

GLMS Board Highlights

September 11, 2026

- The Board approved the minutes from the July Board meeting.
- Dr. Thomas Higgins, Board Chair and Policy & Advocacy Committee Chair, gave an update on the resolutions submitted on behalf of GLMS at this year's KMA Annual Meeting; nine resolutions were adopted into KMA policy covering topics such as protecting physician-led care, preserving clinical autonomy, expanding access to CGMs, lipoprotein(a) screening and insurance coverage and more. He also congratulated the following GLMS members to KMA positions:
 - KMA Vice President: Christopher Jones, MD
 - KMA Secretary: Aneeta Bhatia, MD, MBA
 - KMA Trustee: Thomas Higgins, MD, MBA
 - KMA Alternate Trustee: Timothy Beacham, MD
- Dr. Higgins also congratulated the following GLMS members on graduating from the KPLI program:
 - Manikya Kuriti, MD
 - Stephanie McGee, MD
 - Rejith Paily, MD
 - Tina Simpson, MD
 - Allison Yoder, MD
- Dr. Rejith Paily, Treasurer, and Bert Guinn, GLMS EVP/CEO, shared that at the beginning of September, GLMS laid off two full-time credentialing specialists and began tightening additional expenses as we transition away from the UofL Health hospital credentialing work and focus on building and expanding our Insurance Credentialing line of service with new clients. We have also transitioned our credentialing database to a less costly platform. We will need a few months before we can provide meaningful data on the impact to income and expenses. Bert added that with our Insurance Credentialing service, we are able to credential any medical provider in the country (including dental and vision) that bills insurance.
- Bert also shared that the Wear the White Coat Experience kicked off with the "pre-op" breakfast on Aug. 19 at the Louisville Boat Club. There are 14 pairings of physician preceptors and community leader VIPs. We have representation from all hospital systems and private practices, and have leaders from government, education, media and more. The "post-op" dinner will be on Nov. 17 where we will come together to share stories about the shadowing experiences.
- Bert updated that we will be hosting a GLMS membership recruitment pop-up event at Baptist East at 11 a.m. on September 30.
- Dr. Jeffrey Bumpous, ULSOM Dean and Executive Vice President of Medical Affairs, thanked the GLMS Foundation for the support of medical students through the upcoming Doctor's Cup golf scramble. He also shared the strength of rural medicine and that in a recent trip through the state with UofL President Gerry Bradley, they visited the regional campus at Madisonville with

graduates over the years placing primary care physicians in 110 of 120 of Kentucky's counties. They also visited Owensboro, the home of a family medicine residency program that is about 10 years old. The Louisville Clinical and Translational Research Center is supported by an NIH CTR-D grant, which has its regional community engage research office in Owensboro. There is also a family medicine residency there as well as a regional nursing school campus. They then went on to Paducah, where they are starting a new internal medicine residency program. In Glasgow, they celebrated the 25th anniversary of the family medicine residency program, which has placed a considerable amount of workforce into the region of south and southeastern Kentucky.

- Dr. Stephanie McGee, Falls City Medical Society President, shared that on Oct. 3, they will be partnering with Good Brothers Pharmacy at a health fair, performing health screenings. On Oct. 10, they will host a mentorship brunch with the SNMA students at UofL.
- Dr. John Roberts, GLMS Foundation Chair, encouraged the Board and GLMS members to consider end-of-year giving to the GLMS Foundation. He also reminded the Board of the Sept. 28 Doctor's Cup where they will give out 10 scholarships at \$12,500 each to students who are both academically gifted and financially in need. Additionally, the Doctors' Ball will be held on March 6, 2027 at Hazelnut Farm. Nominations are now open for the 2027 Doctors' Ball awards and nominations can be submitted at www.glms.org/nominations through Oct. 31. He also announced that there are several positions open, or opening soon, on the GLMS Foundation Board and anyone interested can reach out to Bert Guinn.
- Connie Mendel, Chief Health Strategist for Louisville Metro Public Health & Wellness, shared that Kentucky is up to 39 measles cases through seven counties, although no cases have been reported in Jefferson County. Louisville recently had its third reported West Nile virus case, all three with neuroinvasive cases; last year there were 12 cases. Cyclospora cases are on a decrease; they have interviewed over 200 individuals who have had the foodborne illness. While there are no human cases of rabies currently, but they continue to see rabid animals, specifically bats, in the Louisville area.
- Dr. Monalisa Tailor, AMA Delegate, shared that former KMA Executive Director Pat Padgett received an AMA award for his distinguished service. The AMA interim meeting is coming up in November. She also shared that the Advisory Council on Immunization Practices is currently in legal limbo. The ACIP would typically be the ones who approve a flu and COVID-19 strains to determine the flu and COVID-19 vaccines. As a result of the ACIP not existing, the 2025 AMA House of Delegates passed an emergency resolution to collaborate amongst specialty organizations such as the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, partnering with the Vaccine Integrity Project to help formulate the flu and COVID-19 vaccines.
- Dr. Sam Yared, Senior Physician Committee Chair, shared a brief recap of recent presentations and asked for volunteers or suggestions for upcoming talks. He has also been helping with Dr. Morton Kasdan's suturing clinic and mentoring additional students separately. He also hosts a coffee hour once a month, mentoring UofL and UK medical students.

- Heather Gibson, The Healing Place, shared that she has accepted the Executive Director position with THP. Recent reports show that Jefferson County overdose deaths were down 33%, but at THP, they are seeing the overall scope of substance use is not diminishing, showing that underlying addiction challenges remain significant. They are seeing mostly methamphetamine use, about 50% of the individuals who come in, as well as an uptick in cocaine use. They will also be celebrating the opening of the Brady Center for Productive Living on Sept. 29 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. On Nov. 5, they will host the Recovery in Action luncheon at the Henry Clay, showcasing The Healing Place's impact over time.
- Dr. Lori Caloia, Deputy Commissioner for Clinical Affairs for the Kentucky Department for Public Health, said in response to the decrease in overdose deaths, this can be attributed to many factors including a widespread distribution of naloxone, going from 20,000 doses to over 200,000 doses being available in communities. On the measles front, she also shared that they are recommending that communities at high risk decrease the initial measles vaccine dose age from 12 months to 6 months and above; anyone at increased risk should vaccinate infants earlier. Finally, she shared that the Executive Director for the Office for Children with Special Healthcare Needs is retiring; they are holding off on requesting an appointment from the governor due to the upcoming election.