

STATUS UPDATE ON

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MEDICAL SCHOOL, CENTRACARE REGIONAL CAMPUS ST. CLOUD

2021

Leaders of the U of M Medical School and CentraCare began discussions in 2021 focused on the shortage of physicians in Greater Minnesota's small towns and rural communities. By the end of that year, planning committees were in place exploring the possibility of a Medical School campus in St. Cloud which would expand the overall class size of the program and help address the shortage of rural providers.

2022

Options were explored throughout 2022, including the idea of expanding residencies or clinical rotations throughout CentraCare's wide-ranging service area of Central, Southwest, and West Central Minnesota. By the end of 2022, however, leaders settled on pursuing a full-fledged regional campus of the Medical School with a mission of educating rural physicians across multiple specialties and increasing the number of Greater Minnesota physicians from immigrant populations.

2023

In February 2023, Ken Holmen, MD, CEO of CentraCare and Jakub Tolar, MD, PhD, Dean of the Medical School brought the proposed model to the University's Board of Regents and CentraCare's Board of Directors where both entities were encouraged to move forward to develop a final plan along with the structural agreements of the relationship.

During the 2023 MN legislative session, CentraCare moved forward with an ask for public support of its planned educational program and plan. The proposed program received a \$10M appropriation to support its development while the request for bonding to support facilities renovation received a \$5M appropriation.

SHOULD THE UNIVERSITY'S BOARD OF REGENTS APPROVE THE PLANS



- The Medical School now moves forward to finalize its application to the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the U.S. accrediting body for all schools offering an M.D. degree.
- Final financial agreements will go for review and approval by February 2024.
- The program will begin recruiting to expand its 2025 entering class by 24 students for the St. Cloud campus - the first expansion of the Medical School in 50 years.



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