonville and Scottsburg, Indiana.
- Dr. Valerie Briones-Pryor, Board Chair, presented on behalf of UofL Health. There are now over 1,100 physicians and advanced practice providers across eight hospitals. Kleinert Kutz Hand Care officially integrated with UofL Health earlier this year. University Hospital is building a seven-story tower that will convert it into 360 private rooms (some are currently semi-private) and 24 bed observation unit. Mary & Elizabeth Hospital is currently building a birthing center with a state-of-the-art labor and delivery unit; the last time this hospital delivered babies was 1974 so this is a full-circle moment for the South End. Shelbyville continues to expand primary

care and specialty care and is looking to build a new hospital there. UofL South will be opening a 40-bed acute care hospital on March 18; currently it is a free-standing emergency department and outpatient offices.

- Dr. Jeffrey Bumpous, Interim Dean ULSOM, thanked Dr. Purcell and GLMS for their continued efforts to involve medical students in many events, especially advocacy efforts. He reminded of Match Day for fourth-year medical students, noting that UofL's 75 residency and fellowship programs will be involved. For the 165 positions in the ULSOM, they received about 6,200 applications this year. They have increased efforts to keep doors open for nontraditional students, students from underserved or rural communities, first generation college graduates, and more. Dr. Bumpous highlighted a few of the Pathway Programs that UofL offers for these students, including the Masters of Physiology program through the Department of Physiology, which has an acceptance rate of about 80% into medical school upon completion of the program.
- Dr. Kris Bryant, Louisville Metro Public Health & Wellness, reported that Dr. Inder Singal and Connie Mendel hosted a Community Improvement Initiative kick-off meeting, aimed to identify priorities to improve health in the community and develop a Healthy Louisville 2030 Plan. They are collecting data from community partners and will soon gather information directly from community members. This will be followed by focus groups and community conversations. Once priorities are identified, the plan will be developed in the second half of the year.
- Dr. Lewis Hargett, President-Elect, said that the Falls City Medical Society continues their mentorship program with ULSOM and recently received grant funding for the Pathways to Medicine program and has hired a program coordinator. They are also partnering and forming relationships with Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee to help engage students and get them interested in medicine. The National Medical Association's Region 3 meeting will take place in Nashville in April and the national convention will be in July in New York City.
- Dr. Roberts shared that the Foundation continues to work with community partners to serve the residents of the West End as well as invest in future physicians with the Doctor's Cup golf scholarship program. Bert Guinn, EVP/CEO, also shared that the Foundation is sponsoring the annual SOS Health & Hope Breakfast on March 20. There will be a community forum at the Yearlings Club on April 14 to hear from people in the West End, hear their concerns and how we can help make a difference.
- Dr. Monalisa Taylor shared the KMA update, saying that the Day at the Capitol was the highest attendance she's seen, with representation from all across the Commonwealth. As mentioned previously, the prior authorization bill is HB317 with an opposing bill from the insurance side, HB318. There is a partner bill to HB317 in the Senate, SB270. There has been a strong focus on maternal health as well as pharmacy benefit managers. The Annual Meeting will be in downtown Louisville at the Hyatt Regency on August 23-25, 2024.
- Dr. Roberts said that the AMA Annual Meeting will be held once again in Chicago in June, and they have started accepting resolution submissions. Louisville's own Dr. Bruce Scott will be inaugurated as AMA President this year.

- Bert Guinn shared that the next Senior Physician Committee Speaker Series will meet on April 2, with Dr. Gary Crump speaking on rheumatology.
- Jay Davidson, Chairman of The Healing Place, said they are working on building infrastructure and staffing the short-term residential program they will launch in a few months. A new President and CEO named John-Mark Hack will take over March 15.