### MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 9, 2004 5:00 p.m. Room # 2J618 and 2J619, Health Sciences Centre

In Attendance:	Dr. Lucinda Whitman Dr. David Peddle Dr. Benvon Cramer Dr. Geoff Higgins Dr. Frank King Dr. Paul Gardiner Dr. Bill Pollett Dr. Roger Butler	Dr. Robert Williams Dr. Desmond Robb Dr. Donald Tennent Dr. Donald Cook Dr. Rick Cooper Dr. Barry Rose Ms. Janet Squires Dr. Nebojsa Denic	Dr. Alan Kwan Dr. Scott Wilson Dr. Eric Stone Dr. Anne Sclater Dr. Ted Callanan Mr. George Tilley Ms. Pat Pilgrim Ms. Louise Jones
Regrets:	Dr. Al Felix	Dr. Tom Cantwell	Ms. Cathy Burke
	Dr. Wayne Andrews	Dr. George Fox	Dr. Robert Miller

## Welcome

Ms. Patricia Pilgrim was welcomed as a member of the Medical Advisory Committee in her new role of Vice-President, Quality & Clinical Services.

# 1. Presentation – Quality & Systems Improvement

Ms. Heather Predham and Pam King-Jesso were in attendance to speak on "Patient Safety: Piecing IT Together". The following are some of the highlights of their presentation:

- HCCSJ has identified the development of comprehensive patient safety program as major goal strategic plan.
- Formation of Patient Safety Advisory Committee
- Shared some Educational Initiatives and Measurement/Evaluation.
- The adoption of non-punitive reporting structure.
- Continue to reinforce the need to report occurrences and near misses.
- The Corporate Patient Safety Steering Committee are hosting a full day conference entitled "Patient Safety: Piecing IT Together" during Patient Safety Week, June 7-11, 2004. The conference will take place on Friday, June 11, 2004 in the Main Auditorium at the H.S.C. The main speaker for this event is Dr. David McLeod who will speak on "Patient Safety". Members of the Medical Advisory Committee were encouraged to attend. As well the Patient Safety Plan will be launched.
- Dr. Whitman encouraged members of the Medical Advisory Committee to attend Friday's session. As well patient safety needs to become a regular part of the program clinical chiefs reports.
- Dr. Williams advised that there is a physician position on the Patient Safety Committee which is vacant if anybody is interested.

#### Handwashing Blitz

The Infection Control Service will be hosting a Handwashing Blitz on Thursday, June 10, 2004.

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## 2. Previous Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion by Dr. David Peddle and seconded by Dr. Eric Stone,

the minutes of the previous meeting dated May 20, 2004 were

approved. CARRIED.

## 3. Business Arising

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#### BUDGET ISSUES

Mr. Tilley advised that the Health Care Corporation of St. John's gave a presentation to Treasury Board on Monday. Feedback has been that government were very pleased with the presentation. During the presentation a few questions were addressed and it was felt that Government had a good understanding of the situation.

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#### PACS SYSTEM



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# 4. Clinical Chief/Program Reports

## **Emergency/Ambulatory Care Program (Emergency)**

Dr. Scott Wilson presented the Report of the Emergency/Ambulatory Care Program (Emergency) for information highlighting the following:



# **Medicine Program**

Dr. Anne Sclater presented the Report of the Medicine Program for information.

# **Diagnostic Imaging Program**

Dr. Geoff Higgins presented the Report of the Diagnostic Imaging Program highlighting the following:



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### Child/Women's Health Program (Women's)

Dr. Donald Tennent presented the Report of the Child/Women's Health Program (Women's) for information.

#### Cardiac/Critical Care Program (Critical)

Dr. George Fox presented the Report of the Cardiac/Critical Care Program (Critical) for information. Dr. Fox forwarded his regrets for today's meeting.

## **Laboratory Medicine Program**

Dr. Donald Cook presented the Report of the Laboratory Medicine Program for information highlighting the following:

## Divisional Chief, Division of Cytopathology

Dr. Dan Fontaine is appointed as the Divisional Chief, Division of Cytopathology effective April 1, 2004.

#### Retirement

Dr. P. Vaze will be retiring from the Division of Anatomical Pathology, St. Clare's Site effective August 31, 2004. The SPAC's Committee has just approved replacement of this position. Dr. Beverly Carter, an anatomical pathologist with expertise in breast pathology has accepted this position.

#### Quality Initiatives

The Surgical Pathology Review Committee (SPRC) will consider initiating a pilot project where deficient requisitions will be analyzed and categorized by surgeons. This will address the issue of inadequate history on requisition forms generated.

## Off-Site Blood Collection and Centralization of Pathology Technical Services

The Laboratory Medicine Program Leadership Team met with the C.E.O. and Vice President, Medical Services on the issues of:

#### (1) Off-Site Blood Collection

The cost-benefit of off site blood collection will be reviewed and the financial implications assessed before a final decision is made.

### (2) Centralization of Pathology Technical Services.

This will be placed on hold and will be re-visited when the new board comes into structure.

## **Perioperative Program**

Dr. Frank King presented the Report of the Perioperative Program highlighting the following:

## Perfusionists



# 5. Medical Staff Committee Reports

## **Credentials Committee**

MOTION: Upon motion by Dr. Bill Pollett and seconded by Dr. Geoff Higgins

the Minutes of the Credentials Committee dated June 7, 2004 were

approved as follows. CARRIED.



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### Laboratory Medicine Program

Carter, Dr. Beverley Temporary Privileges, to perform a locum in the Laboratory/Medicine Program,

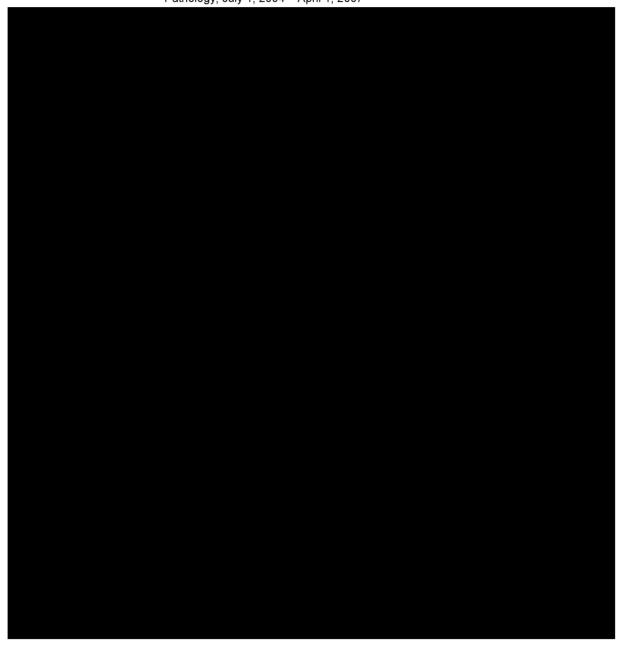
Division of Pathology, July 26, 2004 – August 16, 2004.

Associate Staff, August 16, 2004 - August 16, 2005.

Mathieson, Dr. Gordon Extension of Temporary Privileges, Laboratory/Medicine Program, Division of

Pathology, July 1, 2004 - December 31, 2004.

Associate to Active Staff Privileges, Laboratory/Medicine Program, Division of Pathology, July 1, 2004 - April 1, 2007Miraliakbari, Dr. Bibi



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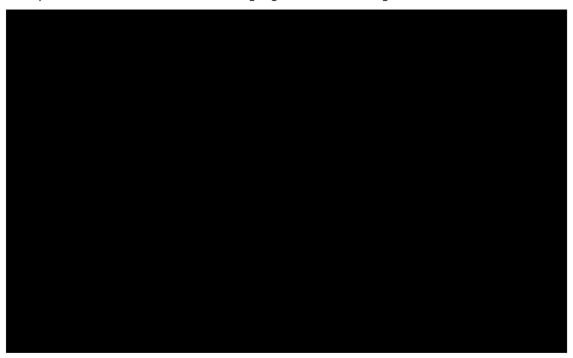


#### **Infection Control Committee**

The Minutes of the Corporate Infection Control Committee dated March 29, 2004 were accepted for information.

## **Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee**

The Minutes of the Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee dated May 20,2004 were accepted for information. Dr. Stone highlighted the following:



#### **Transfusion Committee**

The Transfusion Committee minutes dated March 2004 were unavailable and will be included in the September packages.

## 6. Report of the President of the Medical Staff



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#### **CME** Funding

Prior to finalizing the details of the budget, Executive Management have placed a freeze on all out of province conference travel.

Dr. N. Denic, Vice-President, Medical Staff Association voiced his concern about the freeze on CME Funding and explained that continuing medical education is very important and needs to be re-established. Mr. Tilley agreed on the importance of continued education. Once the budget is developed for 2004/2005, further information on this policy and the overall budget situation will be communicated.

# 7. Report to the Board of Trustees

The Report to the Board of Trustees was included in the packages for information.

#### 8. Newfoundland Cancer Treatment & Research Foundation

Dr. Paul Gardiner was in attendance for the first half of the meeting however he had to leave the meeting before it was over. There was nothing to report from the Newfoundland Cancer Treatment & Research Foundation.

#### 9. Other Business

President, Newfoundland & Labrador Medical Association (N.L.M.A.)

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# 10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 and Dr. Whitman wished everybody a good summer. The next meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2004.

Dr. Lucinda Whitman, Chair, Credentials Committee