

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
Family Medicine Residency Program Report
From the College of Health Sciences
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[Pursuant to HB221, HEA20, 2019 Wyoming Session Laws Chapter 40]

To the Joint Appropriations Committee

Background

During the 2019 legislative session, the Joint Appropriations Committee sponsored House Bill 221. House Bill 221 was a result of an almost year long study by the Select Committee on Family Medicine Residency Programs.

The passing of House Bill 221 (Enrolled Act 20, House 2019) resulted in the following:

- a) Clarification of the University of Wyoming's authority to provide a family medicine residency program (FMRP).
- b) Authorization for the University of Wyoming to contract with qualified entities for the clinical training of Resident physicians.
- c) Delineation of contract requirements with those qualified entities.
- d) Requirements for reporting on an annual basis (included in the University of Wyoming's budget request) and on the status of the University's initial contract negotiations with clinical training entities.

Required Report

Recognizing that the University of Wyoming would require a transitional period as it restructured its contractual relationship with the clinics that are currently affiliated with the FMRP (all of which make up a Federally Qualified Health Center, as designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration), House Bill 221 specifies the following:

Before any contract is signed, not later than October 1, 2019, and again not later than April 30, 2020, the University of Wyoming shall submit a status report on the initial contracts or contract negotiations between the University of Wyoming and the federally qualified health center pursued pursuant to this act to the joint appropriations committee. (See HB0221, Section 2.(b))

Status report on contract negotiations

In accordance with this directive, the following is a status report regarding contract negotiations between the University of Wyoming and the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) known as the Educational Health Center of Wyoming.

1. When the Educational Health Center of Wyoming (EHCW) applied for FQHC designation in 2014, it was a co-applicant with the University of Wyoming. To date, the University and the EHCW have functioned according to the terms of a co-applicant agreement that has been in place since 2014. The co-applicant agreement specifies the responsibilities and the administrative and fiscal authority of each entity. In order to

comply with the standards of the Health Resources and Services Administration as well as the guidelines provided in HB 221, the co-applicant agreement must be modified. In the summer of 2019, the EHCW contracted with an attorney to draft a revised co-applicant agreement and revised by-laws for the EHCW. Using a model similar to a co-applicant agreement between Purdue University and the North Central Nursing Clinics (a FQHC), the attorney presented a draft co-applicant agreement to the Board of the EHCW. The EHCW Board is currently reviewing the document. It is anticipated that the document will be presented to the University of Wyoming for review in November 2019.

2. The administration of the University of Wyoming has held multiple meetings to discuss potential options for restructuring the relationship between the University and the EHCW. These discussions will continue and will be critical with regard to the new co-applicant agreement with the EHCW.
3. It is anticipated that the new co-applicant agreement between the University and the EHCW will go into effect prior to July 1, 2020.
4. The University is currently not engaged in contract negotiations with clinic entities other than the EHCW.