

**Physician Manpower Training Commission
Special Virtual Commission Meeting
August 20, 2020**

MINUTES

The Board of Physician Manpower Training Commission met for a special virtual commission meeting at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, August 20, 2020. Commissioners and PMTC staff joined with Zoom while members of the public joined via YouTube livestream. Notice of the meeting date had been properly filed with the Secretary of State, and a copy of the notice and agenda was posted by Tuesday, August 18 by 10:00 a.m., in prominent public view at PMTC and on the Commission website, www.pmtc.ok.gov in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

Commission Members Present via Zoom Web Conference Platform

Ms. Pam Spanbauer
Joe Leverett, MD
Mr. Kevin Khoury
Tim Newton, DO

Commission Members Absent

Zane DeLaughter, DO
Jeff Lester, MD
Shane Stidham, MD

PMTC Staff & Asst. A/G Present via Zoom Web Conference Platform

Janie Thompson, Executive Director
Michelle Cecil
Aneesa Sharp
Diane Mickelson
Dana Morpew
Benita Jose-Mathew
Joe Ashbaker, Assistant Attorney General

Ms. Spanbauer opened the special commission meeting at 10:05 a.m. by welcoming everyone to the virtual meeting.

Ms. Mickelson gave Proof of Meeting Notice, took roll call, and declared a quorum.

1. Consideration and Vote to Approve/Disapprove Minutes of the June 18, 2020, Commission Meeting

Ms. Spanbauer presented the minutes from the last commission meeting and called for discussion.

Dr. Leverett made the motion to approve the June 18, 2020, PMTC Commission Meeting minutes as presented with Mr. Khoury seconding the motion. Voting in favor: Ms. Spanbauer, Dr. Leverett, Mr. Khoury, and Dr. Newton. None were opposed.

2. Director's Comments

- **Welcome** to new commission member: Dr. Newton. One of the originals to the Oklahoma Physician Loan Repayment Program
- **Contracts** have been sent out to the residency programs. We are awaiting signed contracts before providing monthly funds.

- **Nursing rules** are moving from emergency rules to permanent rules since they have been approved by the governor's office. Carter Kimball, from the Secretary of Health and Mental Health office, sent his support to the governor's office for us. He commended us for making these changes. He expressed they were a long time in coming, and a long time needed.
Ms. Spanbauer added: "It has been my goal when I joined the commission nine years ago, to look at the nursing education--investing and looking into how we can bring in more nurse practitioners and advanced practice nurses. They are such a needed service in Oklahoma, especially in our rural areas. I am so proud of the work that has been done and getting to this point."
- **PA Loan Repayments** are being considered for the first time.

(A YouTube streaming glitch paused the meeting for approximately 7 minutes)

3. Consideration and Possible Action regarding Permanent Nursing Rules

The rules were signed by the governor as emergency rules. The vote was requested to make the emergency nursing rules permanent.

Dr. Leverett made the motion to make the nursing rules permanent with Mr. Khoury seconding the motion. Voting in favor: Ms. Spanbauer, Dr. Leverett, Mr. Khoury, and Dr. Newton. None were opposed.

4. Consideration and Possible Action on Nursing Program

- Approval of matching and non-matching nurse scholarships for FY21
- Approval of any late sponsored applications submitted for FY21

Ms. Spanbauer stated that the Nursing Scholarship Committee met remotely and reviewed the candidates. She commended Dana and Ms. Cecil on how well the meeting went.

Ms. Cecil referred to the list of applicants who had met the 3.0 GPA, and attend an Oklahoma nursing program. She recommended the listed applicants be unconditionally accepted. Any late applicants will be brought for approval at the October commission meeting, however, only \$50,000 is left for nursing scholarships and she hopes to use it for higher level degrees.

Ms. Spanbauer confirmed it will not affect the late applicants from receiving money since they are paid at the end of the semester after grades are submitted.

Ms. Thompson stated due the covid situation, the schools were delayed in making their decisions and PMTC put the application out later as well. She said since the new program covers PhDs and DNPs, the application deadline was extended.

5. Consideration and Possible Action on Resident Rural Program

Ms. Sharp presented: Justin Burnett, MD, and Matthew Collier, DO, for commission approval.

Dr. Leverett made the motion to approve Justin Burnett, MD, and Matthew Collier, DO, for the Resident Rural Program with Mr. Khoury seconding the motion. Voting in favor: Ms. Spanbauer, Dr. Leverett, Mr. Khoury, and Dr. Newton. None were opposed.

6. Consideration and Possible Action regarding Physician Assistant Loan Repayment Program

Ms. Sharp presented the first ever Physician Assistant Loan Repayment Program candidates: Jenna Specht and Mikayla Mefford. Both are eligible to receive up to \$60,000 as a 50:50 split between PMTC and their sponsor.

Dr. Leverett made the motion to approve Jenna Specht and Mikayla Mefford for the Physician Assistant Loan Repayment Program with Dr. Newton seconding the motion. Voting in favor: Ms. Spanbauer, Dr. Leverett, Mr. Khoury, and Dr. Newton. None were opposed.

7. Consideration and Possible Action regarding Physician Loan Repayment Program

Ms. Thompson stated that covid had a negative financial impact on three loan repayment positions. Some were displaced. We were able to keep one in the same community of Ardmore with the Chickasaw Nation. She pointed out, of the seven new ones, two are Oklahoma residents that were out of state for residency and loan repayment brought them home. Increasing the loan repayment amount by \$40,000 is making a huge difference.

Ms. Thompson presented:

- Latricia G. Arnold, D.O.
- Michael T. Cooper, Jr., M.D.
- Mina Joseph, D.O.
- John G. Llewelyn, M.D.
- Jeffrey Ogar, M.D.
- Lanikwa C. Peoples, M.D.
- Sherrita A. Polk, D.O.

Dr. Leverett made the motion to approve the seven listed for Physician Loan Repayment Program with Dr. Newton seconding the motion. Voting in favor: Ms. Spanbauer, Dr. Leverett, Mr. Khoury, and Dr. Newton. None were opposed.

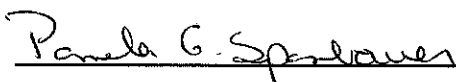
8. New Business

The October meeting is scheduled to be held at OOA. Ms. Spanbauer stated they will do everything in our power to make the next commission meeting face-to-face. She encouraged everyone to continue to wear masks and wash their hands.

Ms. Thompson stated that prior to the October commission meeting, the Budget Committee would be meeting virtually to look at the 2022 budget.

9. Discussion and vote to Adjourn

Dr. Leverett made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Khoury seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Ms. Spanbauer, Dr. Leverett, Mr. Khoury, and Dr. Newton. None were opposed.



Pamela G. Spanbauer, Board Chair 10/8/2020