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SECRETARY

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Dr. Richard Fantozzi, MD
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Medical Board of California
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Dear Dr. Fantozzi:

We are writing to invite you and other healthcare workforce policy leaders to participate in an important roundtable discussion regarding physician workforce issues. The goal of this meeting is to begin a conversation to identify near and long-term strategies for addressing California's physician workforce needs. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2007 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The meeting location will be the Health and Human Services Agency large conference room in the Gregory Bateson Office Building located at 1600 9th Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814.

As you know, Governor Schwarzenegger has introduced a comprehensive health care reform proposal that seeks to reduce the hidden tax associated with the shifting of uncompensated health care costs from the uninsured to the insured; promote affordable health care; achieve coverage for all; and create a healthier California. An important component of reform requires a sufficient and stable physician workforce to meet the growing medical needs of the people of California.

The meeting will specifically examine California's physician workforce needs related to supply and demand through the 21st Century and identify requisite strategies that both the public and private sector should consider to ensure access to medical care in light of anticipated continuing growth in the demand for physician services. We have attached the proposed meeting agenda. Please RSVP to Deputy Director Angela Minniefield at (916) 654-3019 or aminnief@oshpd.ca.gov by Monday, April 2, 2007.

Sincerely,

Signed by Secretary Belshé 3/23/07

Kimberly Belshé
Secretary
California Health and Human Services Agency

Signed by Director Carlisle 3/23/07

David M. Carlisle
Director
Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development

Attachment

California Physician Workforce Roundtable Discussion
California Health and Human Services Agency
4/11/07, 1-3pm
Large Conference Room #460, Gregory Bateson Office Building
1600 9th Street, Sacramento, California

Proposed Agenda
(120 minutes)

Goal: To Identify Short- and Long-Term Strategies for Addressing California's Physician Workforce Needs for the 21st Century

- I. Introductions** (*Secretary Kimberly Belshé / Dr. Gary Gitnick – 10 minutes*)

- II. California's Physician Workforce: Where We Are Today, Where We Need to be in 20 Years, and Barriers that Exist**
(*Dr. Kevin Grumbach – 30 minutes with questions*)

- III. Current Programs Designed to Address California's Physician Workforce Needs**
(*Dr. David Carlisle – 15 minutes with questions*)

- IV. The Physician Workforce Gap - Options and Opportunities for California's Public and Private Sectors**
(*Group Discussion – 45 minutes*)

- V. Specific Recommendations**
(*Group Discussion – 15 minutes*)

- VI. Closure** (*Secretary Kimberly Belshé / Dr. Gary Gitnick – 5 minutes*)