



Special Committee on Academic Health

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1. Governor's Task Force on Academic Health at the University of Minnesota: Final Report and Next Steps

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BOARD OF REGENTS DOCKET ITEM SUMMARY

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AGENDA ITEM: Governor’s Task Force on Academic Health at the University of Minnesota:
Final Report and Next Steps

Review Review + Action Action Discussion

This is a report required by Board policy.

PRESENTERS: Regent Penny A. Wheeler
Interim President Jeffrey Ettinger
Jakub Tolar, Dean of the Medical School and Vice President for Clinical Affairs

PURPOSE & KEY POINTS

The purpose of this item is for the special committee to discuss the final report of the Governor’s Task Force on Academic Health at the University of Minnesota (Task Force). The discussion will review the key recommendations made by the Task Force including the detailed proposal submitted by the University and outline potential next steps for the Board and administration to respond to the Task Force’s report.

Task Force Process

The Task Force met nine times between October 2023 and January 2024 to gather information, discuss the challenges and solutions, and determine recommendations to present to Governor Walz.

The University presented the outcomes of the previous investments in the Biomedical Discovery District and the Blue Ribbon Commission recommendations, the accomplishments and challenges in interprofessional education and service, the budget and funds flow for academic health at the University, and the University’s Five-Point Plan for the Future of Academic Health.

The Task Force also received a presentation from the Minnesota Department of Health on workforce shortages, information about various academic health system models from local and national experts, and a presentation from Fairview Health Services.

During the December and January meetings, the Task Force reviewed, refined, and voted on various recommendations. Several of these recommendations noted the relationship and ongoing discussions with Fairview, as well as investment in the University, and greater attention to collaboration across the University and with health organizations in Minnesota.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The special committee heard an update from Task Force Chair Jan Malcolm at the December meeting.

Governor Walz established the Task Force by Executive Order on August 10, 2023 with a purpose to “develop recommendations to support world-class academic health professions education, research and care delivery by the Health Sciences Programs that advance equity, center primary care, and ensure that Minnesotans can continue to receive the highest quality care in a financially sustainable way.”

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



Governor Tim Walz

Executive Order 23-09

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Responsibilities:

- Review examples **potential public funding of academic health and for partnerships** with non-academic health systems.
- Consider collaborative financial support and partnership models for academic health
- Examine **potential options for governance and oversight** of any publicly funded health professions education at the Health Sciences Programs.
- Discuss short-, medium-, and long-term **funding needs to support the vision for academic health** and the role of the State of Minnesota and various clinical partners in meeting these funding needs.
- Develop **goals and expectations for academic health performance** that align with One Minnesota goals for Minnesota health care.



Recommendations

The Task Force agrees that it will take added investment for the University to meet our public mission.

- Integrated strategic plan for UMN health sciences programs
- Increased investment in workforce initiatives
- Qualified support for the University's 3 priority proposals

Strategic investments not just for today, but to support broader health system and workforce needs of the future.

Joint Strategic Planning



School of
Dentistry



Medical
School



School of
Nursing



College of
Pharmacy



Public
Health



College of
Veterinary
Medicine

Investments to Improve Health

- Multidisciplinary Medical Discovery Teams
- Care for the Underserved
- Transforming Primary Care
- Advance Workforce Development
- New Care Models
- Innovation and Collaboration

Academic Medicine on Campus



EAST BANK HOSPITAL
(included Variety Children's Hospital)

University transferred ownership of building to Fairview in 1997

University retained ownership of land



WEST BANK HOSPITAL
(formerly known as Riverside Medical Center)

Building and land owned by Fairview

As part of the 1997 East Bank Hospital transfer, Fairview agreed to operate both East Bank Hospital and West Bank Hospital as the flagship facilities for the University's academic health mission (research, training and clinical services)



Next Steps

- Legislative session begins February 12.
- Ongoing discussions with Fairview Health Services
- Exploration of new partnerships

