



Eastern Health

MINUTES

Laboratory Medicine Program
Tuesday, October 10, 2006 – 1500 Hours

Present

Dr. O. Howell
Mr. T. Gulliver
Dr. N. Denic

Minutes – Sep 15, 2006

Adopted as circulated.

Business Arising

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1. Capital Equipment

Terry inquired as to the status of capital allocations for 2006/07. Dr. Howell has attended one capital equipment committee meeting and was informed that Eastern Health received \$6 million of which \$3.6 million is dedicated to the new bunker which leaves \$2.4 million.

Dr. Howell will be arranging a meeting amongst his portfolio to prioritize 2007/08 requests.

Terry informed that he has sent to Purchasing the request for 2 centrifuges for Burin Peninsula.

2. Lab Renovations

Terry updated on the status of the Lab proposal to redesign St. Clare's space. Terry met with Keith Bowden and Rex Hiscock to review the St. Clare's blueprint and are in the process of determining the square footage required for the future Lab services at St. Clare's and the possibility of moving the Breast Screening Program and/or Dermatology Clinic to the renovated space.

3. Budget

Terry updated the budget figures to the end of September. There was a surplus of \$57,255 in September and YTD the Program has a deficit of \$90,255.

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Terry is currently preparing the 3-year budget submission.

4. 2-Year Operational Plans

Terry updated on the status of the Divisional 2-year action plans. Terry hopes to bring together the Program Leadership Team to review the overall plans.

5. ER/PR Receptors

Dr. Denic updated on the status of reinstating ER/PR testing. A presentation is being planned for November to update what the Laboratory has done to work towards reinstatement.

6. Pathologist Manpower

Some discussion on the recruitment/retention of Pathologists and the government's workload review of Pathologists.

Terry expressed regret that the Pathologists have asked that the VIAS (Video Imaging Analysis System) currently placed in the Lab on a trial basis be sent back to Ventana.

7. Liquid Based Pap Smears

Terry informed that we still have not received formal approval to implement this new process.

8. Managers' Appointments

All appointments have been made.

9. CCHSA

Terry informed that the Laboratory will partake as a pilot project in the 2007 accreditation process.

New Business**1. C-Reactive Protein**

Terry has received a request from Dr. Fox to implement CRP testing for cardiac patients. Terry will submit in the 3-year budget plan.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 7, 2006, 1430 hours