

Medical School Hearings Set By Ohio Panel

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Proposals For New Institutions In State To Be Topic

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COLUMBUS, Dec. 16 — A three-man panel of medical educators will conduct public hearings on proposals for new medical schools in several major Ohio cities, including Toledo, within the next few months.

Governor DiSalle's Interim Commission on Education Beyond the High School, which has been studying the question of expanding medical school facilities in Ohio, authorized hiring of the panel yesterday.

To Present Report

It will consist of Dr. John W. Patterson, dean of Vanderbilt University's medical college, Nashville, Tenn., who has been serving as the commission's consultant on the medical-school study since last February, and two other medical educators to be named by him later.

Dr. Patterson will present a report on his own findings at a commission meeting sometime in January, but the report will not make any specific recommendations as to sites.

This initial report will be made available to representatives of groups in various Ohio communities, including Toledo, that have expressed interest in getting medical schools for their cities.

May Be Added

The panel will then start conducting public hearings in those communities. Representatives of the interested groups as well as their own consultants will be invited to testify.

Dr. Patterson specifically mentioned Cleveland, Toledo, Akron, Dayton, and Ohio State University in Columbus as suggested sites for the hearings. The panel would visit Ohio State because of the possibility of expanding the OSU medical school.

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Other cities may be added to the list later. At least one commission member is to be present at each hearing.

Dr. Patterson yesterday also reported that he made a return visit to Cleveland recently to inspect two county-operated hospitals for the indigent which might serve as a source of patients for another medical school in the Cleveland area, if the commission later recommends Cleveland as a site.

He said the two hospitals, Cleveland Metropolitan and Highland View, should definitely be considered by the commission because together they form a fairly large facility with an excellent hospital staff.

Dr. Patterson has set "availability of patients" as one criterion he uses in evaluating a community as a possible medical school site. He has said that this means patients who are not under the control of private physicians and therefore would be available for the school's educational program.

Cleveland already has a medical school at Western Reserve University.

Other Criteria

The other criteria used by Dr. Patterson are local interest and the possibility of continuing support from the community, availability of finances, and the community's academic atmosphere, particularly at the graduate-school level.

Dr. Patterson indicated that he will invite Dr. John Truslow, dean of the University of Texas medical school in Galveston, and Dr. Gordon Scott, medical dean at Wayne State University, Detroit, to serve on the panel if they are available. They worked with him on the initial phases of his study.

The Vanderbilt dean suggested use of the panel because he feels "it will give more weight to the ultimate recommendations made to the commission."

Charles E. Ingler, Dayton, a commission member, urged the doctor to complete the study as quickly as possible. It was authorized by the 1959 legislature with an appropriation of \$7,500. James H. Maloon, state finance director and a commission member, said he does not know how much of the money still is available.

Dr. John C. Baker Quits Commission

Dr. John C. Baker, Athens, disclosed that he has submitted his resignation, both as chairman of the commission and as a member, to the governor.

Dr. Baker is retiring Dec. 31 as president of Ohio University. He said he does not feel that a retired university president should be commission chairman, and added that he intends to do considerable traveling after his retirement.

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