

**BOARD OF REGENTS and its
HEALTH SCIENCES SYSTEM COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Nevada State University
Christenson Education Building, Rooms 211/212
1300 Nevada State Drive, Henderson
Thursday, March 6, 2025

Members Present: Ms. Stephanie Goodman, Chair
Mr. Byron Brooks, Vice Chair
Mrs. Susan Brager
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo
Ms. Jennifer J. McGrath

Other Regents Present: Dr. Jeffrey S. Downs, Board Vice Chair

Others Present: Dr. Daniel Archer, Vice Chancellor for Academic & Student Affairs
Ms. Terina Caserto, Director of Policy
Ms. Renée Davis, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic & Student Affairs
Ms. Lynda P. King, Senior Associate General Counsel
Mr. Chris Nielsen, Special Counsel to the Board of Regents
Dr. Marcia Turner, Associate Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences
Mr. Tillery Williams, Director of Community Engagement, Equity and Inclusion

Chair Stephanie Goodman called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. with all members present.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – None.
2. Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the December 16, 2024, meeting. *(Ref. HSS-2 on file at the Board Office)*

Regent Brager moved approval of the minutes from the December 16, 2024, meeting. Regent Del Carlo seconded. Motion carried.

3. Information Only-Chair's Report – Chair Stephanie Goodman spoke about the collaboration between the NSHE institutions (particularly related to health sciences programs) and the community. She expressed the importance of those vital partnerships and ensuring the relationships stay strong and positive.

4. Information Only-NSHE Health Sciences Update – Dr. Marcia Turner, Associate Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences, provided an update on health science related matters and information on other general health science developments.

Dr. Turner's report included: new developments with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) on state and federal levels; Medicaid funding; and the collaboration among the dental programs at UNLV, CSN and TMCC, specifically the formation of the NSHE Dental Coalition.

Chair Goodman and Regent Del Carlo commended UNLV, CSN and TMCC's dental program teams for working together and operating as a system.

5. Information Only-Workforce Gap Analysis and Connection to Health Sciences Work – Dr. Daniel Archer, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, provided an update on the workforce gap analysis being conducted by the University Center for Economic Development at UNR.

Dr. Archer provided an overview of the analysis which will evaluate the alignment between higher education programs, graduate output, and labor market demands. Additionally, it will identify both workforce shortages and areas of oversupply. He shared that while this project is being driven by the Board of Regents' Workforce Committee, its findings may inform future discussions within the Health Sciences System Committee regarding health science program offerings, health science training opportunities, and health science workforce pipeline development.

6. Information Only-UNLV School of Dental Medicine and CSN Dental Sciences – Dr. James Mah, UNLV School of Dental Medicine (SDM) Dean, and Dr. Janice Glasper, CSN Engelstad School of Health Sciences Dean, presented on the collaborative partnership between the two institutions that highlights the initial plan to increase Nevada's access to affordable, quality dental care and strengthen the dental workforce. The presentation included an overview of seven specific goals for collaboration that are prioritized for implementation, a summary of where the institutions are in their progress, and a preview of the next steps. *(Ref. HSS-6 on file in the Board Office)*

The report included: the intent: a collaborative partnership within NSHE institutions to increase Nevada's access to affordable, quality dental care and strengthening the dental workforce; the seven goals for the CSN Dental Science program and the UNLV SDM: 1) Increase Student Success and Enrichment; 2) Resource Sharing; 3) Enhance CSN's DFP; 4) Expanded Patient Care; 5) Increase Community Programs; 6) New Dental Lab Tech Program; and 7) Plans for Tomorrow; planning to date: research on national dental workforce shortage, Project Manager – Dr. Jon Roxarzade, UNLV/CSN meetings to discuss and plan collaboration, physical plan assessment, town hall meetings; and the next steps.

Regent Brager, Dr. Mah and Dr. Glasper discussed faculty shortages at the UNLV SDM and in the CSN dental programs; retention rates of dentists in the State;

6. Information Only-UNLV School of Dental Medicine and CSN Dental Sciences – (continued)

improving the current working structure of the schools' dental services for walk-ins/dental emergencies (urgent care program); and UNLV SDM's mouthguard program for student athletes.

Regent Del Carlo encouraged Dr. Mah and Dr. Glasper to unite with other NSHE health science program teams and advocate to increase GME funding at the Legislature. They discussed possible reasons as to why there are retention issues with medical doctors and dentists in Nevada.

Vice Chair Brooks, Dr. Mah and Dr. Glasper discussed how the Board can support the collaboration between UNLV and CSN, and can also encourage further collaboration with other institutions, by having open lines of communication with a direct connection to the Regents via Associate Vice Chancellor Turner, and the timeline to accomplish the seven goals.

Chair Goodman, Dr. Mah and Dr. Glasper discussed the finances behind the collaboration and how it is currently cash-positive through community partnerships and private donors.

7. Information Only-New Business – None.

8. Information Only-Public Comment – Chair Goodman welcomed Regent McGrath to the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

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