

October 7, 2004

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Mr. Dalton B. Floyd, Jr., Chairman, and Members, Commission on Higher Education

**From:** Dr. Vermelle J. Johnson, Chairman, and Members, Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

**Consideration of Commission Appointees to the Deans' Committee on Medical Education**

**Background**

The Deans' Committee on Medical Education (DCME) is a legislatively authorized committee under Section 59-101-190 of the Statutes of South Carolina. As found in that legislation, the purposes of the Dean's Committee are:

- To establish an active liaison between the two schools of medicine.
- To minimize duplication of administration and research functions.
- To coordinate graduate educational programs.
- To serve in an advisory capacity upon request.

The DCME reports to the Commission via the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing. By law, the Commission appoints the five members of the Deans' Committee on Medical Education who are not ex officio. Ex officio members of the Committee are the presidents of MUSC and USC, the Dean of the MUSC College of Medicine and the Dean of the USC School of Medicine.

Under the legislation, the Commission is to make three appointments to the Deans' Committee on Medical Education who are "members of the Area Health Education Consortium Medical Education Directors' Committee, who shall represent graduate medical education." In addition, the Commission is to make

two appointments “one of whom must be a physician with experience in medical education and one of whom must be a representative of the business community.”

The current members’ four-year terms of office will conclude in October 2004. For recommendations to fill the vacancies occurring this year on the Deans’ Committee, the Commission staff have consulted with the Deans of both medical schools. As a result of those discussions, the following persons are recommended for nomination by the Committee on Academic Affairs:

- Dr. David Garr, Executive Director, SC Area Health Education Consortium (AHEC) (Charleston)
- Dr. Paul J. Hletko, business community (Surfside Beach)
- Dr. Colman Floyd-Buckhouse, (medical education, Florence)
- Dr. Jerry R. Youkey (AHEC-Greenville)
- Dr. James I. Raymond (AHEC-Columbia)

Except for Dr. Garr, all of these nominees are currently serving on the Deans’ Committee on Medical Education as members appointed by the Commission and each is willing to continue to serve another term. The Deans’ Committee has worked cooperatively and productively to further the legislative purposes of the group during the past four years. For these reasons, these recommendations are worthy of endorsement.

### **Recommendation**

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission appoint the people listed five persons to four-year terms ending in October 2008.