

**THE BOARD OF MEDICAL STUDENT LOANS
MEETING AGENDA
APRIL 15, 2024**

Virtual link via Microsoft Teams

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Meeting ID: 235 080 326 956

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5:30p.m. Call to order

Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of September 14, 2023

Discussion/Action

Financial Review and Budget

Discussion

The Medical Student Loan Fund (MSLF) currently has **\$290,139.77**.

The State of Arizona has given the Board **\$4 million in General Fund appropriations to make loans to medical students who are committed to practicing Primary Care** in needed areas of the state. \$2 million of that appropriation has been loaded and is available to make loans. ADOA is currently assisting the Board to have the remaining funds loaded.

The State has given the Board an additional **\$2 million in Medical Marijuana Fund appropriations to make loans to medical students who are committed to practicing Psychiatry** in needed areas of the state. The Board was previously thought to have been given an additional \$2 million from SB 1466, however that Bill was not chaptered.

Review and Selection of Applicants to the 2023-2024 Arizona Medical Student Loan Program Services

Discussion/Action

Eighteen eligible medical students have applied to the Arizona Medical Student Loan Program and have completed three interviews: one with a board member appointed by the Governor; one with the board member designated by the Arizona Department of Health Services; and one with the board member representing the applicant's medical school. Application materials and evaluations have been distributed to the board members.

Bradford Albrecht is a third-year medical student who graduated from Sabino High School in Tucson and attended college in Utah. He is interested in practicing Internal Medicine in a rural environment. He is dependent upon federal loans to finance his medical education.

Interview scores: Abbott – 46 “strong commitment to serve”; Mitzel – 50 “outstanding candidate”; Julia – 49 “outstanding candidate” **OVERALL RANK 48.3**

Amy Arias is a third-year medical student who graduated from high school in Illinois and moved to Arizona in 2009. She is interested in practicing Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, and OB/Gyn in a community health center environment. She is dependent upon federal loans to finance her medical education. She has made a two-year commitment to the University of Arizona College of Medicine's Primary Care Scholarship Program. According to her agreement with that program, if she completes a

three-year residency program, she can first serve a two-year service obligation to the Arizona Medical Student Loan Program, then serve the two years contracted with the Primary Care Scholarship Program, fulfilling both contracts according to the terms of each.

Interview scores: Abbott – 33 “desire to positively impact the community”; Alexandraki – 45 “outstanding candidate”; Julia – 32 “qualified” **OVERALL RANK 36.7**

Amanda Bates is a second-year medical student who graduated from Gilbert High School and attended the University of Arizona. She is interested in practicing General Pediatrics and OB/Gyn in a community health center environment. She is dependent upon federal loans to finance her medical education.

Interview scores: Chhatwal – 43 “well-qualified”; Obadia – 45 “outstanding candidate”; Julia – 44 “outstanding candidate” **OVERALL RANK 44.7**

Abigail Bhogal is a second-year medical student who graduated from high school in Phoenix and attended Arizona State University. She is interested in practicing OB/Gyn serving the inner-city homeless and uninsured. She is dependent upon federal loans to finance her medical education.

Interview scores: Chhatwal – 47 “outstanding candidate”; Mitzel – 47 “well-qualified”; Julia – 31 “qualified” **OVERALL RANK 41.7**

Peter Flores-Martin is a third-year medical student who graduated from high school in Glendale and attended Northern Arizona University. He is interested in practicing Family Medicine serving the inner-city homeless and uninsured. He is dependent upon federal loans to finance his medical education. He is currently receiving a partial tuition waiver as a faculty dependent.

Interview scores: Abbott – 35 “no interest in rural medicine”; Mitzel – 39 “well-qualified”; Julia – 34 “qualified” **OVERALL RANK 36.0**

Amanda Foley is a first-year medical student who graduated from high school in Chandler and attended college in California. She is interested in practicing General Pediatrics serving the inner-city homeless and uninsured. She is also interested in further study in Pediatric Neurology. She is dependent upon federal loans to finance her medical education.

Interview scores: Abbott – 34 “reservations”; Mitzel – 48 “outstanding candidate”; Julia – 39 “qualified” **OVERALL RANK 40.3**

Lizzie Hillier is a third-year medical student who graduated from high school in Phoenix and attended the University of Arizona. She is interested in practicing Family Medicine and Geriatrics in a community health center environment. She is dependent upon federal loans to finance her medical education.

Interview scores: Abbott – 44 “strong”; Obadia – 47 “outstanding candidate”; Julia – 33 “qualified” **OVERALL RANK 41.3**

Desiree Justus is a second-year medical student who graduated from high school in Surprise and attended Grand Canyon University. She is interested in practicing Internal Medicine in an outpatient setting. She is dependent upon federal loans to finance her medical education.

Interview scores: Abbott – 40 “concern of future subspecializing”; Obadia – 48 “outstanding candidate”; Julia – 46 “outstanding candidate” **OVERALL RANK 44.7**

Ivana Klymko is a first-year medical student who graduated from high school in Chandler and attended the University of Arizona. She is interested in practicing OB/Gyn and Family Medicine in a community health center or rural environment. She is dependent upon federal loans to finance her medical education. She is currently under contract with the Primary Care Scholarship Program at the University of Arizona however, as a first-year student, she has the choice to remove herself from that program and its obligation and commit fully to the Arizona Medical Student Loan Program instead.

Interview scores: Abbott – 40 “strong”; Gonzales – 49 “outstanding”; Julia – 43 “well-qualified” **OVERALL RANK 44.0**

Gabriel Lehrburger is a second-year medical student who graduated from high school and college

in Oregon and moved to Arizona in June of 2022 to attend medical school. He is interested in practicing Family Medicine in a rural environment. He has paid for his medical education from savings and will depend on federal loans for his remaining two years.

Interview scores: Chhatwal – 39 “reservations”; Obadia – 39 “well-qualified”; Julia – 43 “well-qualified”
OVERALL RANK 40.3

Corrine Livingstone is a second-year medical student who graduated from high school in Mesa and attended Grand Canyon University. She is interested in practicing Family Medicine in the Mesa area. She is dependent upon federal loans to finance her medical education. She also receives a partial tuition payment from the GI Bill of her ex-husband from her divorce settlement.

Interview scores: Abbott – 40 “high benefit to the program”; Mitzel – 41 “well-qualified”; Julia – 46 “outstanding candidate”
OVERALL RANK 42.3

Samantha Matta is a third-year medical student who graduated from high school in Scottsdale and attended Arizona State University. She is interested in practicing Family Medicine in a community health center environment. Her medical education has been paid with parental support and a 529 education savings plan. She expects to take federal loans to finance her final year of medical school.

Interview scores: Abbott – 37 “little interest in rural medicine”; Mitzel – 39 “well-qualified”; Julia – 28 “reservations”
OVERALL RANK 34.7

Shana Ofori is a third-year medical student who graduated from high school in Phoenix and attended Arizona State University. She is interested in practicing Psychiatry serving the homeless and uninsured, and also in a correctional facility. She is dependent upon federal loans to finance her medical education.

Interview scores: Chhatwal – 44 “well-qualified”; Rachel Jonesi – 50 “outstanding candidate”; Julia – 39 “well qualified”
OVERALL RANK 44.3

Setayesh Omidian is a first-year medical student who graduated from high school in Colorado and moved to Arizona to attend the University of Arizona. She is interested in practicing Family Medicine serving the homeless and uninsured. She is dependent upon federal loans to finance her medical education.

Interview scores: Abbott – 44 “strong connection to medicine”; Obadia – 47 “outstanding candidate”; Julia – 43 “well-qualified”
OVERALL RANK 44.7

Joseph Rivera is a third-year medical student who graduated from high school in Tucson and attended the University of Arizona. He is interested in practicing Internal Medicine in a community health center environment. He is dependent upon federal loans to finance his medical education.

Interview scores: Abbott – 41 “committed to Native American communities, possible return to New Mexico”; Obadia – 48 “outstanding candidate”; Julia – 46 “outstanding candidate”
OVERALL RANK 45.0

Madison Uli is a third-year medical student who graduated from high school in Peoria and attended the University of Arizona. She is interested in practicing Psychiatry serving on the Indian reservation and in correctional facilities. She is dependent upon federal loans to finance her medical education.

Interview scores: Chhatwal – 45 “well-qualified”; Mitzel – 48 “outstanding candidate”; Julia – 38 “qualified”
OVERALL RANK 44.0

Julius Vellutato is a second-year medical student who graduated from high school in Peoria and attended the University of Arizona. He has a broad interest in Primary Care, however Family Medicine in a community health center environment is his current goal. He is dependent upon federal loans to finance his medical education.

Interview scores: Abbott – 41 “enthusiasm for community service”; Mitzel – 48 “outstanding candidate”; Julia – 37 “qualified”
OVERALL RANK 42.0

Mary “Franki” Walsh is a first-year medical student who graduated from high school in New Jersey and moved to Arizona in 2020 to attend Arizona State University. She is interested in practicing Family

Medicine and Psychiatry serving the homeless and uninsured. She is dependent upon federal loans to finance her medical education. She is currently receiving a partial tuition waiver as an employee spouse.

Interview scores: Chhatwal – 50 “outstanding candidate”; Alexandraki – 39 “well-qualified”; Julia – 46 “outstanding candidate” **OVERALL RANK 45.0**

Review of Administrative Options

Discussion/Action

Historically, the University of Arizona College of Medicine-Tucson (UACOM-T) has provided the administration of the Board of Medical Student Loans. Current legislation in A.R.S. §15-1723 (H) states, “Private schools of medicine shall reimburse the university of Arizona for any administrative costs related to processing loans for students at private schools of medicine pursuant to subsection A of this section.” This was added to offset UACOM-T’s administrative expenses due to the inclusion of the medical students from the two private medical schools who participated in the AMSLP, and the Board agreed upon set costs to satisfy this directive.

During the last meeting of the Board, the members discussed consideration of continuing its administrative support with the University of Arizona. University of Arizona is expected to propose a plan to continue providing administrative support with reimbursement by the Board. This will would require a legislative change to A.R.S. §15-1723.

Other items from Board Members or Audience

Discussion Only

Adjournment

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) (2) and (A) (3), the Board may vote to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, for legal advice concerning any item on the agenda or to review, discuss and consider records exempt from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law.