

September 13, 2023

Ms. Linda Fong, CPFO
Hidalgo County Auditor
2808 South Business 281
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Dear Ms. Fong:

As per your request, please consider this correspondence as certification that The University of Texas System and The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (collectively "UT") are in compliance with the Chapter 381 Economic Development Agreement that became effective November 17, 2015. Attached is a report accurately reflecting the status of actions taken by the UTRGV School of Medicine (SoM) to date as well as a schedule for the use of grant money provided by Hidalgo County to the SoM.

This report and schedule satisfy the reporting requirement found in Article VIII of the Chapter 381 Economic Development Agreement and the UTRGV's duty to ensure compliance with the Agreement.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,



Guy Bailey
President

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Action	Date	Status
Submit Preliminary Planning proposal to BOR	November 2014	Complete
Present Preliminary Planning proposal at BOR meeting for approval	February 5-6, 2014	Complete
Notification to THECB	February 2014	Complete
Inaugural Dean of Medical School named	February 2014	Complete
Apply for LCME Applicant School Status	February 2014	Complete
Start of 18-month self-study timeline (February 2014- December 2014)	February 2014	Complete
Post UTRGV Medical School positions	May 1, 2014	Complete
New Doctoral Program Full Proposal submitted to UT System	April 1, 2014	Complete
Present New Doctoral Program Full Proposal for BOR Approval	July 2014	Complete
Notification to THECB	July 2014	Complete
Submit DCI to the LCME for Preliminary Accreditation	December 1, 2014	Complete
LCME Candidacy Status Granted	February 10, 2014	Complete
THECB Site Visit Scheduled	February 16-17, 2015	Complete
LCME Preliminary Accreditation Site Visit	July 2015	Complete
THECB Approval	July 2015	Complete
LCME Site Visit	July 2015	Complete
Response to Site Visitors	August 2015	Complete
Submit SACSCOC Prospectus for Expanded Scope for MD Degree	September 2015	Complete
LCME Board review and approval for Preliminary Accreditation status	October 2015	Complete
Provide update to THECB	October 2015	Complete
Recruitment of Charter Class	October 2015	Complete
SACSCOC Board review and approval for Preliminary Accreditation status	December 2015	Complete
Submit MATCH List for Charter Class	January 2016	Complete
Receive MATCH Results	March 2016	Complete
Register for TMDAS	May 2016	Complete
Recruitment of Second SOM Class	May 2016	Complete
Welcome Charter Class	July 2016	Complete
White Coat Ceremony Charter Class	August 2016	Complete
Submit MATCH List for Second SOM Class	January 2017	Complete
Receive MATCH results for Second SOM Class	March 2017	Complete

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Register for TMDSAS	May 2017	Complete
Welcome Second SOM Class	July 2017	Complete
White Coat Ceremony Second SOM Class	July 2017	Complete
Recruitment for Third SOM Class	October 2017	Complete
File Provisional Planning Proposal with LCME Secretariat	November 2017	Complete
LCME Provisional Accreditation Survey Visit	January 2018	Complete
Submit MATCH List for Third SOM Class	January 2018	Complete
Receive MATCH results for Third SOM Class	March 2018	Complete
Register for TMDSAS	May 2018	Complete
Recruitment for Fourth SOM Class	May 2018	Complete
Welcome Third SOM Class	July 2018	Complete
White Coat Ceremony Third SOM Class	July 2018	Complete
Submit MATCH List for Fourth SOM Class	January 2019	Complete
Receive MATCH Results for FOURTH SOM Class	March 2019	Complete
Submit Provisional Accreditation Action Plan to LCME Secretariat	April 2019	Complete
Register for TMDSAS	May 2019	Complete
Recruitment of Fifth SOM Class	May 2019	Complete
Welcome Fourth SOM Class	July 2019	Complete
White Coat Ceremony Fourth SOM Class	August 2019	Complete
Submit Briefing Book for Provisional Accreditation to LCME Secretariat	December 2019	Complete
Submit MATCH List for Fifth SOM Class	January 2020	Complete
LCME Limited Survey for Provisional Accreditation Review by LCME Board	January-February 2020	Complete

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Receive MATCH Results for Residency Training for Inaugural Class of UTRGV SOM	March 2020	Complete
Receive MATCH Results for FIFTH SOM Class	March 2020	Complete
Register with TMDAS	May 2020	Complete
Recruitment for Sixth SOM class	May 2020	Complete
Charter Class Graduation	May 2020	Complete
Welcome Fifth SOM Class	July 2020	Complete
Submit MATCH List for Sixth SOM Class	January 2021	Complete
Receive MATCH Results for Sixth Class	March 2021	Complete
Receive MATCH Results for Residency Training for Class of 2021	March 2021	Complete
Submit Progress Report to LCME	April 2021	Complete
Recruitment of Seventh Class	May 2021	Complete
Graduation of Class of 2021 (Second Class)	May 2021	Complete
Receive Approval for Provisional Accreditation	June 2021	Complete
Welcome Sixth SOM Class	July 2021	Complete
Receive Approval for Provisional Accreditation	July 2021	Complete
Submit MATCH List for Seventh Class	January 2022	Complete
Receive MATCH Results for Seventh Class	March 2022	Complete
Receive MATCH Results for Residency Training for Class of 2022	March 2022	Complete
Recruitment of Eighth Class	May 2022	Complete
Graduation of Class of 2022 (Third Class)	May 2022	Complete
Welcome the Seventh Class	July 2022	Complete
Submit MATCH list for Eighth Class	January 2023	Complete
Receive MATCH Results for Eighth Class	March 2023	Complete
Receive MATCH Results for Residency Training for Class of 2023	March 2023	Complete
Recruitment of Ninth Class	May 2023	Complete
Graduation of Class of 2023 (Fourth Class)	May 2023	Complete
Receive Approval for Full Accreditation	June 2023	Complete

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TRANSFORMING HEALTHCARE

- Our school remains one of the most affordable in the country and has graduated nearly 200 medical students since we started in 2016 (32% of our total graduates are from RGV).
- Together with our affiliate hospitals, we have trained more than 250 physicians in residency programs across the RGV.
- We look forward to opening the region’s first academic surgery and cancer center in early 2025, here in Hidalgo County.
- Our medical school has adopted a new organizational structure, an Integrated Service Unit (ISU) model, that will strengthen the alignment between UT Health RGV and the SOM to accelerate our future ability to:
 - strategically recruit,
 - grow research from bench to bedside,
 - expand our class size,
 - build clinical specialty areas, and
 - drive informed resource decisions to achieve our mission.

These changes strengthen our ability to deliver our mission to benefit our students, patients, and the Rio Grande Valley community.

USE	SITE	AMOUNT
Continued operation of the interdisciplinary care team at <i>UT Health RGV Pediatric Specialty Clinic</i> to include biopsychosocial assessments, developmental pediatric clinical services, GED classes, career counseling, anger management, outpatient substance abuse counseling, adolescent group counseling, and parent groups.	UT Health RGV Pediatric Specialty Clinic, Edinburg	\$0.20 million
Continued operations for delivering a medical education program in accordance with accreditation requirements and SB 24 legislation. This includes the following key functions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library resources and data collections for students, residents and faculty in Edinburg. 	UTRGV SOM, Edinburg	\$0.60 million

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accreditation activities to strengthen the medical education program for medical students and help the school advance to final accreditation by June 2023. • Housing for students doing clinical rotations in Hidalgo County. 		
<p>The <i>Unimovil</i> continues to make regular visits and medical residents and faculty with medical students volunteering in underserved communities/colonias providing other services such as free flu shots, COVID-19 screenings, women’s wellness screenings, sports physicals and school physicals.</p>	<p>Indian Hills, Monte Alto, Weslaco, Alton, San Carlos, Alamo, and Las Milpas Colonias, Hidalgo County</p>	<p>\$0.10 million</p>
<p>The Community Health Partnerships program includes the operations of the AHEC clinical site in Hidalgo County as well as the AHEC scholars rotating at the site from School of Medicine, School of Social Work, and School of Nursing.</p>	<p>San Carlos</p>	<p>\$0.10 million</p>
<p>TOTAL</p>		<p>\$1.0 million</p>