MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

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

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

- **STRIKES**

- **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.

- **CONFIDENTIALITY**

- **PACS SYSTEM**

item.

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:

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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.**

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

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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

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.)**

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