



# UPDATE: DELAWARE INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (DIMER)

Dr. Kathy Matt, DIMER Chair and DHCC Commissioner

# DIMER BOARD: ROLL CALL

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# DIMER UPDATE

## **DIMER Board Meeting – December 11, 2024**

First meeting of the newly constructed board which was created with the enactment of House Bill 432.

### **Agenda:**

- Overview of DIMER and next steps
- Delaware Health Sciences Alliance (DHSA) presentation
- DIMER school updates: Sidney Kimmel Medical College (SKMC) and Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM)
- DIMER board members updates from their institutions and programs



# DIMER UPDATE

## **DIMER Board Meeting – February 5, 2025**

### Agenda:

- Chair and Vice Chair Nominations Committee Discussion
- Establishing a Committee on Rural Health
- DIMER Board Annual Diversity Training
- DIMER board members updates from their institutions and programs.
- Delaware Health Sciences Alliance Update
  - *Commissioners need to approve DHSA DIMER Contract Proposal*



# DIMER UPDATE

- DIMER Committee of Rural Health Meeting – March 5, 2025
- DIMER Nominating Committee Meeting – March 7, 2025



# DIMER UPDATE

## Update from Sidney Kimmel Medical College (SKMC)



**Thomas Jefferson University**  
HOME OF SIDNEY KIMMEL MEDICAL COLLEGE



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### SKMC Entering Class 2025 Cycle “Class of 2029” so far

▪ Total Applications	12032
▪ DIMER Applications	98
▪ Invited to Interview	42
▪ NCC 35	Kent 4                      Sussex 3
▪ Accepts <b>so far</b>	20 (plus 14 left to interview/discuss)
▪ NCC 18	Kent 2 (1 PSAP)                      Sussex 0
▪ Offers Declined	0
▪ MSP Conditional Acceptances Class of 2031	

# DIMER UPDATE

## Update from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM)



### 2025-2026 DIMER By-The-Numbers



- Contractual agreement of **10** Delaware students
- **53** potential DIMER applications received by PCOM
- Potential DIMER candidates interviewed by PCOM\*
- Potential DIMER students accepted\*
- Students confirmed in the Class of 2028\*

\*Admissions Interviews currently underway

# FOR APPROVAL: DHSA DIMER SCOPE OF WORK



Deliverable by Activity Component	Responsible Party	Cost	Timeline / Deliverables / Milestone
<b>1. DIMER Student Academic Year Engagement Letters</b>			<b>September 1, 2025 – October 31, 2025</b>
Compose and personalize letters for all DIMER students attending SKMC and PCOM for the 2025-2026 Academic Year. Include invitations to DHSA events as part of DIMER partnership.	DHSA	\$1,500.00	Compose and personalize letters with appropriate information for each student.  Annually send welcome letters prior to 10/31/2024 to all enrolled DIMER students at SKMC and PCOM per lists provided to DHSA.
<b>Subtotal Activity 1</b>		<b>\$1500.00</b>	
<b>2. SKMC DIMER Students and Delaware Branch Campus Students</b>			<b>April 1, 2025 –February 28, 2026</b>
Networking reception for SKMC DIMER and Delaware Branch Campus Students, leadership and guests  <i>*Event format to be determined by DHSA and may be in-person or virtual</i>	DHSA	\$5,000.00	Event logistics and execution from format determination, venue selection, invitations, event planning, event materials, etc. Event will be held on or before February 28, 2026.  Event expense above the flat rate for services detailed is the responsibility of DHSA.
<b>Subtotal Activity 2</b>		<b>\$5,000.00</b>	
<b>3. PCOM DIMER Students and Delaware Branch Campus Students</b>			<b>April 1, 2025 –February 28, 2026</b>
Networking reception for PCOM DIMER and Delaware Branch Campus Students, leadership and guests.  <i>*Event format to be determined by DHSA and may be in-person or virtual</i>	DHSA	\$5,000.00	Event logistics and execution from format determination, venue selection, invitations, event planning, event materials, etc. Event will be held on or before February 28, 2026.  Event expense above the flat rate for services detailed is the responsibility of DHSA.
<b>Subtotal Activity 3</b>		<b>\$5,000.00</b>	



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<b>4. New Castle County Outreach</b>			<b>September 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026</b>
Plan a minimum of one (1) DIMER outreach event in New Castle County.		\$2,000.00	<p>Create a panel of medical education experts, including DIMER Board, Alum and/or Students and/or other experts.</p> <p>Identify appropriate meeting format, venue, arrange meeting logistics, arrange event invitations and event registration.</p> <p>Invite students from New Castle County to learn about the opportunities through DIMER and to encourage well-qualified applicants to apply to DIMER-partner medical schools.</p>
<b>Subtotal Activity 4</b>		<b>\$2,000.00</b>	
<b>5. Kent County Outreach</b>			<b>September 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026</b>
Plan a minimum of one (1) DIMER Outreach Event in Kent County.	DHSA	\$2,000.00	<p>Create a panel of medical education experts, including DIMER Board, Alum and/or Students and/or other experts.</p> <p>Identify appropriate meeting format, venue, arrange meeting logistics, arrange event invitations and event registration.</p> <p>Invite students from Kent County to learn about the opportunities through DIMER and to encourage well-qualified applicants to apply to DIMER-partner medical schools.</p>
<b>Subtotal Activity 5</b>		<b>\$2,000.00</b>	
<b>6. Sussex County Outreach</b>			<b>September 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026</b>
Plan a minimum of one (1) DIMER Outreach Event in Sussex County.		\$2,000.00	Create a panel of medical education experts, including DIMER Board, Alum and/or Students and/or other experts.

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			Identify appropriate meeting format, venue, arrange meeting logistics, arrange event invitations and event registration.  Invite students from Sussex County to learn about the opportunities through DIMER and to encourage well-qualified applicants to apply to DIMER-partner medical schools.
<b>Subtotal Activity 6</b>		<b>\$2,000.00</b>	
<b>7. DIMER Annual Report</b>			<b>September 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026</b>
Create DIMER Annual Report inclusive of curating content and development of design.		\$8,000.00	
Publish electronic and print versions of Annual Report		\$0.00	DHSA will print and mail limited copies at no additional cost
<b>Subtotal Activity 7</b>		<b>\$8,000.00</b>	
<b>8. Marketing</b>			<b>March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026</b>
Promote the DIMER program and events through various channels including but not limited to email, social media, meetings and speaking engagements		\$2,000.00	
<b>Subtotal Activity 8</b>		<b>\$2,000.00</b>	
<b>9. Board Engagement</b>			<b>March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026</b>
Identify and communicate opportunities for Board Engagement		\$2,000.00	
<b>Subtotal Activity 9</b>		<b>\$2,000.00</b>	
<b>Total cost of contract:</b>		<b>\$29,500.00</b>	