

## GLMS Board Highlights

March 13, 2026

- Dr. Christopher Jones, Secretary, reviewed the minutes from the January Board meeting and the Board approved.
- Dr. John Roberts, GLMS Foundation Chair shared that the third annual Doctors' Ball had the largest crowd and the greatest number of sponsorships yet. Physician award honorees included:
  - Baptist Health Louisville Physician of the Year: James "Ben" Thornton, MD
  - Norton Healthcare Physician of the Year: Heather Felton, MD
  - UofL Health Physician of the Year: Arun Ummat, MD
  - Community Based Physician of the Year: Timothy Beacham, MD
  - Paragon Award: Michael Imburgia, MD
- Dr. Thomas Higgins, President, recapped several recent events including Private Practice 101, Legislative Reception, Physicians Day at the Capitol and the AMA National Advocacy Conference. Legislative efforts continue to focus on prior authorization reform and scope of practice. He also shared that GLMS will be present at Match Day, held on March 20 at L&N Stadium. Finally, he announced that the President's Celebration will be held on May 17 at Hurstbourne Country Club.
- Dr. Rejith Paily, Treasurer, reported on the proposed budget for FY2027. There are minimal changes from the previous year; it is still a balanced budget. The most significant change is a projected overall decrease in budgeted income. This is primarily due to UofL Health moving to a 3-year Reappointment cycle instead of every 2 years. At the same time, we have projected an increase in our Insurance Credentialing service as we are seeing new opportunities for growth. Dues are remaining the same and haven't increased in 24 years. The budget was voted on and approved by the Board.
- GLMS sponsors three physician members to attend the Kentucky Physician Leadership Institute. The Board voted to support the three applicants: Dr. Rejith Paily, Dr. Stephanie McGee and Dr. Manikya Kuriti.
- Dr. Jeffrey Bumpous, Dean & Exec. VP of Health Affairs for ULSOM, shared that they are looking to fill the following positions: Dean of School of Public Health and Information Sciences, Dean of School of Engineering and Chair of Department of Psychiatry. The Blue Ridge Institute for Medical Research released their Blue Ridge Rankings, annual rankings of NIH funding for U.S. medical schools and departments. This year, ULSOM moved from 75<sup>th</sup> in the country to 71<sup>st</sup> in terms of research expenditures. ULSOM also recently received two important appropriations from the federal government: one for a center of bioscience, related extensively to military health. This \$40 million appropriation will help put a new building on the Innovation Campus behind the Speed School. They also received a \$20 million appropriation from the federal government to establish a Center of Personalized Medicine.
- Dr. Stephanie McGee, President Falls City Medical Society, shared that they recently completed their SAT prep course at Central High School and are awaiting scores. In March, they will have

two events: the Black Family Wellness Expo which will be held at the Goodwill Kentucky West Louisville Center, and a Wellness Day will be held at the Kentucky Science Center, both on March 21. Falls City Medical Society recently submitted an application to Leadership Louisville Center with a pitch to create a mobile health van to serve the uninsured; they recently heard back that they are willing to work on this project together.

- Dr. Roberts shared that the GLMS Foundation was recently awarded a CANDID Gold Seal of Transparency Award, giving donors the reassurance that they are being transparent about transactions and using donated funds well. He also announced that there are positions on the GLMS Foundation Board available, so if anyone is interested, please reach out.
- Connie Mendel, LMPHW Chief Health Strategist, shared that we are still experiencing significant respiratory viruses in the community and those numbers are shared on their website dashboard. Wastewater testing shows that Flu A levels are decreasing, Flu B and RSV levels are increasing, and COVID-19 levels are steady. LMPHW is rolling out their strategic plan with specific focuses including maternal child health, low birth weight in pre-term births, lead poisoning issues, hepatitis C and congenital syphilis.
- Dr. Monalisa Taylor, AMA Delegate, shared that the AMA National Meeting is coming up in June where all reference committees will meet.
- Jay Davidson, Executive Chairman of The Healing Place, shared that they have an Interim Executive Director named Heather Gibson. She spent 10 years with THP starting in 2013 before leaving for a few years and is now back. They have also added clinical services to the abstinence program, with the start of three intensive outpatient programs and are now providing six IOP groups.
- Bert Guinn, GLMS EVP/CEO, shared that the GLMS Election ballots went out via email March 1 and will be open until March 31.