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The Honorable Sarah Sanders
State Capitol Room 250
500 Woodlane Ave.
Little Rock, Arkansas 72202

Dear Governor Sanders:

Arkansas Code 6-81-711 stipulates that

- (a) The Arkansas Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Board shall make an annual report to the Governor concerning the activities of the Board and shall file a copy of its report with the Legislative Council.
- (b) (1) This report shall include:
 - (A) The names of the recipients of the loans;
 - (B) The amount of each loan;
 - (C) The accounting of the funds granted, on hand, and expended for necessary expenses;
 - (D) The total amount of funds received during the year from gifts, federal grants, bequests, and devises; and
 - (E) The amount of loans, which during the year, become scholarships through compliance with the conditions of the loan contracts.
- (2) This report shall include the names and addresses, and amount of loans to each person, of those recipients who are in default of repayment obligations.

I have prepared the information regarding Part (a) of the Report to the Governor. Part (b), sections (A) through (2) was researched and provided by Ms. Alisha McReynolds, UAMS Student Financial Services. The annual report contains "education records" which are subject to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

A copy of this annual report has been forwarded to the Legislative Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tammy".

Tammy Henson-Platt
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4301 West Markham, Slot 551
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cc: Ms. Marty Garrity, Legislative Council

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR 2022-23

**Copy to be filed with Legislative Council
(Pursuant to Arkansas Code 6-81-711)**

- 1. List your Board or Commission's name, address, phone number, fax number, email address and contact person:**

NAME:	Arkansas Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Board
ADDRESS:	University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine 4301 West Markham Street, # 551 Little Rock, Arkansas 72205
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FAX:	501-686-5873
Email:	TAHenson@uams.edu
Contact:	Tammy Henson-Platt Rural Practice Programs Administrator

- 2. Attach your mission statement. When did you last revise your mission statement?**

The General Assembly of the State of Arkansas enacted Act 131 of 1949 creating a Student Financing Board to “provide a loan fund for the aid of medical students in the University of Arkansas School of Medicine needing financial aid to complete their education”. The purpose of the program was stated as follows:

“Whereas, the number of doctors within the State of Arkansas are not adequate enough to meet the constant demand of the people of this state, and; Whereas, there are many rural communities within the State of Arkansas without medical care, it is the purpose of this Act to increase the number of doctors by financing those medical students who need such aid in order to complete their education”

The 2023 year marked the 74th anniversary of the Arkansas State Legislature's commitment to increasing the number of physicians in rural communities in Arkansas. Over the years, the methods may have changed from decade to decade, but the mission has remained the same.

3. List the dates of your meetings held during the 12 month period covered by this annual report and indicate whether a quorum was present. Below include the names of the members of the commissioners who were not present at the meetings. Attach a list of the names of your current board or commission members.

Board Members for 2022-23:

Susan Smyth, M.D./PhD Dean, UAMS College of Medicine, Chair*
 Robin Dreisigacker, J.D. Exec Associate Dean for Finance/ Administration, College of Medicine
 Alan Wilson, M.D., Arkansas Medical Society, Past President
 Amy Cahill, M.D., Arkansas Medical Society, Past President
 Scott Dickson, M.D., Dean Appointment
 Greg Stubblefield, VP/Administrator, Baptist Medical Center – Arkansas Hospital Association
 Holli Banks-Giles, M.D., AMDPA Representative
 Brian Thomas, Arkansas Rural Partnership

I. Date: September 20, 2022 Quorum Present? Yes

Members Absent: Amy Cahill, MD., Past President, Arkansas Medical Society (Pine Bluff)

Board Members for 2022-23:

Dr. Richard G. Smith, Dean, UAMS College of Medicine, Chair* (Replace Dr. Smyth)
 Robin Dreisigacker, J.D. Exec Associate Dean for Finance/ Administration, College of Medicine
 Alan Wilson, M.D., Arkansas Medical Society, Past President
 Amy Cahill, M.D., Arkansas Medical Society, Past President
 Scott Dickson, M.D., Dean Appointment
 Greg Stubblefield, VP/Administrator, Baptist Medical Center – Arkansas Hospital Association
 Holli Banks-Giles, M.D., AMDPA Representative
 Brian Thomas, Arkansas Rural Partnership

II. Date: January 24, 2023 Quorum Present? Yes

Members Absent: All members were present

III. Date: March 21, 2023 Quorum Present? Yes

Members Absent: Amy Cahill, M.D., Past President, Arkansas Medical Society (Pine Bluff);
 Brian Thomas, Arkansas Rural Partnership (Pine Bluff)

IV. Date: September 19, 2023 Quorum Present? Yes

Members Absent: Richard G. Smith, M.D., Chair, Dean, College of Medicine; Alan Wilson, M.D., Past Present, Arkansas Medical Society, (Monticello).

All board members are appointed by the Governor after consulting with the various groups named below and confirmed by the senate. They serve for three year terms. The board members are: The Dean of the College of Medicine at UAMS as chair; Two (2) board members are members of the Arkansas Medical Society; One (1) member is a practicing physician from the Arkansas Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association, Inc. (AMDPA); Two (2) members are recommended by the Dean of the College of Medicine at UAMS; One (1) member is from the Arkansas Hospital Association; and; One (1) member is from the Arkansas Rural Health Partnership.

4. Are minutes / records kept of each meeting? Yes
5. Is your annual report attached? Yes
6. Are your commissioners paid a stipend or salary? Please list the stipend amount paid to attend a meeting. If paid a salary, please list each commissioner's salary.

Pursuant to Act 1114 of 1995: (c) (1) The members of the Board shall be reimbursed their necessary travel expenses when in attendance at meetings of the board or otherwise incurred in the execution of their duties, pursuant to state travel regulations. (2) In addition, those members of the Board who are not state employees shall receive per diem of sixty dollars (\$60.00) for each day engaged in duties as Board members”.

Board members do not receive a salary.

7. Is your board or commission a cash fund agency and/or do you receive general revenues?

SB220, an Act for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Appropriation for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year authorized **\$450,000.00** for the Community Match and Rural Practice programs. The funds were appropriated from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account and the programs received **\$324,999.96**.

Please return form to:

Ms. Marty Garrity, Director
Attention: Vicki Freeburn
Arkansas Legislative Council
Room 315, State Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

***Dr. Smyth passed away at the end of December, 2022. Dr. Smith became the interim Dean, thereby taking the place of Dr. Smyth on the board, as Chair.**

**ARKANSAS RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE
STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

LOANS 7/01/22 - 06-30-23

FY23

FY23

Fund/Center FD303-14000-CC003231

RURAL PRACTICE	
RECIPIENT	AMOUNT
AMADOU, ATKATOU	\$ 6,000.00
BELL, AUSTIN	\$ 6,000.00
BENNETT, JOSHUA	\$ 6,000.00
BENTLEY, CARROLL	\$ 16,000.00
BLEVINS SYDNEY	\$ 12,000.00
BRAZEAL, CHRISTOPHER	\$ 6,000.00
BYRD, SAMUEL	\$ 6,000.00
HESTER, ALEC	\$ 12,000.00
KERN, CHANDLER	\$ 6,000.00
KYLE, MOLLY	\$ 6,000.00
JAMES, BRADEN	\$ 6,000.00
JONES AUSTIN	\$ 12,000.00
MADDEN, LESLIE	\$ 12,000.00
MCCABE, DALLAS	\$ 12,000.00
MCTIGRIT, KATHERINE	\$ 12,000.00
PARNELL, SPENCER	\$ 8,000.00
PETERSON, JONATHAN	\$ 12,000.00
RATLIFF, CALVIN	\$ 6,000.00
REED, MACKENZIE	\$ 12,000.00
ROSET, CONNOR	\$ 6,000.00
STANLEY, AUDRA	\$ 6,000.00
TOLLETT, LUKE	\$ 12,000.00

RECRUITMENT PROGRAM	
RECIPIENT	AMOUNT
FIKE, ELIZABETH	\$25,000.00
NUGENT, JEREMIAH	\$25,000.00
PENNINGTON, DAVID JAMES	\$20,000.00
BRANSCUM, EVAN	\$20,000.00
GARDNER, JULIE BETH	\$20,000.00
OSTER, CALEB	\$15,000.00
CARLISLE, JOHN AUSTIN	\$15,000.00
LEIBROCK, HAYDEN	\$15,000.00
ELKINS, MICHAEL	\$5,000.00
WANTULOK, NATASHA	\$5,000.00
GRIFFIN, TYLER	\$5,000.00
SCOTT, WARREN EDWARD	\$5,000.00
TOTAL RECRUITMENT RECIPIENTS	\$175,000.00

TOTAL RURAL PRACTICE RECIPIENTS	\$ 198,000.00
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ARKANSAS RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE COMMUNITY MATCH STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
ACCOUNTING OF FUNDS GRANTED, ON HAND, AND EXPENDED
Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

FUND FD303 CENTER CC003231

SAP Ending Balance 6-30-22

	Jul-Sept 22 1st Quarter	Oct-Dec 22 2nd Quarter	Jan-Mar 23 3rd Quarter	Apr-Jun 23 4th Quarter	YTD Balance
Loan Repayments, Collections - Principal (14010)	10,509.93	37,676.17	(20,471.17)	3,218.79	233,470.97
Loan Cancellations - Principal (14010)		72,000.00	12,000.00		30,933.72
Loan Repayments, Collections - Interest Income (47000 RC0497)	0.00	2,866.17	36,464.68	7,244.79	84,000.00
Loan Cancellations - Interest (47000)		23,198.55	2,480.78		46,575.64
Loan Repayments, Collections - Fees					25,679.33
General Accounting Adj					0.00
Monies from Communities (27020)	70,000.00	10,000.00		20,000.00	0.00
State Contribution (42000)	81,249.99	81,249.99	81,249.99	81,249.99	100,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	161,759.92	226,990.88	111,724.28	111,713.57	612,188.65
EXPENSE:					
Loan Advances to Students (Notes Receivables) (14000)	(62,000.00)	(66,000.00)	(70,000.00)	(82,000.00)	(280,000.00)
Collection Costs					0.00
Loan Cancellations (67100)		(95,198.55)	95,198.55		0.00
Rural Practice Loan Expense (67200)			(109,679.33)		(109,679.33)
Rural Physician Recruitment Program (61250)			(5,000.00)	(5,000.00)	(10,000.00)
Rural Physician Recruitment Program (61300)	(24,850.00)	(64,850.00)	(29,850.00)	(39,850.00)	(159,400.00)
Transferred to 900 Fund/Operating Expenses	(30,000.00)				(30,000.00)
TOTAL EXPENSE	(116,850.00)	(226,048.55)	(119,330.78)	(126,850.00)	(589,079.33)
Reconciled to Workday CC003231	44,909.92	942.33	(7,606.50)	(15,136.43)	256,580.29
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	44,909.92	45,852.25	38,245.75	23,109.32	

Prior Year balance from SAP \$ 233,470.97
WD Ledger - Fund Balance \$ 23,109.32
Total Ending balance \$ 256,580.29

**ARKANSAS RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE
STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

CANCELLATIONS 7/01/22 - 6/30/23

Fund/Center FD303-CC003231

RURAL PRACTICE - RECIPIENT	AMOUNT
BLAKE DIXON	\$12,000.00
DYLAN ESTES	\$12,000.00
MAUREEN FLOWERS	\$12,000.00
BRIAN KENNEDY	\$12,000.00
WALLACE LOCK	\$12,000.00
JORDAN POWERS	\$12,000.00
BRITTNEY WOODWARD	\$12,000.00
SUB-TOTAL CANCELLATIONS RPL	\$84,000.00

COMMUNITY MATCH - RECIPIENT

SUB-TOTAL CANCELLATIONS COMMUNITY MATCH	\$0.00
TOTAL CANCELLATIONS	\$84,000.00

COMPLIANCE STATUS - FY23

Fund/Center FD303-CC003231

RURAL PRACTICE - RECIPIENT	AMOUNT
ZACH BEGGS	\$12,000.00
JOE BROWN	\$36,000.00
JARED BURKS	\$48,000.00
CLARIDGE CAITLIN	\$36,000.00
ZACH CORSETT	\$36,000.00
ROBERT FERGUSON	\$48,000.00
LAUREN FISHER	\$36,000.00
AMY FLETCHER	\$36,000.00
RACHEL GOODWIN (GALLOWAY)	\$24,000.00
SETH JUSTICE	\$36,000.00
THOMAS KENNEDY	\$36,000.00
BENJAMIN MARTIN	\$36,000.00
HEALTH MITCHELL	\$48,000.00
EMILY REAMS	\$36,000.00
ABIGAIL WILHITE	\$36,000.00

TOTAL COMPLIANCE STATUS	\$540,000.00
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**ARKANSAS RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE
STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

RECIPIENTS IN DEFAULT

RECIPIENT	ADDRESS	Principal Amount Awarded	Principal Amount Pa of 06/30/2022	Submitted for Abatement	Legal Council	Outside Collection Agency	Payment Schedule/Debt-Setoff	Notes
Acts 1114 and 1257 of 1995								
BRANSCUM, ZACHARY	4601 W. Markham Apt. 408-1 Little Rock, AR 72205	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00					
CORLEY, HALEY	1324 Libson Rd. Smaekover, AR 71762	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00					
CLINES, GARRETH	320 S. University Ave. #32069, Little Rock, AR 72205	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 48,000.00					
LYONS, LEWIS CLINTON	1855 Spring Hill Ave, Mobile, AL 36607	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00		X		X	Settlement balance returned from collections
MCKINDRA, FATIMA	2514 South Izard, Little Rock, AR 72206	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00					
MCLAUGHLIN, BRADY	1083 Bluff Springs Road, Mineral Springs, AR 71851	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 36,000.00		X			
PACHECO, ZACHARY	5123 B Street, Little Rock, AR 72205	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 28,938.35		X			
PITTMAN, DALANA	251 Independence, Hot Springs, AR 71913	\$ 8,250.00	\$ 5,253.62					
SLOAN, ANTHONY	1007 Ada Street, Corning, AR 72122	\$ 49,500.00	\$ 16,364.10		X		X	returned from collections
SLOAN, VALERIE	1007 Ada Street, Corning, AR 72122	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00		X			Settlement balance
SMITH, JOSH	3430 Irby Apt 908, Conway, AR 72034	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 48,000.00		X			
TURNBOW, LAUREN	49 Summer Oaks Drive, Daphne, AR 36526	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00		X			
WILSON, CHRISTOPHER	2201 Fendley Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72114	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00		X			
TOTAL		\$ 451,750.00	\$ 396,556.07					

Footnote:

The following participants did not complete medical school:

- Fatima McKindra
- Dalana Pittman
- Brady McLaughlin
- Haley Corley
- Zachary Branscum

The following participant owes liquidated damages:

- Anthony Sloan - \$16,363.10