

Part I – Agency Profile

Agency Overview

Idaho WWAMI provides Idaho residents with the opportunity to complete medical school and earn the MD degree in Idaho, thereby developing their familiarity with the healthcare needs of the State and region, and increasing the likelihood that they will remain in Idaho communities to practice medicine. In 2015, Idaho WWAMI, through the University of Washington School of Medicine (UWSOM), launched a new 18-month curriculum that allows Idaho residents to spend the majority of their four years of medical education in Idaho. Historically, WWAMI students would complete their first year at the regional campus and then complete their second year in Seattle on the UW main campus. With this curriculum renewal, second year content was merged with the first year content to create an 18-month model that incorporates an integrated curriculum with enhanced clinical preparation. The 18-month curriculum is referred to as the “Foundations Phase” that allows for an overlap of the first and second year students in the fall semesters at the University of Idaho. In fall of 2017, UI WWAMI enrolled a total of 80 students. Forty of those students will have completed the foundation phase of this new curriculum by the end of fall semester at the University of Idaho’s (UI) Moscow campus. After completing the foundation phase, students have the opportunity to complete their clinical training requirements throughout clinical sites in Idaho. These clinical rotations are coordinated through the Idaho WWAMI Medical Education Program office in Boise.

The Director for the Foundation Phase of WWAMI at UI reports to the Provost and Executive Vice President at UI, and also functions as an Assistant Dean of the UWSOM. Two Assistant Deans for the Patient Care Phase (3rd year) and the Explore and Focus Phase (4th year) are located in Boise and report to the Vice Dean for Academic, Rural and Regional Affairs at UWSOM. WWAMI at UI employs thirty-four part-time faculty (shared with other academic programs, as well as hospitals and clinics) and five administrative staff. Idaho students admitted to WWAMI are interviewed and selected by the Idaho Admissions Committee, a group of six physicians appointed by the Idaho State Board of Education and UWSOM. The six work in cooperation with the University of Washington School of Medicine Admissions Committee to admit students.

Idaho WWAMI is committed to helping prepare physicians for medical practice in Idaho, regardless of eventual specialty selection, as well as increasing the number of physicians who choose to practice in rural or underserved areas. WWAMI was awarded two grants that help support the mission of the WWAMI Program; Northern Idaho Area Health Education Center and the Idaho Project ECHO, which are two distinct programs that focus on rural communities and health disparities in Idaho. There is also a strong commitment to the partnership between excellence in research and teaching in medical education. UI WWAMI faculty successfully brought in \$1M of research funding in 2017-2018, and averages approximately \$1M on a yearly basis. Cutting-edge research prepares the next generation of doctors to be well-informed and at the forefront of clinical medical practice. The WWAMI faculty at the University of Idaho and our clinical/research faculty in Boise, Pocatello, Jerome, Caldwell, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho Falls, McCall, Sandpoint, Hailey, and other rural training communities are committed to being dynamic teachers and informed biomedical scholars.

In addition, Idaho WWAMI goals include the continued development of humanitarian and service interests of our medical students, and recruitment from groups within Idaho that are traditionally underrepresented in medical school populations. WWAMI has established outreach programs to high schools and community colleges to encourage and prepare talented Idaho students from rural, first generation-college student, underprivileged, or minority backgrounds who have an interest in medicine and health careers.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

The core function of Idaho WWAMI at the University of Idaho is to provide qualified Idaho residents with access to and education in medical training as part of the Idaho State Board of Education’s contract with the University of Washington School of Medicine. Idaho Code **§33-3720** authorizes the State Board of Education to enter into contractual agreements to provide access for Idaho residents to qualified professional studies programs, and specifically, the WWAMI Medical Education Program (33-3717B(7)).

Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
General Fund	\$4,638,900	\$4,876,100	\$5,303,400	\$6,399,500
Unrestricted Current	<u>1,201,281</u>	<u>1,755,472</u>	<u>1,757,741</u>	<u>2,252,380</u>
Total	\$5,840,181	\$6,631,572	\$7,061,141	\$8,651,880
Expenditures	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Personnel Costs	\$1,522,133	\$1,804,940	\$1,922,826	\$2,107,967
Operating Expenditures	353,226	564,226	2,506,996 ⁷	1,624,360
Capital Outlay	71,852	114,167	218,117	106,774
Trustee/Benefit Payments	<u>3,637,954</u>	<u>3,239,149</u>	<u>3,803,860</u>	<u>4,174,734</u>
Total	\$5,585,165	\$5,722,483	8,451,799	\$8,013,835

Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Number of Idaho Students Applying to UW Medical School (WWAMI)	141	164	163	183
- Average GPA ID WWAMI	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7
- Average MCAT Score ID WWAMI	503	537	507	507
Number of Idaho Students Admitted to UW Medical School	35	40	40	40
Number/Percentage of Idaho WWAMI Graduates who have practiced in Idaho (cumulative)	292/51%	301/50%	321/51%	334/51%

Red Tape Reduction Act

Each agency shall incorporate into its strategic plan a summary of how it will implement the Red Tape Reduction Act, including any associated goals, objectives, tasks, or performance targets. This information may be included as an addendum.

	As of July 1, 2019
Number of Chapters	N/A
Number of Words	N/A
Number of Restrictions	N/A

FY 2019 Performance Highlights

A critical program in WWAMI is ECHO Idaho. Project ECHO (Extension for Community Health Outcomes) is a telehealth mentoring model that expands access to specialty and high-quality primary care. The ECHO Idaho project uses distance technology to leverage scarce resources to build the capacity of healthcare providers to treat complicated patients they would otherwise refer out. The ECHO Idaho project is a collaborative educational resource for all medical students, residents, and other learners in health professions programs within the state as well as for Idaho’s practicing health care providers. ECHO Idaho began in March of 2018 offering two programs in Opioid Addiction and Treatment and Behavioral Health/Mental Health. Since opening ECHO Idaho we have had tremendous statewide participation and support. Participants join from across the state, representing 30 counties, 65 cities, and 168 organizations including hospitals and clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Idaho Department of Health and medical education. Collectively, nearly 400 participants have received over 1,610 hours of free continuing medical education.

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure		FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
GOAL 1: A WELL EDUCATED CITIZENRY –Continuously improve access to medical education for individuals of all backgrounds, ages, abilities, and economic means.						
1. The number of Idaho WWAMI applicants per year and the ratio of Idaho applicants per funded medical student.	actual	141 4.7:1	164 4.68:1	163 4.08:1	183 4.58:1	-----
	target	4.075:1 ¹	5:1 ¹	5:1 ¹	5:1 ¹	5:1 ¹
2. Cumulative Idaho WWAMI return rate for graduates who practice medicine in Idaho.	actual	51%	50%	51%	51%	-----
	target	41% ⁴	41% ⁴	41% ⁴	55%	41% ⁴
GOAL 2: CRITICAL THINKING AND INNOVATION - WWAMI will provide an environment for the development of new ideas, and practical and theoretical knowledge to foster the development of biomedical researchers, medical students, and future physicians who contribute to the health and wellbeing of Idaho’s people and communities.						
3. Pass rate on the U.S. Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE), Steps 1 & 2, taken during medical training.	actual	100%	100%	97%	96%	-----
	target	91% ²	91% ²	95% ²	95% ²	95% ²
GOAL 3: Effective and Efficient Delivery Systems – Deliver medical education, training, research, and service in a manner which makes efficient use of resources and contributes to the successful completion of our medical education program goals for Idaho.						
4. The number of WWAMI rural summer training placements in Idaho each year.	actual	23	22	29	24	-----
	target	20 ³	20 ³	20 ³	20 ³	20 ³
5. Ratio of all WWAMI graduates who return to practice medicine in Idaho, regardless of WWAMI origin, divided by the total number of Idaho medical student graduates funded by the State.	actual	75% ⁶	75% ⁶	75% ⁶	75% ⁶	-----
	target	>60%	>60%	>60%	>70%	>60%
6. Percent of Idaho WWAMI graduates choosing primary care, psychiatry, general surgery, and OB/GYN specialties for residency training each year.	actual	47%	59%	67%	61%	-----
	target	50% ⁵	50% ⁵	50% ⁵	50% ⁵	50% ⁵

Performance Measure Explanatory Notes

Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Applicants and Matriculants Data:

<https://www.aamc.org/data/facts/applicantmatriculant/>

- National ratio of in-state applicants to available positions is 16:1, <https://www.aamc.org/download/321442/data/factstablea1.pdf>
- U.S. Pass Rate (reference: USMLE Performance Data, <https://www.usmle.org/performance-data/>) National Pass rate has increased to 95% from 91%.
- The target is 50% interest in rural training experiences (50% of 40 students is 20)
- This is the national return rate for all medical schools in the U.S. (reference: 2015 State Physician Workforce Book, <https://www.aamc.org/data/workforce/reports/442830/statedataandreports.html>)
- This target rate is per WWAMI mission.
- 2018 WWAMI Non-Idaho Return numbers included.
- Operating Expenditures for FY18 increase, one-time and due to WWAMI fund transfers to capital projects.

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