McAllen Family Practice Residency Program
Operational Grant Audit

Report No. 20-REQ-25

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Office of Audits & Consulting Services
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Dr. Guy Bailey, President
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Dear Dr. Bailey,

The Office of Audits & Consulting Services has completed the McAllen Family Practice Residency Program Operational Grant Audit for the fiscal year (FY) ended August 31, 2019 as required by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The objective of this audit was to assess whether revenues, expenditures and the unexpended fund balance were reported accurately in the annual financial report and the funds were utilized in accordance with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board’s Family Medicine Residency Program Guidelines for Funding Operational and Optional Rotation Programs.

This audit was conducted in accordance with The University of Texas System’s (UTS) Policy 129 Internal Audit Activities, the Institute of Internal Auditors’ International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing (Standards) and Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS). The Standards and GAGAS set criteria for internal audit departments in the areas of independence, professional proficiency, scope and performance of audit work, and management of audits. We are required to adhere to these Standards and UTS 129.

In our opinion, the FY 2019 Annual Financial Report submitted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board present fairly, in all material respects, its revenues, expenses, and unexpended fund balance, and all expenses were appropriate in support of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley’s (UTRGV) McAllen Family Practice Residency Program. In addition, all other required reports were fairly stated.

We appreciate the assistance provided by UTRGV’s management and other personnel. We hope the information and analyses presented in our report are helpful.
Sincerely,

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Executive Summary

Overall Assessment
In our opinion, the FY 2019 Annual Financial Report submitted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board present fairly, in all material respects, its revenues, expenses, and unexpended fund balance, and all expenses were appropriate in support of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley’s (UTRGV) McAllen Family Practice Residency Program. In addition, all other required reports were fairly stated.

Background: The Family Practice Residency Program (FPRP) is designed to enhance physician training and provide medical care to the under-served urban and rural areas of Texas. UTRGV operates the McAllen FPRP program and receives funding for the program under the provisions of the Texas Education Code, Chapter 61. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (Coordinating Board) issued the Family Medicine Residency Program Guidelines for Funding Operational and Optional Rotation Programs pursuant to their responsibility for administration. These guidelines include a requirement for submission of an annual financial report (AFR) of FPRP revenues and expenditures along with an internal or independent auditor’s opinion.

In FY 2019, the McAllen FPRP operated on a budget of approximately $3.0 million, including $121,485 in program grant funding provided by the Coordinating Board. The grant amount is based on the residency program director’s certification to the Coordinating Board that, as of September 1, 2019, eighteen (18) full-time family medicine residents were physically present at the residency program and contractually obligated to train in the program in FY 2019 for a minimum of six months.

Objective: To assess whether revenues, expenditures and the unexpended fund balance were reported accurately in the annual financial report and the funds were utilized in accordance with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board’s Family Medicine Residency Program Guidelines for Funding Operational and Optional Rotation Programs.

Scope/Period: Coordinating Board Family Practice Residency Program funding and associated expenditures presented within the FPRP annual financial report for FY 2019.

Key Observations: 1) The McAllen FPRP received $115,883.
2) The McAllen FPRP received an additional amount of $5,602 in June 2019.
3) Majority of the operational grant spent on Stipends, Fringe Benefits and Professional Liability.
4) All funds expended by 8/31/2019.