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**COMMUNITY MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT
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A. BACKGROUND

The Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) is the state’s only private medical school and health sciences graduate school. Founded in 1893, it is dedicated to leadership and excellence in education, patient care, research, and community engagement. As a fully-accredited institution, MCW matriculates approximately 204 first-year medical students annually. Approximately 800 medical students and 450 graduate students are enrolled in MCW’s Medical School and Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

2013 Wisconsin Act 20 provided the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) with nearly \$7.4 million in funding to be used toward the development of two community medical education programs: one in the Green Bay region, and one in the Central Wisconsin region. The commitment of this funding grew out of a vision to develop community medical education programs that both address the need for additional health care providers in underserved communities across Wisconsin, as well as the goal of improving the health and well-being of individuals and families living in rural and medically underserved communities in the state.

Physician shortages have been well documented throughout the United States over the last several years. In 2004, the American Medical Association began expressing concern over physician shortages in some areas of the country. In 2012, the Association of American Medical Colleges expressed concerns that the nation could face a shortage of over 90,000 physicians by 2020. At home, the Wisconsin Hospital Association’s recent report, *100 New Physicians a Year: An Imperative for Wisconsin*, found that Wisconsin would need to add 100 new physicians annually to avoid an expected shortfall of 2,000 physicians by 2030, with the need being the most acute within the field of primary care.

MCW proposed a multi-community education model in alignment with health care’s “Triple Aim” of better value, better outcomes, and lower cost of care. The key focuses of the educational program will be upon prevention and wellness, early clinical experiences, and collaborative, team-based learning processes with other health professionals.

MCW’s community medical education program will be structured as an “immersive model” wherein students live and learn in the Wisconsin communities in which they eventually might complete their residency training and begin their respective practices. The community medical education program will prepare primary care physicians more efficiently via an innovative program that allows students to complete their medical education in approximately 20 fewer instructional weeks than students at MCW-Milwaukee.

MCW's long-standing commitment to excellence in medical education, research, patient care and community engagement, as well as world-class basic science and clinical faculty, positions the institution to establish sustainable and robust community medical education programs in Green Bay and Central Wisconsin.

B. DEVELOPMENT STATUS OF THE COMMUNITY MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The founding deans for both MCW-Green Bay and MCW-Central Wisconsin have been selected and are now working within the communities. MCW selected Matthew Hunsaker, MD, a family physician and former director of the Rural Medical Education Program at the University of Illinois School of Medicine's Rockford campus, as the first campus dean for MCW-Green Bay; Dr. Hunsaker started full-time on April 1, 2014. Lisa Grill Dodson, MD, a family physician who served as the director of Oregon's statewide Area Health Education Consortium, was selected as the MCW-Central Wisconsin campus dean and began work on August 3, 2014.

Twenty to twenty-five students are planned for the first medical school class at MCW-Green Bay in July 2015; the goal is to matriculate twenty-five students per year thereafter on that campus. In May, 2014, MCW received notification from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) that MCW-Green Bay has been approved as an additional location. The HLC is a regional accrediting body for medical schools and higher education institutions within the central and southern regions of the United States.

MCW also received affirmation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) that sufficient resources are in place to support the new campus. The LCME is an accrediting body for allopathic medical schools in the United States. These two decisions by MCW's accrediting bodies provided MCW with the authority to recruit students and open the campus in July 2015, as planned.

Recruitment is currently underway for the inaugural MCW-Green Bay class. MCW-Green Bay has currently received a total of 1,805 applications, including 249 Wisconsin residents. The application period continues through December 1, 2014, so the final expected applicant pool is expected to grow. Interviews for prospective Green Bay students will be scheduled in November 2014, January 2015, and if required, in February 2015.

Accreditation efforts for MCW-Central Wisconsin have commenced. The application with the HLC for approval of an additional site was submitted in September, 2014, with a decision anticipated in January 2015. MCW-Central Wisconsin is projected to open in the 2016-17 academic year. At this time, MCW estimates that MCW-Central Wisconsin will matriculate fifteen to twenty-five students in the first year, followed by twenty-five students per year in subsequent years. A consultation visit from the LCME Secretariat is scheduled for October 29-30, 2014, in preparation for a formal LCME expansion application.

The Medical College of Wisconsin is deeply appreciative of the State of Wisconsin's commitment and partnership in advancing the health and well-being of Wisconsin's citizens, through joint investments into our communities and future physicians.

C. NEW GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION (GME) RESIDENCY PROGRAMS IN NORTHEAST AND CENTRAL WISCONSIN

Graduate medical education (GME), or residency training, is a separate educational process following graduation from medical school, and is a significant predictor of a physician's post-residency practice location. As a result, MCW is working diligently to develop new GME programs in the northeast and central Wisconsin regions. These GME programs will significantly improve physician recruitment efforts into those regions, and will also serve as potential training pipelines for graduates of MCW-Green Bay,

MCW-Central Wisconsin, and MCW-Milwaukee.

2013 Wisconsin Act 20 provided planning funds for MCW to begin a new family medicine residency program in the northeast region of the state. MCW is moving through the planning stages to create this new program, and additional information related to this effort may be found within MCW's October 15th biennial report to the state.

In addition to these efforts to create a new family medicine residency program in northeast Wisconsin, the Veteran's Administration partnered with MCW's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine earlier this year and made a commitment to oversee the training of seven new psychiatry residency positions in northeast Wisconsin. In addition to these seven positions, training slots are also being created for two psychologists and a pharmacist in the region. As part of this initiative, MCW also received a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to support the development of additional components of the program, which will include collaboration with the Winnebago Mental Health Institute, the Wisconsin Resource Center, Bellin Health, and Catalpa. In addition, a psychiatrist has been hired at the Green Bay VA who will be a full-time faculty member at MCW, and is planned to become the Green Bay psychiatry residency training director.

MCW also received over \$370,000 in Wisconsin Department of Health Services grant funding for the creation of a new psychiatry residency program in central Wisconsin. As part of this effort, the new residency program will provide behavioral health services to Marathon County, Wood County and Portage County, and will collaborate with Aspirus Health in Wausau, the VA Medical Center in Tomah, as well as Bridge, a Federally Mandated Health Clinic in Wausau.



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October 15, 2014

The Honorable Scott Walker
Governor, State of Wisconsin
Room 115 East, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor Walker:

Enclosed please find the Medical College of Wisconsin's (MCW) annual report for MCW's *Community Medical Education Program*. The recently enacted 2013 Wisconsin Act 20 created this statutorily required annual report under s. 13.106 (4), due on October 15th of each year. The report is required to provide the following information related to any community medical education program of the Medical College of Wisconsin:

1. The number of students enrolled in rural or underserved urban medicine programs.
2. The medical specialties and residency locations of the students in rural or underserved urban medicine programs.
3. The initial post-residency practice locations for graduates of rural or underserved urban medicine programs.

The enclosed document provides an overview of MCW's major activities and efforts through October 15th, 2014, toward the creation of community medical education programs in the Green Bay and Central Wisconsin regions.

Please contact me by phone at 414.955.8217, or via email at kkuhn@mcw.edu, if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

Medical College of Wisconsin 2014 Community Medical Education Program Report

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