

GLMS Board Highlights

November 14, 2025

- Dr. Thomas Higgins, Interim Board Chair, welcomed Board members to the hybrid meeting held at Leadership Reality.
- Dr. Christopher Jones, Secretary, reviewed the minutes from the July Board meeting and the Board approved.
- Dr. Thomas Higgins, President, recapped the Wear the White Coat “Post-Op” dinner, which was held on Nov. 5. There were 20 physician-VIP participant pairings with a wide range of specialties represented. The physicians and VIP participants were able to share testimonies of their experiences, and many have offered to share their stories in *Louisville Medicine* magazine.
- Dr. Higgins also shared about two recent “Physicians Together” events including a discussion from a malpractice attorney at Paristown Hall on Oct. 23 and a social gathering at Louisville Thoroughbred Society on Nov. 6.
- He also shared that there will be a virtual Policy & Advocacy Team meeting on Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. via Zoom followed by KMA Physicians’ Day at the Capitol on Feb. 18.
- He reminded the Board to submit nominations for Physician of the Year awards for the GLMS Foundation Doctors’ Ball. Nominations will close Dec. 1.
- Bert Guinn, GLMS CEO/EVP, shared that in its 15th year, the GLMS Foundation Doctor’s Cup golf tournament, they awarded 10 UofL medical students with scholarships for \$12,500 each. Over the last 15 years of this tournament, the Foundation has now awarded 98 medical students a total of \$733,000 in scholarships.
- Amanda Hall, Director of Communications and Marketing, shared that on Oct. 16, Dr. Wayne Tuckson moderated a GLMS-sponsored Facebook Live panel to educate the general public on vaccines. More than 50 people attended live, and many more have viewed the video at a later date.
- Dr. Higgins shared that after looking at historical data for our Legislative Reception event in “long session” years, we have developed plans to reformat this event. GLMS will host a panel, moderated by Dr. Higgins, featuring two state representatives from each party. Policy & Advocacy Team members and other legislators will be invited to attend this in-person event.
- Dr. Rejith Paily, Treasurer, presented an update on our investment RFP. We received eight RFPs and will be conducting interviews in November. A selection and notification to advisors will be made by Dec. 12, and we hope to have all investments transferred to chosen advisors by early January 2026.
- Dr. Roberto Cardarelli, Chief Medical Officer of Baptist Health Louisville, shared that he’s been focused on engagement across the Baptist Health medical staff. They are still a true community hospital – one-third Baptist Health Medical Group, one-third contracted partners, and one-third independent private groups. He recently launched a physician advisory council that represents 21 specialties and has had strong engagement from those members. He said that

physician engagement comes down to three things: wanting to feel valued, an opportunity to give input, and to be informed.

- Dr. Kristina Bryant, Louisville Metro Public Health & Wellness Associate Medical Director, shared that there has been a recall of ByHeart baby formula, due to cases of botulism. There are no confirmed cases in Kentucky. She also reminded that it is respiratory disease season – there is not a lot of information regarding flu immunization rates because of the government shutdown. It is expected that this year's flu season will look a lot like last year. LMPHW has launched a mobile immunization model and delivered more than 500 immunizations in October.
- John-Mark Hack, President/CEO of The Healing Place, shared that through a partnership with Louisville Metro Government, they have doubled their overnight bed capacity. They recently entered a partnership with Dare to Care and set up their own food pantry as an outreach strategy for neighbors in the Russell and Algonquin neighborhoods, serving 63 families in the first day and 94 families in the second day, and it continues to grow. The government shutdown has impacted THP, as their entire food budget is supported by SNAP accounts, serving nearly 1,700 meals per day. Finally, they are in a “soft launch” of the first programmatic change to THP in a long time; they are combining their clinical services with their abstinence-based long-term residential program. When clients come to THP, they receive a physical assessment and a comprehensive psychosocial assessment, allowing THP to identify any mental health illnesses that need to be addressed during the course of treatment.
- Dr. Eric Lydon, KMA Trustee, shared that they are looking forward to KMA Physicians' Day at the Capitol on Feb. 18 and looking forward to the upcoming legislative session. KMA President Dr. Jiapeng Huang is continuing the Small STEPS, Big IMPACT program with multiple media appearances.
- Dr. Sam Yared, Senior Physician Chair, shared that recent presentations have included topics on artificial intelligence and financial advising. If you missed any presentations, the videos are available online or a recap can be found in *Louisville Medicine* magazine.
- Dr. Stephanie McGee, Falls City Medical Society President, shared that on Oct. 26, they attended the white coat ceremony at Central High School with 31 students interested in pre-med. On Nov. 15, they held a health fair at Zion Baptist Church, offering blood pressure checks, A1C screenings, and blood donations. On Nov. 22, they will volunteer at First Cathedral Baptist Church for their annual Thanksgiving dinner. On Dec. 5, they will host the annual Falls City Medical Society Christmas dinner and will partner with the UofL Student National Medical Association.