



Strengthening Alaska's Physician Workforce:

How You Can Support the GME Council Initiative

Alaska's Graduate Medical Education (GME) Council is forming to strengthen physician training and retention across the state. With over 90 stakeholders from more than 10 communities joining the conversation recently, we're building a collaborative, sustainable approach to grow our homegrown workforce—and we need your voice, partnership, and insight.

Ways You or Your Organization Can Contribute

- **Serve on the GME Council:** Lend your expertise and perspective as a voting or advisory member during this critical formative stage.
- **Nominate or encourage others to apply:** Help us ensure the Council reflects Alaska's geographic, cultural, and institutional diversity and clinical, educational, and GME expertise.
- **Consider serving as a host or convener for the Council.**
Offer meeting space, virtual platforms, or logistical support as we bring stakeholders together across the state.
- **Support or connect us to funding opportunities.**
Help sustain the Council's work—and advocate for increased funding for Alaska's GME programs, particularly through engagement with state legislators and the Medicaid office. You can also connect us with potential funders or aligned partners.
- **Liaise with healthcare, education, or policy leaders:** Be a connector—help amplify this work in your networks or with key decision-makers.
- **Exchange insights with your community or organization.**
Share workforce needs and regional context with the Council—and help raise awareness locally about the importance of investing in physician training.
- **Host or fund training experiences:** Provide clinical placements, rural rotations, or housing to support learners across Alaska.
- **Liaise with healthcare, education, or policy leaders:** Be a connector—help amplify this work in your networks or with key decision-makers.
- **Advocate for resources and policy support:** Engage with legislators or funders to align GME growth with Alaska's broader health goals.

Questions? Contact any of the GME Council Working Group members directly or through contact@alaskagmecouncil.com Learn more: www.alaskagmecouncil.com