

## **BOARD OF MEDICAL STUDENT LOANS**

Minutes of the meeting of November 14, 2014

The Board of Medical Student Loans held an open public meeting on November 14, 2014 by videoconference at **four locations**: The University of Arizona College of Medicine, Room 2141, Arizona Health Sciences Library, 1501 N. Campbell Avenue, **Tucson, AZ 85724**; The University of Arizona, College of Medicine, Room C402, Health Sciences Education Building (HSEB), 550 E. Van Buren Street, **Phoenix, AZ 85004**; Midwestern University, Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine, Room 234, Glendale Hall, 19555 N. 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue, **Glendale, AZ 85308**; and Midwestern University, Downers Grove, IL Campus, Video Conference Room, Alumni Hall North, Lower Level, 555 31st Street, **Downers Grove, IL 60515**.

Board members in attendance at the videoconference included Chairperson Ross Kosinski, Ph.D. in Tucson, AZ; Shirley Rheinfelder, M.D. and Gordi Khera, M.D. in Glendale; and Stanley Brysacz, D.O. and Patricia Tarango (non-voting member) in Phoenix. With four of seven voting members in attendance, a quorum was met for the meeting.

Support staff present included: Sherri McClellan, Program Coordinator of Financial Aid, College of Medicine-Tucson, University of Arizona, in Tucson; Ana Roscetti, Workforce Section Manager, Bureau of Health Systems Development, Arizona Department of Health Services; Deborah Ross-Carter, Assistant Director, Student Financial Services, A.T. Still University and Gizella Jarrell, Director, Financial Aid Services, College of Medicine-Phoenix, University of Arizona in Phoenix; and Emily Lawrence, Student Loan Repayment Administrator, Midwestern University in Downers Grove, IL. Program participant Janet Vargas, M.D. and attorney Timothy Ingraham were also present in Tucson.

Absent from the meeting were Board members Amy Mitchell, M.D., Paul Steingard, D.O and Amy Waer, M.D..

The minutes of the meeting of April 25, 2014 have been distributed to the Board for review.

Due to unforeseen technical difficulties with the videoconferencing, **Chairperson Kosinski called the meeting to order at 1:28pm.**

After individual introductions, Chairperson Kosinski started the meeting with the welcome of newest Board member, Amy Waer, M.D. though she was absent from the meeting due to illness. He also mentioned that Dr. Steingard's tenure with the Board since 1999 will come to an end with the expiration of his appointment in January 2015.

Dr. Brysacz motioned for **approval of the meeting minutes** from April 25, 2014. A motion to approve the minutes was seconded by Dr. Rheinfelder, and all voting members were unanimous to approve.

Due to the technical delay, the meeting started later than expected. Chairperson Kosinski proceeded with the agenda item **Reconsideration of the Board's Decision to Refer the State's Contract with Janet Vargas, M.D. to the Attorney General's Office** as Dr. Vargas and her

attorney, Mr. Ingraham were in attendance. The chairperson recalled for the Board that, at the last meeting, the Board called for referral to the Attorney General's Office concerning Dr. Vargas' slow progress on her service commitment. Today serves as an opportunity as advised by the Attorney General's Office for reconsideration, as requested by Mr. Ingraham.

Mr. Ingraham thanked the Board for the opportunity to be at the meeting. He updated the Board with a handout showing that, as of the date of his letter to the Board from May, Dr. Vargas has made notable progress in a service plan. The first page shows that Dr. Vargas worked 3730 hours at ETANO and Cottonwood de Tucson. Chairperson Kosinski asked for clarification for the hours at ETANO, the Board-approved site. Mr. Ingraham confirmed 1829 plus 72 hours for ETANO. In June, Dr. Vargas started a private practice called Ryberson Consulting (an amalgamation of her children's names). She has worked 746 hours at Ryberson. Mr. Ingraham stated that these businesses are located in shortage areas. Her Ryberson hours include 198 hours at reduced rates and 169 hours at full standard rate. She has performed also 55 hours of pro bono services. These hours also include CME (continuing medical education), administrative duties and continuity of care. The second page of the handout shows her practice in terms of dollars. It was noted that she has billed \$19,000 less than could have been at standard rates, and could have billed \$11,000 for pro bono services. The last page of the handout was a letter from a charitable organization, *Eagles Wings of Grace Int'l* which confirms that Dr. Vargas is doing her pro bono work for their clients. It was also stated that Dr. Vargas also does volunteer work for University of Arizona (UA) students through the College of Medicine Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs. Dr. Vargas stated that she advises struggling students who need success in medical school and residency. She also has had some students from A.T. Still University who have traveled to Tucson to meet with her on weekends. She said that she also does outreach to the Native American community in the Talking Medicine Circle which mentors Native American students from UA and Pima Community College regarding the medical profession. She has a speaking engagement lined up with the Arizona Dental Association regarding the treatment of opioid addiction. Mr. Ingraham made the point that Dr. Vargas "is not in it just for the money," and that she is trying to serve the community. By his estimate, Dr. Vargas has worked over 4700 of services that ought to be given credit towards payment of the loan. He believes that is what the contract says and thinks that economic considerations have crept in, and legally, that is not what is required in the shortage areas. He believes that Dr. Vargas is entitled to get the credit because she "is not somebody who took the money and just ran away." She is somebody who is continuing practice and is trying to do the right thing.

Chairperson Kosinski asked about the private practice location. Dr. Vargas stated that it is located at 1637 East Prince in Tucson. Chairperson Kosinski asked Dr. Vargas who she is seeing in her private practice. She answered that the majority of the practice is seeing people receiving treatment for opioid addiction. Chairperson Kosinski stated that approval must come from the Board for practice sites, and she did not do that with her private practice. The Board approved her for Psychiatry. The statute states that the Board may approve, not must approve an in-need location. The approval for Cottonwood de Tucson is still in question although it has been denied twice in the past. Dr. Brysacz stated his concern of documentation for the private practice. Mr. Ingraham stated that she can get signed certificates for ETANO and Cottonwood de Tucson for hours worked. For her private practice, there needs to be a periodic reporting process with a right to inspection/audit so long as not to interfere with patient privacy. Dr. Vargas would be willing to submit her own certifications under penalty of perjury and allow audit. Dr. Brysacz asked if Dr.

Vargas is using an electronic health records system, to which Dr. Vargas stated that she is using an electronic health records system. Dr. Brysacz suggested that she use those records as documentation. Dr. Vargas agreed that she could document her patient care hours in that fashion.

Dr. Khera asked if there was an advisor to the Board from the Attorney General's Office. Chairperson Kosinski answered yes. Dr. Khera had a concern regarding the Cottonwood de Tucson location and hours served there and asked if the Board has the authority to approve that location and those hours served there. Chairperson Kosinski answered that the Board has already denied the Cottonwood de Tucson, and so part of Dr. Vargas' request is to reconsider those hours at Cottonwood de Tucson. There is no other information presented beyond that Cottonwood de Tucson is in an underserved area. The Board has denied the facility due to the belief that it does not meet the mission of the contract, and there is no change in the status of Cottonwood de Tucson. There is no documentation yet for a private practice, and the Board believes that there can be further documentation of added hours served at ETANO.

Dr. Khera asked if the Board has the authority to approve Cottonwood de Tucson as a site, pointing out that situation is unique due to Dr. Vargas' age. Dr. Khera wishes to ask an advisor with the AG's Office if the Board has the authority to accept the hours that she has worked at Cottonwood de Tucson even though the Board has rejected it in the past. Dr. Khera believes that Dr. Vargas is doing the best she can under the circumstance, and the Board has rejected this in the past, but he believes there has to be an outlet to this situation. He believes that the Board needs to reconsider its denial of Cottonwood de Tucson to be as helpful as they can in the situation while following the law. If the Board has the authority, Dr. Khera asks that they reopen Cottonwood de Tucson for vote of approval. Chairperson Kosinski believes that the Board has the authority to approve sites but, historically the Board has not approved Cottonwood de Tucson as a facility. Although it is in a mental health underserved area, it is a "high end" facility with patients there who are not even from Arizona, and it is very expensive. The Board has denied it in the past. Though he is sympathetic to Dr. Vargas and she is doing her best, Chairperson Kosinski stated that he is not comfortable with approving Cottonwood de Tucson, and he understands that others may disagree with him. Dr. Khera spoke of his support of Dr. Vargas, stating that, if the Board has the authority, it should do what it can legally to help her. Dr. Brysacz asked if the Board could make use of the Board's advisor from the AG to confirm whether or not the Board has the authority to approve Cottonwood de Tucson. Before the vote to go into Executive Session, Mr. Ingraham quoted from the statute which supports that the Board does have the legal authority reading, "A.R.S. 15-1724 (G) - *On receipt of supporting documentation, the board for good cause shown may defer the recipient's service or payment obligation or may enter into repayment arrangements with the recipient or allow service that is equivalent to full-time service if the board determines that this action is justified after a review of the individual's circumstances.*" Mr. Ingraham does not doubt that the Board has the discretion. He believes that the Board may go the other way as well. He went on to propose that the Board allow him to submit a plan of repayment. Chairperson Kosinski asked, if the Board does not approve Cottonwood de Tucson, could Dr. Vargas focus her service on ETANO and her private practice. Dr. Vargas stated that she opened up her private practice so that she could repay the Board in service. She stated that she could never get enough hours at ETANO to equal part-time. Mr. Ingraham returned to the question at hand, answering that Dr. Vargas has 750 hours of service completed at her private practice over 5 months. It looks as if she should get "a couple thousand hours" per year out of her private practice. Dr. Brysacz confirmed that the Board is looking for 2,000 hours of service per year.

Dr. Khera believes that the Board may have previously felt that it did not have the authority to approve Cottonwood de Tucson, but with legal clarification, it may. Dr. Khera stated that in prior meetings, he believed that Cottonwood de Tucson was ineligible as a service site, but that is not what he is hearing today, and the Board needs to discuss this. Dr. Rheinfelder countered, stating that she believes the Board always felt it had the authority to decide on approval of Cottonwood de Tucson one way or the other. She stated that it was not approved because the facility was not within the standards. Her concern was that, if the Board approved Cottonwood de Tucson, what would prevent another participant of the program from wanting to work at another “high end” site, and the Board is then no longer following its mission.

**The motion made by Dr. Khera to go into Executive Session** was seconded by Dr. Brysacz, and all were in favor. At **1:56pm**, everyone except voting Board members and Sherri McClellan, who was requested to stay and take minutes of the Executive Session, left the video-conference rooms.

The meeting **reconvened in public session at 2:09pm** with all returning.

Chairperson Kosinski asked Dr. Vargas, if the Board does not approve Cottonwood de Tucson, can she provide enough hours between ETANO and her private practice to satisfy the Board. Dr. Vargas stated that her private practice can provide full-time status. She stated that she is no longer at ETANO because her practice is full-time. Even at ETANO, she could only work 12-15 hours per week at most, therefore ETANO could not be full-time. She stated that she can fulfill her service requirement with her full-time practice.

Dr. Brysacz made a **motion not to reconsider Cottonwood de Tucson as eligible for service**. Dr. Rheinfelder seconded. Dr. Khera spoke against the motion, believing that with the Board’s authority, it can approve Cottonwood de Tucson as an eligible site. Chairperson Kosinski responded that Dr. Vargas started working at Cottonwood de Tucson without Board approval. The facility goes against what the Board has done since Chairperson Kosinski has been on the Board for the last 10 years or so. He believes that it does not serve the people of Arizona which is what the Board is charged to do—providing care for the underserved populations of Arizona—and many of the people there are not from Arizona.

Dr. Brysacz called for the question. The motion was clarified to deny the hours worked at Cottonwood de Tucson. Those in favor to deny the hours worked at Cottonwood de Tucson: Chairperson Kosinski, Dr. Rheinfelder and Dr. Brysacz. Those opposed to deny the hours worked at Cottonwood de Tucson: Dr. Khera. With a 3-1 vote, **the motion to uphold previous decisions, and deny the hours worked at Cottonwood de Tucson was approved.**

Dr. Brysacz then made a **motion to retract the Board’s decision to refer Dr. Vargas to the Attorney General** for breach of contract. Dr. Khera seconded the motion. The vote to retract the Board’s previous decision to refer Dr. Vargas to the Attorney General was **unanimously approved.**

Chairperson Kosinski moved forward with the discussion to consider Dr. Vargas' full-time private practice as a viable plan to fulfill her service obligation to the State. Documentation required would include the office location, the underserved clientele and hours of service.

Dr. Brysacz requested that the Board require from Dr. Vargas that she continue to focus serving the underserved at her office. Patricia Tarango confirmed that practically the whole State is designated as a Mental Health HPSA (Health Professional Shortage Area).

Chairperson Kosinski made a **motion to table consideration of Dr. Vargas' private practice until the next meeting**, giving her time to gather and provide documentation of her office location, hours served and the population she is serving as a viable service plan. Dr. Khera seconded the motion.

Chairperson Kosinski questioned the history of approving a private practice and acceptable documentation. Before the vote, Dr. Rheinfelder stated that there are people in the past who have gone into private practice. Sherri McClellan stated that private practice is allowable, however documentation of service at a private practice has historically been certified by a third-party in the facility, such as an office manager. Chairperson Kosinski stated his belief that electronic medical records could be considered as documentation of Dr. Vargas' practice.

Dr. Rheinfelder stated that, if Dr. Vargas had not left her residency, her service would be completed this year. She asked if the Board has the authority to extend the time during which service would otherwise have been completed. Chairperson Kosinski stated that the Board does and already has exercised that authority.

The motion to table consideration of Dr. Vargas' private practice with documentation until the next meeting was called. The Board **unanimously voted to table consideration of Dr. Vargas' private practice until the next meeting**.

Dr. Vargas and Mr. Ingraham exited the meeting.

The meeting continued with an **Update on Referrals to the Attorney General's Office**. Current participants with the Attorney General's Office are O. Dianna Bell, Claudia Chavez, Rey Palop, M.D., Juan Hernandez, Scott Salmon, D.O., Juanita Padilla, M.D., and David Damstra, M.D. There were no discussions or actions during the meeting but to make notice of the status reviews for each participant as detailed on the agenda.

The meeting continued with **Participant Updates and Requests**.

**Katharine Gee Raymer, M.D.** received loans during Academic Years 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 and has been serving her 4-year commitment as a general surgeon at Payson Regional Medical Center since September 6, 2011. Dr. Raymer and her family have decided to move overseas to India in 2015 to provide rural medical care abroad, and she plans to discontinue her service 10 months early on December 31, 2014. In a letter to the Board, she proposed repayment of the remaining debt on her contracts, including interest and liquidated damages at a projected amount of \$53,496.42. Dr. Khera motioned to approve Dr. Raymer's repayment proposal. Chairperson Kosinski seconded. All were unanimous in approval.

**Maurice Lee, M.D.** has been working full-time in Family Medicine with Board-approved Neighborhood Outreach Access to Health (NOAH) in the Phoenix area since August 12, 2013. He has a service commitment of 4 years. Dr. Lee wrote to the Board that he is interested in applying for the position of Medical Director at St. Vincent de Paul Medical Clinic at 420 W. Watkins Road, Phoenix AZ 85003. The location is in the Primary Care HPSA of Low Income – Phoenix South-Central and the Medically Underserved Area/Population of Phoenix South-Central. The position has been part-time, however St. Vincent de Paul wishes to take this position to full-time at 40-hours per week. In an email to the Board, Janice Ertl, Clinic Director, stated that, with a full-time medical director, the clinic would be better equipped to take on the growing number of diabetic patients in the Latino community and accept more complex hospital discharges who are without or in-between insurance coverage. Currently, the medical clinic is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 8am-4:30pm; Thursday 10am-8pm; and Friday 8am-2pm, averaging 20 patients per day. In addition to administrative duties, the medical director sees scheduled and unscheduled patients, collaborates with the dental clinic director to ensure that dental patients are medically safe for services and works directly with the Family Wellness Program which provides diabetes management for type 1 and 2 diabetic patients, including 200 pre-diabetic children. Dr. Khera moved to approve Dr. Lee's request to apply for the position of Medical Director at St. Vincent de Paul Medical Clinic, stating his belief that it is "for a noble cause." Dr. Brysacz seconded. All were unanimous in approval.

**Brandon Abbott, D.O.** is in his final year of Internal Medicine-Pediatrics Residency at SUNY-Buffalo in New York, expecting to finish in June 2015. He has secured a position as a full-time physician in Med-Peds at North Country HealthCare, 2920 N. 4th Street, Flagstaff, AZ 86004. North Country HealthCare is a Federally-Qualified Health Center which grants the facility and its locations the Health Professional Shortage Area designation. Dr. Abbot is expected to start serving his 4-year commitment in October 2015.

**Jesse Crane, D.O.** is also in his final year of Family Medicine Residency at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Indiana, expecting to finish in June 2015. He has secured a position as a full-time physician in Family Medicine at North Country HealthCare, 2920 N. 4th Street, Flagstaff, AZ 86004. North Country HealthCare is a Federally-Qualified Health Center which automatically grants the facility and its locations the Health Professional Shortage Area designation. Dr. Crane has a 4-year service commitment.

**Joselyn Jedick-Branchik, D.O.** submitted a final certification of practice, fulfilling her 2-year service obligation in Family Medicine at Board-approved North Country Health Care, 2090 N. Smoketree Ave, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403 which is a Federally-Qualified Health Center from 8/1/2012 through 8/1/2014. A letter of completion was issued to her on 9/4/2014.

**Aaron Knudson, D.O.** submitted a final certification of practice, fulfilling his 2-year service obligation in Internal Medicine/Pediatrics at Board-approved Banner Health Clinic at Page, 601 N. Navajo Drive, Page, AZ 86040 serving the Medically Underserved Area/Population - Tuba City Service Area from 8/31/2012 through 10/24/2014. A letter of completion was issued to him. Dr. Knudson continues to work at the Banner Health Clinic at Page.

**Bryan McConnell, D.O.** submitted a final certification of practice, fulfilling his 3-year service obligation. He worked as Hospitalist at St. Luke's Medical Center, 1800 E. Van Buren Street,

Phoenix AZ 85006 for two years from 8/5/2011 through 7/31/2013, serving the Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Area of Low Income South Central Phoenix and the Medically Underserved Area/Population of Low Income South Central Phoenix. He also worked as Hospitalist at Phoenix Baptist Hospital, 2000 W. Bethany Home Road, Phoenix AZ 85015 for one year from 8/1/2013 through 7/31/2014, serving the Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Area of Low Income Phoenix and the Medically Underserved Area/Population of Low Inc I-17 Corridor. A letter of completion dated October 24, 2014 was issued to him.

**Matthew Payne, D.O.** submitted a final certification of practice, fulfilling his 2-year service obligation in Family Medicine at Board-approved Banner Health Clinic at Copper Basin, 2474 E. Hunt Hwy, Suite 10, San Tan Valley, AZ 85140 which serves the Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Area of Superior/Kearny from 8/1/2012 through 8/4/2014. A letter of completion was issued to him on 9/4/2014.

**Comfort Hines, M.D.** began serving her 4-year commitment at Casa Grande Regional Medical Center in Emergency Medicine July 1, 2013. She completed one year of service there, leaving on June 30, 2014. She moved to the Sedona/Cottonwood area and began working at Verde Valley Medical Center on July 1, 2014. Verde Valley Medical Center has locations at 269 W. Candy Lane, Cottonwood, AZ 86326 and at 3700 W. State Route 89A, Sedona, AZ 86336. Each of these locations is service-eligible in the Primary Care HPSA of Yavapai-Northeast and in the Medically Underserved Area/Population of Low-Income Yavapai. Dr. Hines has a service commitment of four years and is expected to complete her service obligation in July 2017.

**Valerie Miranda, M.D.** continues working towards her 3-year (6,000-hour) commitment to the State in Urgent Care. She has 2,381 approved hours served between August 21, 2012 and October 27, 2013. She submitted Certification of Practice for Board-approved locations of Advanced Urgent Care in the Phoenix area, totaling 807 hours of qualified service between October 28, 2013 and March 31, 2014. On April 1, 2014, Advanced Urgent Care was bought by FastMed Urgent Care. Although the employer changed, Dr. Miranda continued working at the approved locations providing general urgent medical care. She was also elevated to a leadership position as Regional Medical Director and Supervising Physician for Physician Assistants, which requires 8 hours per week of administrative time not included in her documented 1,001 hours of qualified patient care between April 1, 2014 and October 22, 2014 with FastMed Urgent Care.

**Michelle Aguilar, M.D.** submitted certification of her service at El Rio Community Health Center in Pediatrics in Tucson where she has been working since November 4, 2013. She continues her service there towards her 4-year commitment. She is expected to be completed in November 2017.

**Joaquin Bermudez, D.O.** submitted Certification of Practice for his approved service locations, providing Psychiatric care 32 hours per week at Southeastern Arizona Behavioral Health Systems in Safford and 8 hours per week with the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections at Adobe Mountain School-South in Phoenix. He began his 2-year commitment on July 15, 2013 and is expected to complete his service obligation in July 2015.

**Elizabeth Bierer, M.D.** has been serving her 4-year commitment in Family Medicine at Lakeside Family Health Center since August 15, 2011. She submitted certification of her continuing service. Her service obligation is expected to be completed in August 2015.

**Tam Chu, D.O.** submitted certification of her continued work as a full-time physician in Internal Medicine at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix where she began in September 2013. She has a 4-year commitment and is expected to be completed in September 2017.

**Benjamin Dangerfield, D.O.** has been working in Internal Medicine at Maricopa Integrated Health Systems Comprehensive Healthcare Center July 2012. He submitted certification of his continuing service there. His 3-year service obligation is expected to be completed in July 2015.

**Heather Holley, D.O.** submitted certification of her service as a full-time physician in Pediatrics at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix where she began in November 11, 2013. She has a 4-year commitment and is expected to be completed in November 2017.

**Jennifer Holmgren, D.O.** has been working in Pediatrics at MVP Kids (formerly Maryvale Pediatrics) in Phoenix and Avondale since February 11, 2013. She submitted certification of her continuing service there. Her 4-year service obligation is expected to be completed in February 2017.

**Anne Maiden Young, D.O.** has been serving her 4-year commitment in Pediatrics at Valle del Sol in Phoenix since July 16, 2012. She submitted certification of her continuing service there. Her service obligation is expected to be completed in July 2016.

**C. Michelle Martin, D.O.** submitted certification of her service at Healthy Life Family Med in Goodyear beginning October 4, 2012. She continues to serve her 3-year commitment there and is expected to be completed in November 2015.

**Laura Mercer, M.D.** submitted certification of her service at Maricopa OBGYN in Phoenix since July 2013. She continues to serve her 2-year commitment there and is expected to be completed in July 2015.

**Michael Mortensen, D.O.** has been serving as a full-time physician in Internal Medicine at Flagstaff Medical Center since July 2012. He submitted certification of his continuing service there. His 3-year service obligation is expected to be completed in July 2015.

**Virginia Savala, D.O.** has been serving her 4-year commitment in Obstetrics at Sun Life Family Health Center in Casa Grande since August 2013. She submitted certification of her continuing service there. Her service obligation is expected to be completed in August 2017.

**B. Sean Smithson, M.D.** has been serving as a full-time physician in Family Medicine at Pinetop Medical Associates since July 2012. He submitted certification of his continuing service there. His 3-year service obligation is expected to be completed in July 2015.

**Monica Viteri-Giordano, D.O.** submitted certification of her service at Banner Ironwood Medical Center in San Tan Valley since September 2013. She continues to serve her 4-year commitment there and is expected to be completed in July 2017.

**Lisa Young, D.O.** submitted certification of her continued work in full-time Family Practice at Whiteriver Indian Health Service where she began November 4, 2013. She has a 3-year commitment and is expected to be completed in November 2016.

Chairperson Kosinski drew the Board's attention to the **table of active participants** as a comprehensive look at the progress and status of open obligations to the State through the Arizona Medical Student Loan Program. There are three (3) in residency, thirty-two (32) in service, seven (7) with the Attorney General and two (2) who are in default of their service obligation but within the one-year grace period prior to their repayment due date.

The Board discussed the **Reimbursement of Private Schools to University of Arizona College of Medicine**. According to Arizona Revised Statutes 15-1723 Section H, "Private schools of medicine shall reimburse the University of Arizona for any administrative costs related to the processing of loans for students at private schools of medicine." At the November 9, 2012 meeting, the Board voted that the reimbursement be proportioned according by the number of participants at each respective school at \$500.00 for each student with a maximum of cost of \$5,000.00. Currently, three (3) students are active in residency or service from A.T. Still University. There are thirteen (13) from Midwestern University. The last invoices paid to the University of Arizona were in May 2014 for Academic Year 2013-2014. Sherri McClellan will be sending out those invoices.

At the previous meeting, it was announced that there may be some changes in staff support of the Board of Medical Student Loans at the University of Arizona. Sherri McClellan will remain in her position supporting the Board through its Sunset in January 2018.

Dr. Brysacz asked for clarification on the reason for the Sunset. Chairperson Kosinski replied that the State has swept the fund, and the Board has not made any loans for several years. Dr. Brysacz asked if there are lobbyists who can advocate for the program. Chairperson Kosinski said that he would ask around to see if there is a way to reignite funding for the program.

Chairperson Kosinski talked about recognizing Dr. Galper and Dr. Steingard for their time on the Board. The universities will look into their budgets to see if plaques can be funded.

There were **no other items** for discussion from Board members or audience.

With all agenda items and other discussions addressed, Chairperson Kosinski motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Rheinfelder seconded. All were in favor of adjournment. **The meeting was adjourned at 2:44pm.**

Minutes are available for review on this day, November 18, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri McClellan  
Program Coordinator  
Board of Medical Student Loans

Approved:



Ross Kosinski, Ph.D.  
Chairperson  
Board of Medical Student Loans