

Proposal to the Governor's Task Force on Graduate Medical Education

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The Governor's Task Force on Graduate Medical Education should recommend to the Governor that the Nevada System of Higher Education Statewide Steering Committee, led by the NSHE Chancellor and charged by the NSHE Board of Regents with managing the public medical education system in Nevada, should be charged with managing a fund to be appropriated by the State Legislature for the purpose of expanding graduate medical education in Nevada. The Steering Committee is already appointed and active, and represents all relevant segments of higher education in Nevada as well as statewide business and economic interests. The Steering Committee recognizes GME as a workforce and economic development issue of critical importance to the state.

The Steering Committee would be charged with the task of developing criteria by which funds would be awarded for the expansion of existing GME training programs, improved quality of existing programs so as to enhance the success of recruiting Nevada medical students, or the development of new training programs. The criteria selected would be influenced by recommendations made by the Governor's Task Force, including:

- state need,
- student demand for the specialty program proposed,
- the availability of hospital partners and clinical and teaching resources,
- the long-term commitment of the institutions involved,
- the past GME experience of the applicant institutions,
- the ability to support the maintenance costs of the program following start-up,
- an assessment of likely success,
- and the economic impact of the graduates anticipated from the expanded/new programs.

Preference could be shown for programs emphasizing particular shortage areas, such as primary care and mental health care, if the Task Force so recommends.

The Steering Committee would also be expected to develop performance metrics by which the impact of the awarded funds can be measured.

The goal would be for proposals to be solicited from all accredited GME-sponsoring institutions in Nevada shortly after funds are known to be available following the 2015 state legislative session. Programs should be expected to show the potential for expansion as soon as July 2016, or for new programs to be developed by July 2017.