

HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS OVERVIEW JFAC, JANUARY 21, 2014

Good morning Mr. Chairman, Madam Co-Chair and members of the Committee. In addition to institutions and agencies you have been hearing from, the State Board also has responsibility for a number of specific programs that are funded directly by the legislature. Five years ago the State Board approved a strategic direction for expanding Graduate and Undergraduate Medical Education. Shortly after that, our economy stalled and many of these plans were put into a holding pattern. The Board genuinely appreciates the support of this committee provided last year in funding five new WWAMI seats and funding for the internal medicine residency program.

This morning you are going to hear from the program directors for WWAMI and the state's newest residency program, the Kootenai Family Medicine Coeur d' Alene Residency.

First, however, I would like to speak in support of a line item for the University of Utah Medical Education Program. You find this as line item #4 on page 1-86 of the Legislative Budget.

As a reminder, the state contracts with the University of Utah School of Medicine for 8 seats per year for a total of 32 seats. Idaho students spend all four years at the U of U in Salt Lake City. These Idaho-sponsored students are required to spend seven weeks in Idaho in their third year doing a four week family medicine rotation and a three week internal medicine rotation. It is becoming quite difficult, however, to find physician mentors

(i.e. preceptors) for the Idaho students in these rotations. There are a number of contributing factors for this difficulty, but one of the problems is simply the lack of compensation for the Idaho physician mentors. Currently these preceptors do this on a good-will, volunteer basis. In contrast, WWAMI does compensate their preceptors for the work they do with WWAMI students.

This request is to for funding to compensate the preceptors \$500 per week for seven weeks multiplied by the eight sponsored third-year students for a total of \$28,000 in ongoing General Funds. These funds would stay in Idaho and allow University of Utah to be more competitive in finding good mentors for its Idaho-sponsored students.

In the audience today I would like to introduce you to Dr. Lonnie Shumsky. Dr. Shumsky is an internist at the Boise VA and is also responsible for finding preceptors for the Idaho students from the University of Utah.

I would also like to briefly address four additional health education programs which receive state support. You will find the Health Education Programs beginning on page 1-81 of your Legislative Budget Book.

- 1) There are two family medicine residencies in Idaho: the Family Medicine Residency of Idaho (FMRI) in Boise and the Idaho State University Family Medicine Residency in Pocatello. FMRI, including its Caldwell Rural Training Track and Magic Valley Rural Training Track, is growing to 48

residents in training at any one time and will be graduating 16 new family physicians each June. Of the 278 FMRI graduates, 151 (54%) family medicine physicians have been recruited and settled in Idaho since the beginning of the program since 1975. The ISU residency program has 21 medical residents and graduates seven new family physicians each June. Forty-five of ISU's 94 graduates have stayed in Idaho.

- 2) The Psychiatric Residency program sponsored by the University of Washington fills a critical need in addressing the severe shortage of psychiatric physicians in Idaho. Residents train in Seattle for two years, then move to Idaho to train for two more years. The full program trains a total of 11 residents (5 in Seattle, 6 in Idaho).
- 3) The Boise Internal Medicine program, also sponsored by the University of Washington, trains 8 residents per year for a total of 24 residents at any one time. The program received its first appropriation from the state in fiscal year 2014.
- 4) The Idaho Dental Education Program, known as "IDEP," provides Idaho residents with access to dental education through a cooperative agreement between Idaho State University and Creighton University in Omaha, NE. Idaho contracts for 8 seats per year for a total of 32 seats. Idaho students spend their first year at ISU in Pocatello and their second through fourth years at Creighton.
- 5) The Washington-Idaho Veterinary Education Program provides Idaho residents with access to a veterinary medical

education through a cooperative agreement between the University of Idaho and Washington State University. This program uses the combined resources of the University of Idaho Caine Veterinary Teaching Center in Caldwell and Washington State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. Idaho contracts for 11 seats per year for a total of 44 seats.