Three-year programs at the Medical College of Wisconsin

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Parallel Initiatives in 2010:

- Accelerated MD Program in Family Medicine (AMP-FM)
  - Proposed by Family Medicine Department
  - Funded by Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA)

- Regional Campuses (MCW-GB and MCW-CW)
  - MCW President proposes expansion to two regional campuses (Green Bay and Central Wisconsin)
  - Funded by Advancing Healthier Wisconsin endowment
AMP-FM

• Student spend all three years at main campus in Milwaukee
• “Retro-fitted” for minimal disruption of 4-year curriculum
• Meet state need for primary care physicians
• Emphasis on practicing in urban underserved areas
Regional Campuses

• Two regional campuses (Green Bay and Wausau)
• “Immersive”- students spend all three years at regional campus
• Relies heavily on distance learning
• Meet state needs for primary care, psychiatry, general surgery, rural
• Future programs in other health professions
• Emphasis on Triple Aim
Need for AMP-FM and Regional Campuses?  
Wisconsin Primary Care Provider Shortages

Wisconsin Primary Care HPSAs
Federally Designated Health Professional Shortage Areas
Updated 3/12/10

Federally Designated Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas, as of March 2010

MCW-Central Wisconsin (2016)

MCW-Green Bay (2015)

AMP-FM (2017)
Shared Constraints

• Requirement-heavy medical school curriculum
  – Basic Science remains unchanged (two years for both initiatives)
  – Clinical curriculum (four required M4 courses)

• No direct residency pipeline
  – AMP-FM: informal pipeline to MCW’s 3 FM Residency Programs
  – Regional Campuses: relationships to existing residency programs are being pursued; new residency programs under development
Shared Constraints: Competency-Based Curriculum

• In theory, frees MD degree from being time-based

• In practice, LCME sets minimum program length (130 weeks)

• Residencies working with competencies >10 years, but program length requirements haven’t changed
Shared Constraint: Early clerkships

• Need to complete Family Medicine plus another clerkship in summer between M1-M2
  – Two summer pilots of an early FM clerkship have been successful
  – Pilots supported by the HRSA grant and FM faculty
• Piloted Surgery and OB-GYN in summer 2014
  – Surgery “pass” and “low pass”
    • Below 1\textsuperscript{st} percentile on shelf exam
  – OB-GYN grade “pass”
    • 12\textsuperscript{th} percentile on shelf exam
  – Pilots supports by Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin
Contrasting Constraints: Funding and Leadership

- Regional campuses will be supported by tuition dollars, philanthropy and regional hospital systems.
- AMP-FM can be supported by tuition dollars through a slight increase to the class size.
- Leadership has been very public about regional campus developments.
- AMP-FM implementation on hold due to leadership concerns (e.g. LCME accreditation, “bandwidth” to carry out change).
## 2014 AMP-FM & Regional Campuses

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<td>• Pipeline to FM residencies (under department control)</td>
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**MCW**
- Milwaukee
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