



MEMORANDUM

Date: January 5, 2015

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Board of Supervisors January 6, 2015 Regular Agenda Item No. 15 and Response to Supervisor Miller's Questions Regarding Graduate Medical Education**

The following are responses to two questions posed by Supervisor Miller's office on Friday, January 2, 2015, regarding Regular Agenda Item 15 and Graduate Medical Education (GME).

- 1. I see that a total of 180 Residents stayed in AZ in 2013 following graduation from GME but do not see the number that stayed in Pima County. Do you have the number of residents that remained in Pima County in 2013 following graduation from the GME program?**

A total of 180 doctors completed the GME program at The University of Arizona from 2009 through 2013 and subsequently entered a practice in this state. This includes 148 graduates from The University of Arizona Medical Center (UAMC)-University Campus and 32 graduates from UAMC-South Campus. Of the 32 physicians that graduated UAMC-South Campus, 26 have stayed to practice in southern Arizona. More detailed information regarding UAMC-University Campus graduates is not currently available.

- 2. According to the attached, UMC received \$15,590,060 and UMC South received \$2,576,911 in local matching funds. Is it accurate to say that the \$15 million we give per year is appropriated to UMC and not UMC South? Who does UMC South received the \$2.57 million in matching funds from?**

The \$15 million intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Pima County and the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) has been used to provide match funding. The local match is used for three distinct programs – GME, Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments and Safety Net Care Pool. The ABOR may allocate the \$15 million provided by the County for any of these three federal programs in any proportion they require to support receipt of federal funds. The GME local match for UAMC-South Campus of \$2.57 million as referenced in the July 1, 2014 Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) letter was received from Pima County as part of the \$15 million annual IGA; resulting in \$5,021,235 being allocated to UAMC-South Campus from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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