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GOVERNOR SANDOVAL ANNOUNCES AWARD RECIPIENTS OF \$5 MILLION IN GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION FUNDING

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Governor Brian Sandoval today announced the funding of 8 graduate medical education residency and fellowship programs intended to grow Nevada's physician workforce. The Governor accepted the recommendations of the Graduate Medical Education (GME) Task Force for distribution of \$5 million approved in the Governor's executive budget during the 2017 legislative session.

"Nevada has a physician shortage, especially in the specialties related to primary care and mental health. Ensuring Nevadans have access to high-quality healthcare is one of my top priorities and I am pleased this funding will increase the number of physicians completing their graduate medical education in Nevada," said **Governor Brian Sandoval**.

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, this funding is expected to create 32 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.

Nevada produces more undergraduate medical students than it has available residencies and fellowships. Additionally, Nevada 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 nine recipients. In 2017, the Legislature again funded the Governor's recommendation of \$10 million to grow the physician workforce. The \$5 million awarded today represents the first tranche of funding. An additional \$5 million will be awarded early next year following an 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- Surgery Residency: \$794,410

Mountain View Hospital- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation: 888,000

Southern Nevada Health District- Preventative Medicine Residency: \$315,161

UNLV School of Medicine- Critical Care Fellowship: \$454,817

UNLV School of Medicine- Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship: \$922,433

UNR School of Medicine- Rural Family Medicine Residency: \$251,969

Southern Hills Hospital- Psychiatry Residency: \$1,054,000

Valley Health System- Family Medicine Residency: \$319,210

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