

Executive Order 2011-01

Establishing the Arizona Medical Education Oversight Task Force

WHEREAS, Arizona should strive to have a world class academic medical center that contributes significantly to the state's health care system, education institutions, economy and community;

WHEREAS, an academic medical center requires a unique balance of health care and higher education priorities, and should represent the best of both disciplines;

WHEREAS, balancing the joint functions of teaching, medical research, and patient care is critical to preserving the mission of the academic medical center, and conducting each of these functions in the most efficient and effective manner possible is imperative;

WHEREAS, an academic medical center must engage in strong collaborations to balance public sector accountability with private sector innovation;

WHEREAS, academic medical centers must be prepared for the changes in health care delivery that are necessary to ensure the sustainability of Arizona's health care system, and must help drive improvements in quality of care and cost containment;

WHEREAS, stakeholder involvement and support is critical to the future success of the state's academic medical center;

WHEREAS, the merger of the University Medical Center and University Physicians Healthcare, and the continued partnership with the University of Arizona College of Medicine (UA COM), set the stage for a unified vision of an unparalleled academic medical center that serves the needs of all Arizonans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, do hereby establish the Arizona Medical Education Oversight Task Force and order as follows:

1. The Task Force shall consist of representatives from UA Healthcare, UA COM, and ABOR, as well as community, business, health care safety net, and private health care leaders appointed by the Governor. The Speaker of the House of Representatives, or the Speaker's designee, and the President of the Senate, or the President's designee shall also serve as members of the Task Force.

2. The Governor shall appoint the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from the membership of the Task Force.
3. The Task Force is charged with:
 - a. Providing oversight of future discussions regarding the future of the relationship between the UA COM and the University of Arizona (UA) Healthcare;
 - b. Facilitating better communication between parties to the discussion.
 - c. Reviewing the process conducted to date.
 - d. Conducting an analysis of options for the structure of the academic medical center, including the governance model of the organization and relationship between the State of Arizona, the UA COM, ABOR, the health care system throughout Arizona, and the community.
 - e. Making recommendations to the Governor regarding future direction.
4. The Task Force shall conduct stakeholder engagement with higher education, health care, community and business leaders regarding the nature of the UA COM and UA Healthcare relationship, including providing information to relevant stakeholders, and receiving and considering stakeholder input on a vision for the future of Arizona's academic medical center.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Janice K. Brewer
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix, Arizona this 29th day of April in the year Two Thousand and Eleven and of the independence of the United States of America the Hundred and Thirty-Fifth.

ATTEST:

Ken Blumenthal

SECRETARY OF STATE