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### GOVERNOR SANDOVAL ANNOUNCES \$3,324,520 IN FUNDING FOR NEW GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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Governor Brian Sandoval today announced the funding of four graduate medical education residency and fellowship programs intended to grow Nevada's physician workforce. The Governor accepted the recommendations of his Graduate Medical Education (GME) Task Force for distribution of \$3,324,520 approved in the executive budget during the 2017 legislative session.

"Ensuring Nevadans have access to high-quality healthcare has been one of my top priorities in office," **Governor Brian Sandoval said.** "Growing Nevada's physician workforce is essential to meeting this goal and funding from this grant will help increase the number of physicians completing their graduate medical education in Nevada."

According to the State Board of Medical Examiners, there are 175 licensed physicians per 100,000 residents in Nevada, compared to 261.8 per 100,000 nationwide. Within four years, today's funding is expected to create 5 new residency and fellowship positions across Nevada in high-demand specialties, helping ensure more of Nevada's medical students will remain in the State to practice medicine.

"Graduate Medical Education is an important part of Nevada's strategy to grow its physician workforce and increase access to high-quality healthcare. We're excited that these partnerships will provide new residency programs and state-of-the-art instruction for Nevada's next generation of doctors," **said Brian Mitchell, Director of the Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology.**

Currently, Nevada produces more undergraduate medical students than it has available residencies and fellowships. Additionally, Nevada currently lacks fellowships in some specialties that are of interest to students. As a result, many highly educated students are forced to leave the state for further training at a time when they are beginning real-world application of their advanced education. The GME Grant funding awarded today will assist the State in attracting, educating, and retaining more doctors for Nevada.

**About the GME Task Force:** On March 11, 2014, Governor Sandoval issued EO 2014-07 establishing a GME Task Force to develop recommendations for state funding of GME in the 2015 legislative session. The Governor accepted the recommendations and included \$10 million for GME in his executive budget in the 2015 session, which was approved by the Legislature. In 2015, the Governor issued EO 2015-30, reestablishing the GME Task Force and charging it with providing recommendations on how to best distribute the \$10 million allocated by the Legislature towards improving GME in Nevada. The Task Force developed a Request for Proposals and solicited applications from accreditor-approved GME programs or sponsoring institutions, evaluated the proposals and made recommendations to the Governor for

funding. In 2016, the State awarded \$10 million in grant funding to ten recipients. In 2017, the Legislature again funded the Governor's recommendation of \$10 million to grow the physician workforce. The first \$5 million was awarded in June to eight applicants. The remaining \$1,675,480 will be awarded next spring following a competitive application process. The Task Force is staffed by the Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology. More information can be found at <http://osit.nv.gov>.

**List of Award Recipients:**

*Valley Health System- Infrastructure Expansion of Henderson Hospital: \$961,955*

*UNLV School of Medicine- Critical Care Medicine: \$80,000*

*UNLV School of Medicine- Critical Care Surgery Fellowship: \$1,560,179*

*UNLV School of Medicine- Geriatrics Fellowship: \$722,346*

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