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Drs. Shulkin and Sanders,

I am pleased to report that Laurie Weisensee, MD has been a solid advocate in support of medical education collaborations between the Black Hills VA System in Western South Dakota and our students with the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine. We have a Rapid City, SD based clinical campus which affords us the opportunity to access training opportunities at the Fort Meade VA Hospital and Rapid City VA Clinic. Dr. Weisensee has been a long standing faculty member in the department of neurosciences where she teaches clinical neurology. More recently, she has lead the way in developing graduate medical education (GME) training opportunities at the Fort Meade VA. As you and your team continue to expand medical education training programs between the VA and its partners, I would encourage you to seek input from educational leaders like Dr. Weisensee whose leadership, creativity, and passion for medical education are making a real difference in our medical education community.

Thanks

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