

UNLV School of Medicine Update

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Vision for UNLV School of Medicine

To develop a world-class center for education, patient care, and research that prepares Nevada's physicians with the most innovative and technologically advanced forms of medical training while serving the health care needs of a diverse population through community partnerships.



Progress to Date

Agreement with University of Nevada School of Medicine (UNSOM), the medical school from University of Nevada, Reno, as of July 1, 2017:

- + All faculty in Las Vegas who want to can transfer to UNLV School of Medicine
- + All graduate medical education (residency) programs will transfer
- + All clinical programs and facilities will transfer

New Accreditation Timeline

- + Dec. 2015: Self study and data base due
- + Feb. 2016: LCME decides to do site visit
- + May-June 2016: LCME site visit occurs
- + Oct. 2016: LCME decides whether we can accept first class
- + August 2017:
First class begins



Scholarships

- ✦ May 2015, received full, four-year tuition scholarships for all 60 students in charter class
- ✦ June 2015, celebrated 25 scholarships for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year classes from Engelstad Family Foundation
- + Goal is to get the very best possible class and keep them in Nevada
- ✦ To date we have received \$16.6 M in philanthropy



Grant Applications

- + Submitted application to Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in July; Dr. Laura Culley, PI, for “Community Health Sites”
Amount: \$2,473,000 (2015-2018)
- + Submitted pre-application to United Health Foundation for grant May 2015; received invitation to submit full grant proposal, August; Dr. Atkinson, PI; “Start-up of a New Medical School”
Amount: \$3,000,000 (2015 to 2018)

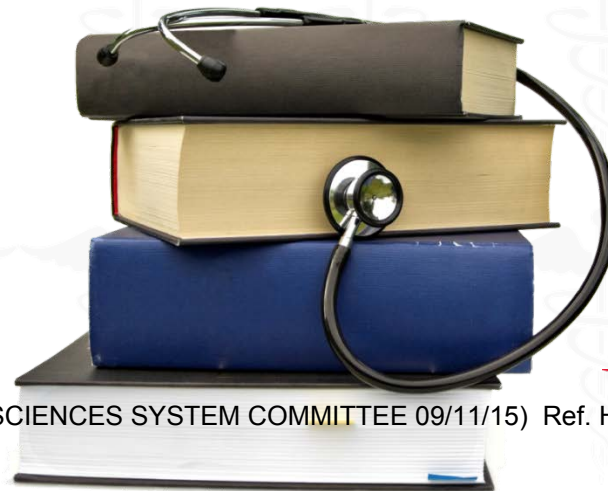
Ongoing activities with PwC

RFP issued; PwC contract signed July 2015 for 3 years, \$820K, main activity due by November, 2016:

- + Accreditation: Review of all materials, committees working on curriculum detail and data base
- + Practice plan: Committee putting together goals and principles
- + Developing principles for negotiating hospital affiliations
- + Community practice site planning
- + Information system planning

Other Activities

- + Negotiating final MOU for land with Clark County commission
- + Planning interim space build-out at Shadow Lane
- + Recruiting faculty and staff
- + Finding additional office space



Summary

UNLV School of Medicine will be a catalyst and driver for better health care for southern Nevada also bringing great economic growth in the health care sector



April 2015

- Held a luncheon April 9 to publicize and promote the Founding Scholarship program for the charter class of 60 students. Fifty potential donors were invited to the luncheon. Our goal is to provide scholarships, \$100,000 each, for all 60 students. To date, we have nearly 50 scholarships committed from community members. We also issued a news release after the luncheon that received good exposure from local media.
- Held the fifth meeting of the Community Advisory Board (CAB) Monday, April 13 to introduce new staff and to give a legislative and fundraising update. The CAB consists of nearly 40 community leaders representing the sectors of development, gaming, health care, education, and business.
- Traveled to Carson City, April 23, along with members of the UNLV School of Medicine CAB to meet with Senate Finance Committee and Assembly Ways & Means Budget Committee members. The group discussed with legislators why fully funding the Board of Regents' budget request of \$26.7 million for the coming biennium is essential for our community, our state, and for Nevada residents.
- Attended UNLV School of Medicine Accreditation Committee meetings to ensure each committee is working toward their first draft of the self-study report required by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education to apply for Preliminary Accreditation. The four committees are preparing plans, and strategies for the development of the medical school and its educational program; identifying both institutional strengths and challenges that require attention; and defining strategies to ensure that challenges are addressed as the institution develops.
- Worked collaboratively with the other four UNLV Health Sciences schools to develop an advertisement and advertorial for a special health care insert in the Las Vegas Review Journal scheduled for print Thursday, May 14.

Speaking Engagements

- Dean Barbara Atkinson spoke at five events and gave three TV interviews to help educate the public about the UNLV School of Medicine mission and progress:

Saturday April 11 11:30 a.m.	The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Las Vegas and The League of Women Voters (LWV) of Las Vegas Valley Monthly Meeting & Luncheon – guest speaker	Main Street Station Casino
Friday April 17 5:30-7:30 p.m.	“Mujeres” Women’s Group Meeting	Latin Chamber of Commerce
Saturday April 18 12:30-2:00 p.m.	Executive Leadership Academy of The Public Education Fund – guest speaker	The Public Education Foundation
Tuesday April 21 12:00-1:30 p.m.	Clark County Medical Society Alliance Luncheon	Ferraro’s Italian Restaurant
Tuesday April 21	TV Interview – UNLV charter class receives scholarships	Channel 13 News – Positively LV
Tuesday April 21	TV Interview – Doctor shortage solutions	Channel 8 News
Friday April 24	TV Interview – Scholarship program	UNLV-TV
Saturday April 28 1:00-3:00 p.m.	UNLV Leadership Development Academy Fellows – guest speaker	Boyd School of Law

- Future speaking engagements for Dean Barbara Atkinson:

Wednesday May 6 3:00-5:00 p.m.	UNLV Foundation Advisory Board Meeting	TBD
Tuesday May 12 12:00-1:30 p.m.	International Women's Forum Luncheon – guest speaker	Las Vegas Country Club

Wednesday May 13 9:00-11:00 a.m.	UNLV Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting	Foundations Building, Blasco Event Wing
Tuesday May 18	VA Research Week 2015 Kickoff – guest speaker	VA Southern Nevada
Thursday May 21 12-1:30 pm	Rotary Club of Las Vegas – guest speaker	Lawry's

Media Highlights

- [Region's condition requires addition of UNLV med school](#)
Las Vegas Review-Journal, April 3, 2015
- April 6: Editorial Board meeting with the Las Vegas Sun.
- [Med School launches scholarship drive for its entire charter class](#)
Las Vegas Sun, April 8, 2015
- [Building roads is building futures](#)
Las Vegas Sun, April 15, 2015
- [Lack of pediatric care forces families to leave Nevada](#)
Reno Gazette-Journal, April 19, 2015
- [Children's Heart Center donates money for UNLV medical school scholarships](#) –
Positively Las Vegas, Channel 13 News, April 21, 2015
- [Doctor shortage solutions](#) – Channel 8 News - CBS, April 21, 2015
- [Our view: More Nevada med school funding needed – stat](#)
Reno Gazette Journal, April 28, 2015
- The Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance also [released their preliminary research](#) findings related to economic competitiveness, business climate and education April 28. One of the eight questions published asked Clark County employers and employees: "In your opinion, should the State of Nevada fully fund the creation of the medical school at UNLV?" The results: Two-third of the respondents (65.59 percent) said YES, those responding NO were 34.41 percent.

May 2015

- Distributed a news release May 7 to update the media of the UNLV School of Medicine's scholarship drive progress. In less than 30 days, 52 scholarships were committed to cover the tuition costs for the school's charter class of 60 students. The scholarship count now is up to 58.5. One of the last remaining scholarships was dedicated as a "Community Scholarship," which allows anyone from the community to help support a \$100,000 student scholarship. They can make an online contribution of any amount.
- Held the sixth meeting of the Community Advisory Board Monday, May 11 to review the proposed curriculum for UNLV Medicine students. Staff also provided a legislative and fundraising update. The board consists of nearly 40 community leaders representing the sectors of development, gaming, health care, education, and business.
- Attended the VA Research Week 2015 kickoff May 18 at the VA Southern Nevada System. The event celebrates achievements of VA researchers and the role they play in providing high quality care for Veterans and advancing medical science. Thursday, was UNLV/VA Research Day. More than 100 UNLV and VA faculty and staff attended breakout sessions led by UNLV covering these topics: Behavioral Health and Addiction, Chronic Disease, Hospitality and Health Care Delivery, Infectious Disease, Preventive Medicine and Rehabilitation. UNLV and VA faculty also presented their research findings.
- Continued to attend UNLV School of Medicine Accreditation Committee meetings to ensure each committee finalizes their first draft of the self-study report required by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education to apply for Preliminary Accreditation. The four committees are preparing plans for the development of the medical school and its educational program; identifying both institutional strengths and challenges requiring attention; and defining strategies to address challenges as the institution develops.
- Continued to meet with health care institutions and community health agencies to collaborate on ways the UNLV School of Medicine can help meet the growing health care needs in Southern Nevada.
- Welcomed new staff, Cindy Stella, executive administrative coordinator to the UNLV School of Medicine team.

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Tuesday May 26 7:30—10 am	Henderson Healthcare Forum	Henderson Convention Center

- Dean Atkinson's presentations for June and August:

Tuesday June 2 5:00-6:00 p.m.	Women's Leadership Institute – guest speaker	UNLV Student Union
Friday June 26 11:00-1:00 p.m.	Urban Chamber of Commerce – guest speaker	Gold Coast Hotel and Casino
Monday August 3 12:00-1:30 p.m.	Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Club – guest speaker	Lawry's

Media Highlights

- UNLV News Release: [UNLV medical school scholarship campaign fast approaching its goal](#) – May 7, 2015
- [There's no reason we can't have better schools and health care](#)
Las Vegas Sun, May 3, 2015
- [Gary Larson interview with UNLV School of Medicine planning dean Barbara Atkinson](#)
91.5 The Source, May 19, 2015
- [Going For It](#) - May 21, 2015

June 2015 Report

- Participated in a news conference Thursday, June 11 along with other UNLV deans to celebrate [Gov. Brian Sandoval signing](#) the state's appropriations bill – Senate Bill 514 into law. The signing ceremony underscored the investment Nevada has made in the UNLV's medical, hospitality, and law programs. The Associated Press, print and broadcast media, including Spanish media outlets, covered the event.
- Attended a [check presentation](#) by the Engelstad Family Foundation who pledged \$10 million toward medical student scholarships – 25 for The UNLV School of Medicine's charter class, and 25 each year for the next three entering classes.
- Hosted three former Deans [Phil Pizzo, MD](#), Stanford University; [Arthur Rubenstein, MBBCh](#), University of Pennsylvania Raymond and Ruth Perelman School of Medicine; and [Tom Lawley](#), Emory School of Medicine who are working with the Merritt Hawkins consulting group to provide strategic guidance to selected medical schools. The UNLV School of Medicine is one of those schools. For three days, June 22-24, the deans visited with more than 20 people, some of whom were The UNLV School of Medicine and UNLV administration. They also visited with many of our local partners, as well as the Chancellor and Dean Thomas Schwenk of the University of Nevada, School of Medicine. The deans also will review our accreditation documents in July before we submit them to the accrediting body, [the Liaison Committee on Medical Education](#), August 1.
- Held the seventh meeting of the Community Advisory Board Monday, June 15 to review the [proposed curriculum](#) and student profile for The UNLV School of Medicine. Staff also provided progress reports on fundraising activities, accreditation, and pending partnerships. The board consists of more than 40 community leaders representing the sectors of development, gaming, health care, education, and business.
- Continued to meet with potential donors for capital funding, and with health care institutions and community health agencies to collaborate on ways The UNLV School of Medicine can help meet the growing health care needs in Southern Nevada.
- Started work developing a short- and long-term strategic communications plan and have attended several meetings toward this endeavor. Pipeline projects include a weekly newsletter, social media, speaker's bureau, outreach materials, and more.

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- Dean Barbara Atkinson spoke at two events this month to help educate the public about UNLV's Medicine mission and progress.

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- Dean Atkinson's future presentations include these:

Monday August 3 12:00-1:30 p.m.	Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Club – guest speaker	Lawry's
Saturday September 19 11:30-1:00 p.m.	Southern Nevada Women's History Project – guest speaker	Las Vegas Country Club
Wednesday October 7 9:00-11:00 a.m.	UNLV Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting The UNLV School of Medicine update	Foundations Building Blasco Event Wing
Wednesday October 7 12:00-1:00 p.m.	Library Fall Advisory Board Meeting – guest speaker	UNLV Lied Library

Media Highlights

- [Lawmakers OK 27 million for planned UNLV Medical School](#)
Las Vegas Sun, June 2, 2015
- [Governor: 'A Moment in History'](#)
UNLV Campus News, June 11, 2015
- [Engelstad Family Foundation Pledges \\$10 Million for UNLV Med School Scholarships](#)
UNLV News Release, June 17, 2015
- [Campaign to fund scholarships for UNLV medical school raises twice its goal](#)
Las Vegas Sun, June 17, 2015
- [EDITORIAL: UNLV medical school scholarship drive delivers](#)
Las Vegas Review-Journal, June 19, 2015
- [The Next Step For UNLV's School of Medicine](#)
KNPR, June 23, 2015

July 2015 Report

- Met with the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) and University of Nevada School of Medicine, Reno (UNSOM) Dean Tom Schwenk to develop a plan for transitioning the separation of Nevada's two public allopathic medical schools in Las Vegas -- UNLV School of Medicine and UNSOM. Currently, UNSOM's students spend their third and fourth years in Las Vegas doing their clinical program. UNSOM also has several residency programs here in Las Vegas.
- Presented the initial transition plan with Dean Schwenk to separate the two MD programs in Las Vegas to the statewide steering committee Wednesday, July 22. The committee, chaired by Chancellor Dan Klaich, JD, was formed in 2013 in response to the TrippUmbach report setting forth the need for a public allopathic medical school in Las Vegas. Committee members include: University of Nevada Reno (UNR) President, Marc Johnson, PhD; Executive Vice President and Provost, Kevin Carman, PhD, and UNSOM Dean Schwenk, MD; UNLV President, Len Jessup, PhD; Acting Executive Vice President and Provost, Nancy Rapoport, JD; and UNLV School of Medicine Planning Dean, Barbara Atkinson, MD; NSHE Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, Marcia Turner, PhD; Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, Vic Redding; and community representatives, Philip Satre, JD, former chair and CEO, Harrah's Entertainment, and Michael Yackira, former CEO, Nevada Energy. The committee is helping with the transition as UNSOM moves its new medical student and residency activities to Reno, while at the same time, the UNLV School of Medicine builds new and expanded graduate medical education programs in Las Vegas. A target date of July 1, 2017 to transition current UNSOM faculty based in Las Vegas, as well as current residency programs at University Medical Center (UMC), Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center, and the Southern Nevada VA, will transition to the UNLV School of Medicine. The plan will be presented to the NSHE Board of Regents September 10-11.
- Completed the first draft of our accreditation documents. The three-part accreditation application includes a 25-page summary; a database of questions outlining how we plan to meet the 12 standards required of every accredited medical school, approximately 230 pages; and a 153-page appendix packed with documentation proving we meet the Liaison Committee Medical Education requirements. Consultants have vetted our application and have provided invaluable feedback. The application will be submitted to the LCME December 1.
- Held the [Community Advisory Board](#) meeting Monday, July 14 to discuss the UNLV School of Medicine and UNSOM transition plan and to introduce new faculty and staff. Board members provided progress reports to develop certificate programs for students between UNLV School of

Medicine and other schools and colleges at UNLV, specifically the business school; and how to improve the state’s graduate medical education programs:

- New UNLV School of Medicine [faculty and staff](#) include: Stephen Dahlem, MD, director of case-based learning, Neil Haycocks, MD, director of biomedical science integration, Michael Nasiak, MD, associate professor, Nevada Institute of Personalized Medicine, Feride McAlpine, associate dean, administration and finance, and Jeffrie Jones, director of development.
- Received a 24-page [report](#) from the three former medical school dean consultants who spent three days visiting with stakeholders in June. Deans include: Phillip Pizzo, MD, Stanford University School of Medicine, Arthur Rubenstein, MBBCh, executive vice president of the University of Pennsylvania, Raymond and Ruth Perelman School of Medicine, and Thomas Lawley, MD, Emory School of Medicine. Their report outlines nine concrete recommendations for a path forward.
- Continued to meet with potential donors for capital funds, and with health care institutions and community health agencies to collaborate on ways the UNLV School of Medicine can help meet the health care needs in Southern Nevada.
- Launched the UNLV School of Medicine’s [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts and [Rounds](#), our newsletter in July providing updates from the planning dean.
- Selected our prime and specialty architects for our future permanent medical buildings after undergoing a rigorous and exciting RFP process for both selections. (Contract negotiations are currently underway, names cannot be disclosed at this time).
- Working with Chancellor Klaich, President Len Jessup, and others to plan an event in September recognizing the many state and community leaders who have contributed to the founding of the UNLV School of Medicine.

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Monday, Dec. 7	Graduate & Professional Student	Student Union

2:00-3:00 pm	Association (GPSA) Council meeting Guest speaker	
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