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1. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion and appropriate action regarding Consent Agenda items, if any, assigned for Committee consideration**

RECOMMENDATION

The proposed Consent Agenda items assigned to this Committee are [Items 50 - 65](#).

2. **U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston: Request to approve the honorific naming of four streets on the League City Campus as Ashbel Smith Avenue, Dolly Vinsant Drive, Ruby Decker Avenue, and Ned Dudney Drive**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Deputy Chancellor, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, and the institutional president that the U. T. System Board of Regents approve the honorific naming of four streets on the League City Campus of U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston as Ashbel Smith Avenue, Dolly Vinsant Drive, Ruby Decker Avenue, and Ned Dudney Drive.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston's League City Campus is quickly growing. To help navigate the developing campus, U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston requests approval to honorifically name four streets for the individuals described below and on the following pages.

The Ashbel Smith Avenue will be named in honor of Ashbel Smith, M.D. Born in 1805, Dr. Smith was the first president of The University of Texas Board of Regents and was instrumental in forming the Texas Medical Association. He graduated from Yale University at the age of 19 and earned his medical degree, also from Yale University, in 1828. He was a strong advocate for higher education during his three terms as a State Representative and was instrumental in establishing U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston. The Old Red Building, the first building on U. T. Medical Branch's campus and the oldest medical school building in Texas, was named as The Ashbel Smith Building on December 1, 1950.

Dolly Vinsant Drive will be named in honor of Ms. Wilma "Dolly" Vinsant, a 1940 U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston School of Nursing graduate. Ms. Vinsant enlisted in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps in 1942 and went on to become one of only 500 air evacuation flight nurses. She was killed when her plane was shot down over Germany in 1945 during a mission for which she volunteered. Her bravery earned her many subsequent honors, including the Purple Heart and a special citation from President Harry Truman. Although both buildings are no longer standing, Ms. Vinsant's hometown named a hospital after her, and U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston named a Dormitory Building for nursing students in her memory as the Wilma Roland Vinsant Hall on November 21, 1957.

Ruby Decker Avenue will be named in honor of Ms. Ruby Decker, the first director of U. T. Medical Branch's physical therapy program. She taught high school physical education classes in Port Arthur, Texas, did advanced training in massage and hydrotherapy in Michigan, helped treat wounded soldiers returning from World War I, and volunteered to do the same for World War II veterans. The Physical Therapy Laboratory in the School of Allied Health Sciences and Nursing Building was named The Ruby Decker Physical Therapy Laboratory on August 8, 1985, in recognition of Ms. Decker's many contributions in the area of physical therapy and her distinguished service to U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston.

Ned Dudney Drive will be named in honor of Dr. Newton “Ned” E. Dudney. Dr. Dudney graduated in 1949 from U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston. After completing his medical degree, he served as commander of a Battalion Aid Station in Korea. In 1954, Dr. Dudney joined his friend, Harry K. Davis, M.D., in a family medicine practice in League City, Texas. Dr. Dudney served the League City community as a primary care physician for over 50 years. He served on the U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston's Development Board and was a member of the School of Medicine Alumni Association for more than 30 years. In 1996, Dr. Dudney was a recipient of the Ashbel Smith Distinguished Alumnus Award.

This naming proposal is consistent with Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 80307, relating to the honorific naming of facilities to recognize individuals who have contributed significantly to the history of U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston.

The University of Texas Medical Branch

League City Campus – Street Naming – Historical Figures in UTMB History

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Background and Proposal

Background

As the UTMB League City Campus grows, plans are being made to formally name five roadways on the property. These names and related signage not only will help with wayfinding for employees, patients, and visitors, but four will also present an opportunity to bring UTMB’s rich history to its newest campus.

Proposal

The proposed plan calls for naming the main thoroughfare in the center of campus “UTMB Boulevard,” with other roads named for key figures in the University’s history. An initial list of four individuals includes representatives of the School of Medicine/Research, School of Nursing, and School of Health Professions. A brief description of their relationships to UTMB follows.



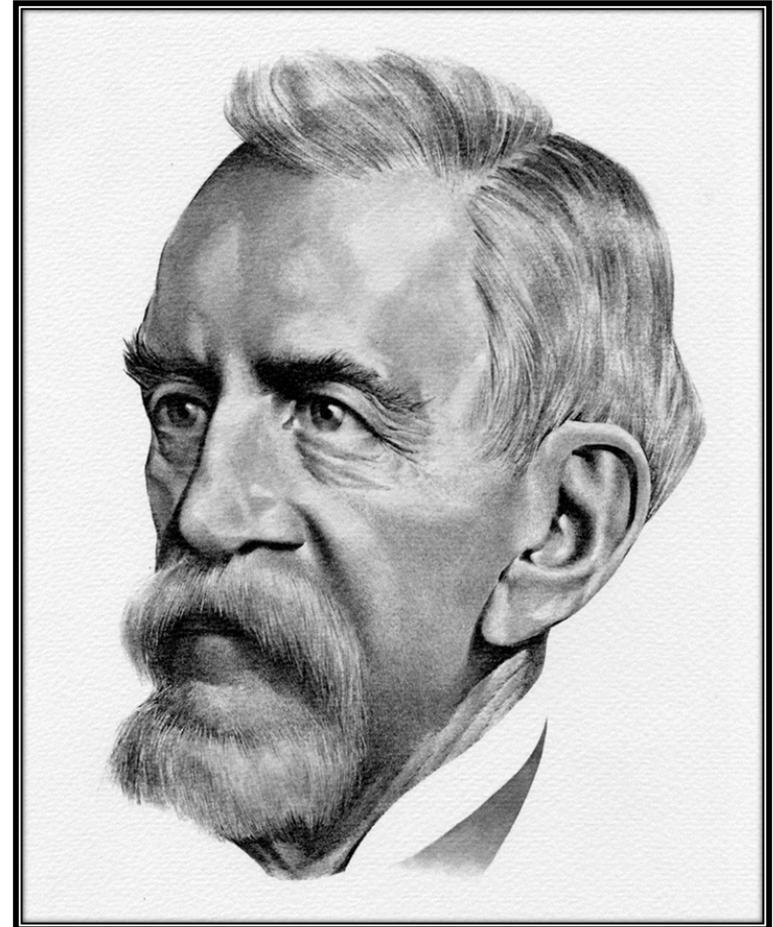
Ashbel Smith, M.D.

Ashbel Smith was a physician, statesman, diplomat, and soldier. Born in 1805, he graduated from Yale University at the age of 19 and earned his medical degree from Yale University in 1828.

He moved to Texas in 1837 and was instrumental in forming the Texas Medical Association. Known as “the father of the University of Texas,” Smith was a strong advocate for higher education during his three terms as a state Representative.

He went on to serve as the first president of the University of Texas Board of Regents and was instrumental in establishing The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

The oldest medical school building in Texas, The Old Red Building, located on UTMB’s Galveston campus, bears his name.



Wilma “Dolly” Vinsant

A 1940 School of Nursing graduate, Wilma “Dolly” Vinsant spent much of World War II evacuating wounded Americans from battlefields in Germany, many from the front lines. She enlisted in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps in 1942 and, after acing rigorous basic training, went on to become one of only 500 air evacuation flight nurses.

Stationed in England, Vinsant had completed her hazardous-flight quota when she volunteered for one last mission. She became one of only three in the Army Nurse Corps (and the only one from Texas) killed by direct enemy action when her plane was shot down over Germany. Her valor earned her many posthumous honors, including the Purple Heart and a special citation from President Harry Truman.

Although neither building stands today, Vinsant’s hometown named a hospital after her, and UTMB recognized its nursing graduate by naming a student dormitory in her honor.



Ruby Decker

Ruby Decker’s path to becoming the first director of UTMB’s up-and-coming physical therapy program in 1945 took a few twists and turns, including stints as a chicken farmer and bookseller. But her interest in reducing people’s pain and restoring their mobility never wavered.

She taught high school physical education classes in Port Arthur, Texas, did advanced training in massage and hydrotherapy in Michigan, helped treat wounded soldiers returning from World War I battlefields, and volunteered to do the same for World War II veterans.

After more than 18 years at UTMB, Ruby “retired” to teach physical therapy at a school in West Pakistan.



Dr. Newton “Ned” E. Dudney

Dr. Ned Dudney graduated in 1949 from The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. After completing his medical degree, he served as commander of a Battalion Aid Station in Korea. In 1954, Dr. Dudney joined his friend, Dr. Harry K. Davis, in a family medicine practice in League City, Texas. Dr. Dudney served the League City community as a primary care physician for over 50 years.

Dr. Dudney and his wife of 60 years, Fay, were leaders in the Clear Lake community. He was instrumental in the incorporation of League City, the founding of St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church, the creation of Clear Lake Hospital, as well as the Clear Lake Economic Development Foundation, now known as the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership. He was a member of the original City of League City Charter Committee and the first City of League City Council. The couple’s contributions to League City were recognized in 2010 by the rededication and naming of the Dr. Ned and Fay Dudney Clear Creek Nature Park.

Dr. Dudney’s regard for The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston was evidenced by his service as a Development Board member. He was a member of UTMB School of Medicine Alumni Association for more than thirty years and an ex-officio member of the board of trustees. Dr. Dudney was a recipient of the Ashbel Smith Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1996. In his memory, friends and family established the Ned Dudney, MD Presidential Scholarship at The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.



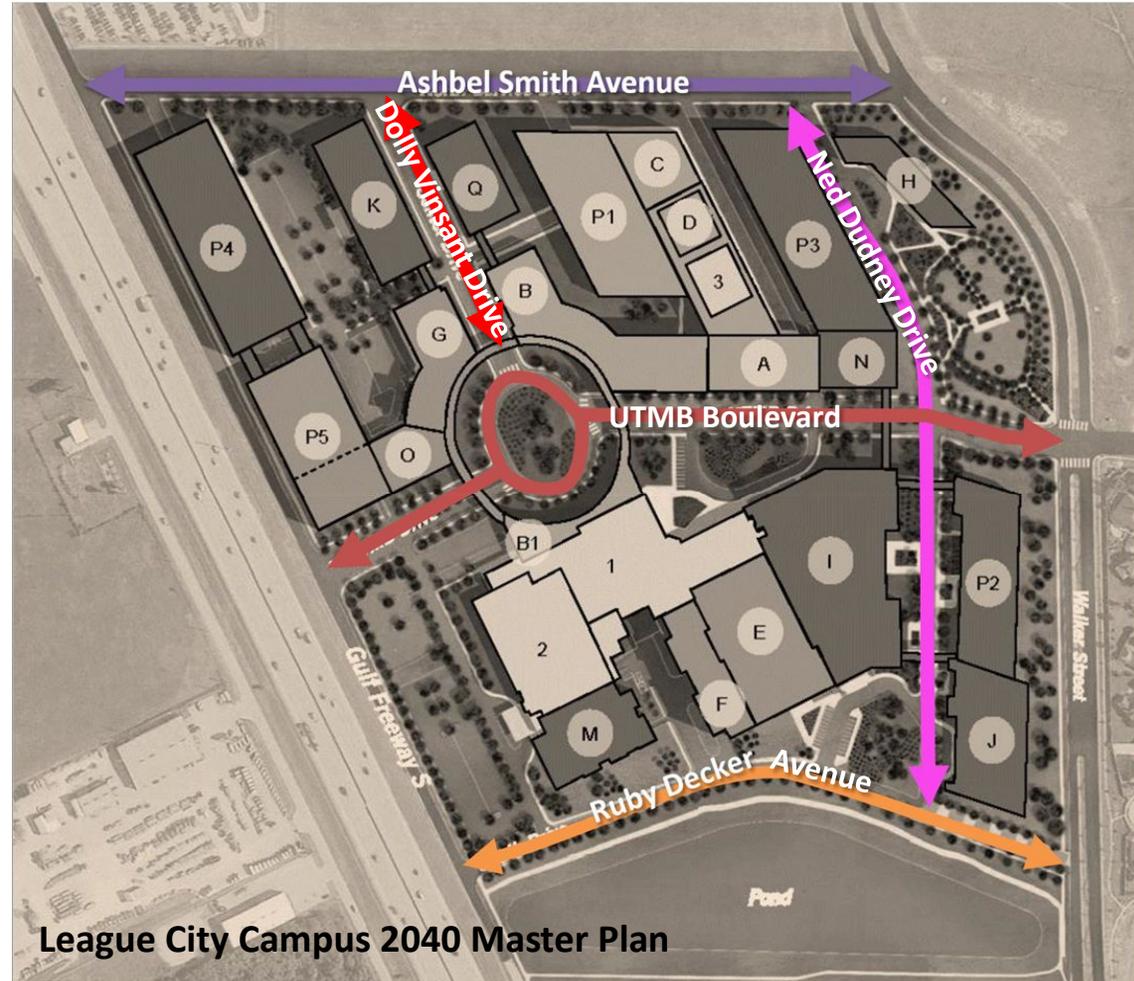
Street Names Recognizing UTMB History

East-West Streets:

Ashbel Smith Avenue
Ruby Decker Avenue
UTMB Boulevard

North-South Streets:

Dolly Vinsant Drive
Ned Dudney Drive



3. U. T. System: Report on the U. T. System Population Health initiatives

REPORT

David L. Lakey, M.D., Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer, will report on the U. T. System Population Health initiatives. A PowerPoint presentation is set forth on the following pages.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Dr. Lakey introduced a proposal at the February 11-12, 2015 Board of Regents' meeting to lead the development of initiatives to improve the health of Texans. On February 12, 2015, the Board of Regents approved \$5 million from the Available University Fund to be deployed over Fiscal Years 2015-2017.

The funding has been used to support the development and implementation of a sustainable population health strategic plan to identify and assess current conditions and assets, provide analytical expertise, and support collaborative efforts at the U. T. institutions and throughout Texas. This effort embodies the mission of academic medicine to improve health.

The University of Texas System Population Health

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What is Population Health?

- Health outcomes of a group of individuals, including the distribution of such outcomes within the group
 - Groups are often defined by geographic region, age, gender, ethnic and racial background, disability, or other defining characteristic
- Concerns include:
 - Overall health of a population
 - Distribution and determinants of health and health disparities within the population
- Population health perspective bridges the divide between traditional public health and the medical care sectors to focus on improving the health outcomes throughout a community

Kindig, DA, Stoddart G. (2003). What is population health? American Journal of Public Health, 93, 366-369



Mission of U. T. System Population Health

U. T. System Population Health encourages and coordinates the use of population health principles to improve the delivery of care, reduce health disparities, and improve health for all Texans.

The initiative does this through multi-institutional and multidisciplinary collaborative projects within the U. T. System and statewide through numerous partnerships.



Website: www.utsystempophealth.org



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Current Internally Funded Collaborations

- Texas Health Improvement Network (THIN)
 - Established by the 84th Texas Legislature
 - Successes include development of a 24 multidisciplinary and multi-institutional Advisory Council, a strategic map, and five suggested interim charges
- U. T. Collaborative for Population Health Innovation and Improvement
 - Learning collaborative of all six U. T. health institutions and two academic medical schools
 - Success includes development of population health strategic plans for each institution
- Chairs of Psychiatry Work Group
 - Learning collaborative of all academic departments of psychiatry in Texas and key partners
 - Success includes suggested policies that impacted the 85th Legislative Session and its investment in Mental Health
- Eliminate Tobacco Use
 - Learning collaborative of all 14 U. T. institutions on tobacco
 - Success includes all institutions going tobacco free, an annual summit, improved enforcement policies, and research partnerships between institutions



Current Externally Funded Projects

- Texas Collaborative For Healthy Mothers and Babies (TCHMB)
 - Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) funded project (\$501,000 per year) is the statewide Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative
- Healthy Texas Families
 - Texas Health and Human Services Commission funded (\$1 million per year) project's goal is to decrease infant mortality in Smith and Hidalgo Counties
 - Most funds are subcontracted to U. T. Health Science Center - Tyler, U. T. Rio Grande Valley, and U. T. Health Science Center - Houston's School of Public Health (in Brownsville and San Antonio)
- Safe Babies
 - Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) funded (\$1.3 million per year) project is evaluating and improving DFPS's child abuse prevention programs
- Zika Microcephaly / Birth Defect Registry
 - DSHS funded (\$100,000 for one year) project provides support to modify the Texas Birth Defects Registry to track the effects of Zika in Texas
- Sendero Health Plans
 - Austin community health plan funded project (\$120,000 per year) is developing research projects and disease prevention programs for its enrollees



Completed Population Health Analytical Reports and Tools

- The Health Status of Northeast Texas 2016 Report
- Suicide in Texas, 2017
- Small area mapping of infant mortality
- DFPS Report on Population-level Prevention of Infant Maltreatment
- Tools to help new fathers bond with their babies



Population Health Communications Tools

- Targeted editorials
- Multiple websites
 - Population Health: www.utsystempophealth.org
 - TCHMB: www.tchmb.org
 - THIN: www.texashealthimprovement.org
- Texas Health Journal
 - Monthly Health Newsletter of the 14 U. T. institutions
 - Highlights best health-related science at both U. T. academic and health institutions
- Social media - Twitter



Conferences and Summits

- Texas Collaborative of Healthy Mothers and Babies Conferences
 - www.tchmb.org
 - Healthy Beginnings (November 15-16, 2016)
 - Obstetrical and Neonatal Care Coordination Related to Infectious Diseases in Pregnancy Conference (January 22-23, 2018)
- Eliminate Tobacco Use Summits: 2016, 2017, and 2018
 - www.eliminate tobacco use.org
 - A partnership with U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center
 - Participants include all 14 U. T. institutions, U. T. System Administration, other Texas universities and colleges, and key state agencies and partners
 - Focus on current tobacco control policies and enforcement, prevention education activities, and cessation services offered at each institution
- The Healthier Texas Summit (November 6-7, 2017)
 - www.healthiertexassummit.com
 - A collaboration between U. T. System and IT'S TIME TEXAS, a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to improving health in Texas



Population Health Scholars Program

- Unique professional development program where students are matched with mentors who provide hands-on training across a range of disciplines and methodologies that can be applied to address the health needs of populations:
 - Research
 - Communications
 - Data Systems
- Goal is to complement scholars' academic training with practical experience in population health
- 15 current scholars (two post-docs, five Ph.D. candidates, and eight master-level)
- Range of disciplines including epidemiology, journalism, architecture, and design students

