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**BOARD OF REGENTS* and its
HEALTH SCIENCES SYSTEM COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**
Building B, Room 105
College of Southern Nevada
6375 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas
Friday, March 7, 2014

Members Present: Mr. James Dean Leavitt, Chair
 Dr. Mark W. Doubrava, Vice Chair
 Dr. Jason Geddes
 Mr. Kevin C. Melcher *{via telephone}*
 Ms. Allison Stephens

Other Regents Present: Mr. Kevin J. Page
 Mr. Rick Trachok

Others Present: Dr. Marcia Turner, Vice Chancellor, HSS
 Mr. Vic Redding, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration
 Mr. Nick Vaskov, System Counsel and Director of
 Real Estate Planning
 Mr. Donald D. Snyder, President, UNLV
 Dr. Marc Johnson, President, UNR
 Dr. Robert Langer, UNLV
 Dr. Carl L. Reiber, UNLV
 Dr. Evan Klass, UNSOM-UNR
 Dr. Thomas L. Schwenk, UNSOM-UNR

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were Dr. Paul Werth, UNLV; and Dr. Swatee Naik, UNR. No student body presidents were in attendance.

For others present, please see the attendance roster on file in the Board office.

Chair James Dean Leavitt called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. with all members present except Regent Stephens.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

2. Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the December 5, 2013, meeting (*Ref. HSS-2 on file in the Board office*).

Vice Chair Doubrava moved approval of the minutes from the December 5, 2013, meeting. Regent Geddes seconded. Motion carried. Regent Stephens was absent.

3. Information Only-Chair's Report – Chair James Dean Leavitt updated the Committee regarding Health Sciences System planning and development efforts.

Chair Leavitt said two meetings of the Chancellor's state-wide Medical Education Development Steering Committee have taken place. It was formed with the express purpose of implementing the Memorandum of Understanding (*MOU*) presented to the Board and unanimously supported in December 2013.

4. Information Only-Update on Health Sciences Activities and Initiatives – Dr. Marcia Turner, Vice Chancellor of Health Sciences, updated the Committee on Health Sciences System activities and initiatives since the last meeting of the Committee.

Vice Chancellor Turner reported on the involvement in the Governor's Workforce Investment Board's Health Care and Medical Services Sector Council. She said as part of the Council's activities, the Health Sciences System team worked with representatives from CSN, TMCC and the Governor's Office of Economic Development to pursue pilot program funding to develop a Community Health Worker Program. The proposal was selected and awarded an \$88,000 grant to develop the program.

5. Information Only-University of Nevada School of Medicine (*UNSOM*) (Agenda Item #6) – Dr. Thomas L. Schwenk, Dean, UNSOM, and Vice President, Division of Health Sciences, UNR, provided an update on UNSOM activities and initiatives (*Ref. HSS-6 on file in the Board office*).

Dean Schwenk reported on the status of UNSOM strategic planning and implementation highlights in the Las Vegas area. He said work is proceeding quickly towards a new pediatrics and family medicine clinic in Henderson, with the opening planned for June 2014. The UNSOM representation in the new University Medical Center of Southern Nevada (*UMC*) governance model has a new board authorized by the County Commission consisting of nine members. The Chief of Staff at UMC and UNSOM Dean serve as ex-officio members. Detailed discussions have taken place for the development of a new Graduate Medical Education (*GME*) partnership in Las Vegas for an additional affiliation offering the possibility of a new residency relationship. Extra support above their cap, for new physicians in the surgery residence program, has been authorized by UMC. Dr. Michael Daubs has returned to UNSOM after a very distinguished career, as the first Chief of the new Orthopaedic Surgery division within the Department of Surgery. The cardiology fellowship was approved and will launch this summer, 2014, with three new cardiology fellows; gastrointestinal has been proposed and will hopefully be followed by pulmonary critical care and a child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship.

5. Information Only-University of Nevada School of Medicine (UNSOM) (Agenda Item #6)
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Dean Schwenk continued the account for the Reno area. He stated progress has been made with Renown Health moving toward a joint operating agreement: integration of the Department of Pediatrics with Children's Hospital; clinical affiliation and GME has been expanded and strengthened; and a major affiliation agreement has been developed, including creation of a high-level steering committee. More immediate is the issue of neurology where there is a teaching deficit. A proposal is being created for a new neurology department at UNSOM to import six neurologists from Renown. There are some significant structural weaknesses in the UNSOM practice plan in that it does not have specialty components that generally support it. On the other hand, as a primary care group of 40 to 50 physicians, it has great value to the health system at Renown. Exploration continues for a GME relationship with St. Mary's Medical Center for Family Medicine.

Dean Schwenk reported statewide a full commitment launch of the full practice management information technology and health record system has taken place in Las Vegas and will next launch in Reno. The process is painful, but usual for this type of situation. A detailed plan for GME expansion was rolled out to create a non-denominational, long-term plan for statewide GME. The City of Elko and Elko Hospital have provided support for internal medicine residents from Reno to rotate and develop experience in rural training and outreach. Approval was granted to launch the rural residency program in Winnemucca; the first year residency for the family medicine program is in Las Vegas, followed by two years fully based in Winnemucca. Fallon will possibly have a replica program. Dean Schwenk added the statewide vision statement is completed.

Dean Schwenk said the newborn screen program was outsourced to Oregon for years. Over time some of the test requirements changed and the birth rate has increased. Staff was recruited and the program will return to Nevada on July 1, 2014.

Vice Chair Doubrava thought there was a sports fellowship and a surgery fellowship in Las Vegas, and now there is a cardiology fellowship. He felt the fellowships in cardiology not only help healthcare delivery but also make the internal medicine programs more attractive.

Vice Chair Doubrava asked about the potential MountainView Hospital residencies in Las Vegas. Dean Schwenk indicated residencies are awaiting approval for those slots from the federal government.

Regent Stephens entered the meeting.

6. Information Only-University of Nevada School of Medicine Physician Assistant Program (Agenda Item #5) – Dr. Evan Klass, Associate Dean, Office of Statewide Initiatives, provided an update on the Nevada School of Medicine’s planning for a Physician Assistant Program (*Ref. HSS-5 on file in the Board office*).

Dr. Klass stated the new academic program currently being developed by UNSOM to train students for careers as Physician Assistants (*PA*) is quite preliminary with more detail to follow. The process was just officially launched and has multiple institutional hurdles to accomplish. To initiate the procedure it is necessary to get in the queue for accreditation, and the system is overwhelmed at this point. The queue suggests UNSOM can expect a site visit in October 2016 with the expectation of the first class in mid-2017. The primary model is the University of Washington where time will be spent to view programs and infrastructure.

Dr. Klass felt the timing of the *PA* program was perfect. All medical health changes are huge, and while the *PA* program is a relatively small piece, it is important and necessary. The initial class of 20 students is based on availability of laboratory space and preceptors in Reno. This is a 2-1/2 year program after which the graduates will immediately go into the workforce without post-graduate training. Physician Assistants in Nevada can expect salaries of approximately \$100,000.

Regent Stephens felt it was entirely appropriate to have the program in Reno. She is a huge proponent of the *PA* program in the state. She is concerned about the initial class size being only 20 – such a small class could run the risk of being elitist. Regent Stephens thought there was a large pool of different applicants from various backgrounds. She felt the post baccalaureate premedical program is an important component to this and, with that comes some challenges such as students requiring financial aid. Regent Stephens encouraged assisting groups underrepresented in medicine from disadvantaged backgrounds and geographic areas. Hopefully all of this will be taken into consideration during the planning stages. Dr. Klass was concerned about the 20 person class size, as well. However, the biggest concern was having adequate preceptors.

7. Information Only-\$20.3 Million National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Translational Research Infrastructure Network Grant – Dr. Carl L. Reiber, UNLV Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Professor of Life Sciences, and Dr. Robert Langer, Principal Investigator Research Professor, Professor of Allied Health Sciences, UNLV, Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Research and Professor of Family Medicine, UNSOM Las Vegas, provided an overview of the recently awarded \$20.3 million National Institutes of Health (*NIH*) Clinical Translational Research Infrastructure Network grant (*Ref. HSS-7, on file in the Board office*).

Vice Provost Reiber explained the *NIH* is a five-year grant for \$20.3 million from *NIH-NIGMS (National Institute of General Medical Sciences)* under the *IDeA Program (Institutional Development Award)* with the potential for renewal for a second five years.

7. Information Only-\$20.3 Million National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Translational Research Infrastructure Network Grant – (continued)

Dr. Langer proceeded to give a PowerPoint presentation (*on file in the Board office*) covering topics on: the mission of the grant; the administrative core and education/mentoring and career development core located at UNLV; the resources in support of research and the clinical and translational research (CTR) governance. He added the grant runs through a partnership between UNLV and UNSOM and is designed to develop research support infrastructure to serve the region, which includes the universities in the Mountain West areas: Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico and Wyoming. Dr. Langer encouraged everyone to visit the website: ctrin.unlv.edu for updates.

Chair Leavitt congratulated Vice Provost Reiber and Dr. Langer for the work and accomplishments in obtaining the grant.

8. New Business – None.

9 Information Only-Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned a 9:07 a.m.

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