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Dear Dr. DeGolia,

Thank you for your letter of July 1, 2022. I would like to take this opportunity to provide AADPRT a review of the timeline for the changes in the Program Requirements for Graduate Medical Education in Psychiatry.

There have been several actions over the past three years that have affected the Program Requirements. In 2019, the ACGME implemented new Common Program Requirements that no longer allowed for specialty-specific modifications in the core faculty section (II.B.4.).

In early 2020, based on the recommendation of the Common Program Requirements Task Force, the ACGME revised the Common Program Requirements further, allowing for further specification to the core faculty section by the Review Committees. At that time, several Review Committees reinstated their core faculty support requirements.

In June 2020, the ACGME Board of Directors paused the work on these and other Program Requirement revisions to conduct a GME assessment of the heterogeneity and feasibility of all support requirements across specialties for every role, including the program director, associate program director, core faculty members, and the program coordinator. This effort included the submission of position papers by constituents in psychiatry and other specialties, including the Review Committees, and live testimony during the ACGME Task Force Congress. These efforts resulted in guidelines for determining the dedicated time/support requirements for each role within each specialty.

The Review Committees deliberated over the necessary changes to the dedicated time requirements. While some of the changes will be significant, we want you to know that the Review Committee for Psychiatry acted to the best of its ability while adhering to the guidelines provided by the ACGME's Committee on Requirements of the Board of Directors. Where possible, the new protected time requirements are similar to current requirements. The guidelines provided do not allow the Review Committees to propose requirements similar to prior iterations of the protected time requirements in all circumstances.

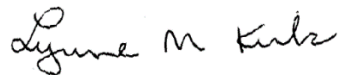
The dedicated time requirement revisions proposed by the Review Committee for Psychiatry for psychiatry, addiction psychiatry, child and adolescent psychiatry, consultation-liaison psychiatry, forensic psychiatry, and geriatric psychiatry were reviewed at the February 2022 Committee on Requirements meeting and approved by the ACGME Board with an effective date of July 1, 2022. Please note that as always, when these requirements were posted, members of the community had the opportunity to voice their opinions regarding the changes and these comments were considered by the Review Committee and the Committee on Requirements in determining the final revision to the Program Requirements.

Additionally, the Review Committee has started its work on the scheduled major revisions of the Program Requirements for Graduate Medical Education in Addiction Psychiatry, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry, Forensic Psychiatry, and Geriatric Psychiatry for an expected effective date of July 1, 2024. However, since the Committee just revised the dedicated time requirements these will not be further changed during this revision.

The "Shaping GME" requirement revision project is scheduled for the core psychiatry specialty requirements in 2025. We invite AADPRT to provide early input and considerations on the commonly discussed areas of the Program Requirements to guide us during this process.

If you have any questions or comments related to this communication, please do not hesitate to reach out as we would gladly discuss this matter with the AADPRT leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynne M. Kirk".

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