

**Rhode Island Health Professional Loan Repayment Program (RI HPLRP)**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**May 23, 2014**

**BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:**

**Michael Fine, MD Chair, RI Department of Health (HEALTH)**

**Linda Gillette Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University**

**Ruth Ricciarelli Hospital Association of Rhode Island**

**Steve DeToy RI Medical Society**

**Linda Makhoulouf RI Higher Education Assistance Authority**

**BOARD MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND:**

**Steven Brown, DMD RI Dental Association**

**Jane Hayward RI Health Center Association**

**Donna Policastro, APRN-BC RI State Nurses Association**

**STAFF TO BOARD:**

**Monica B. Tavares**

**HEALTH**

**Margaret I. Gradie**

**HEALTH**

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES:**

**Seema Dixit, MS. MPH HEALTH**

**Ana Novais, MA HEALTH**

**I. Meeting called to order at 1:30p.m.**

**Open Meeting/Old Business**

**The board reviewed and approved the meeting minutes for April 16, 2014.**

**II. Staff announced a disclaimer of notice of open meeting requirements will be added to the HPLRP application for the next cycle above the applicant's signature.**

**A motion was made and unanimously approved to adjourn open session and move to a closed session to discuss matters exempt from discussion at open meetings under Rhode Island General Law 42-46-4 (Open Meeting Act).**

**The businesses discussed during the closed session were: 2014 applications, funding formula and award recipients. Staff provided each board member with an excel spread sheet with all of the names of the award recipients and the amount received. All of the board members were in agreement with the funds distribution. Linda Makhoul from RIHEAA expressed that although recipient Julie Dick's**

award amount is \$12,266.90, the pay off amount may be less at the time of payment disbursement to the loan agency.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to make all awarded amounts up to paid off in full amounts and to apply this process to all applicants going forward.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to adjourn closed session and move to an open session.

In the open session, Ana Novais read the names of each recipient and the award amount each one received (see list below).

### **2014 Rhode Island Health Professional Loan Repayment Program Application List**

<b>F. Name</b>	<b>L. Name</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Gloria	Hwang	\$19,794.27
Eileen	Danaher	\$19,794.27
Erica	Fullerton	\$24,880.21
Alycia	O'Donnell	\$15,057
Rodolfo	Galinatti	\$15,057
Adebola	Adelaiye	\$15,057
Raj	Pande	\$29,966.15
Marko	Stevanovic	\$29,966.15
Julie	Dick	\$12,266.90
Sharon	Philbin	\$15,057
Kimberly	Seleyman	\$15,057
Emily	Auger	\$15,057

<b>Jessica Salak</b>	<b>\$15,057</b>
<b>Danielle Cummings</b>	<b>\$19,794.27</b>
<b>La Shun Carroll</b>	<b>\$19,794.27</b>
<b>Milton Liu</b>	<b>\$19,794.27</b>
<b>Melissa Graswald</b>	<b>\$19,794.27</b>
<b>Dayna O'Rourke</b>	<b>\$24,880.21</b>

**Steve DeToy from RI Medical Society expressed the program should attempt to capture the following information from the health professionals:**

- Where there from (applicant's place of birth)?**
- Where did they go to school?**
- Where did they receive their medical training from?**

**Staff stated they will look into capturing the information through the Health Professional Loan Repayment Program application in the next open cycle.**

**Ana Novais reminded board members that staff submitted SLRP grant application on April 29, 2014 for a 4 year cycle, requesting \$300,000 federal funds with a \$300,000 state required matching funds. In total, the State Loan Repayment Program will have \$600,000 in funds for disbursement for each year. The RI HPLRP has a challenge ahead to raise the \$300,000 required matching funds.**

**Staff will think of more pervasive ways to market the program in the state of Rhode Island.**

**Linda Makhoul from RIHEAA stated the background checks on the 2014 recipients have not all been completed. Board members agreed staff would send an e-mail of notice of awards with the stipulation to please be advised that this award is contingent upon the verification clearance of your loans (i.e. defaults/sanctions). Staff is to send a hard copy notice once clearance is received from RIHEAA.**

### **III. Next Steps**

- The next board meeting is to be determined.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.**