



Eastern Health

MINUTES

Laboratory Medicine Program
Thursday, April 20, 2006 – 0900 Hours

Present

Dr. R. Williams
Mr. T. Gulliver
Dr. N. Denic

Minutes – March 10, 2006

Adopted as circulated.

Business Arising

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1. Capital Equipment

Terry updated on the 2006/07 capital equipment expenditures. Most recent purchase to upgrade Resident scope at St. Clare's. Terry informed that the Program has approximately \$20,000 left in its fund.

Dr. Denic indicated the need for the Pathologists at St. Clare's to access the PAC system. Terry will contact Sean Thomas.

Terry

2. Lab Renovations

Keith Bowden had responded to Terry's letter in regards to outstanding renovations for the Health Sciences site. Terry will respond again.

Dr. Williams gave permission to remove the old benches in the Microbiology Lab at St. Clare's so that the Lab can use as temporary storage space.

Terry brought forward the need for renovations at St. Clare's to more efficiently use the current space for the future. Terry envisions St. Clare's as a high throughput ambulatory lab service. Terry had met with Keith Bowden in the fall to determine if renovations were possible and feasible. Keith indicated that it may take upwards of \$500,000 to renovate. Dr. Williams indicated that we may be able to access funds earmarked for renovations at St. Clare's to accommodate the breast screening program.

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Terry will meet with Maurice Bavis at St. Clare's to determine the square footage of current lab space and assess the possibility of providing space for breast screening.

Terry

3. Lab Billing

Nothing new. Off agenda.

4. Budget

Terry has received the initial proposed 2006/07 budget. Terry indicated that the funds have been added to the budget for the Pathology QA proposal and an additional \$347,000 for service contracts and unavoidable costs. Terry also informed that he has funded 2 Genetic FTE's internally and the recent 2 grads will go back to their positions until retirements or funding is available.

5. Lab Planning Day (Major Objectives)

The Program is meeting on May 5th with Jane McDonald to start the process of completing the Operational Planning Workbook.

6. Cervical Screening

The government announced in its recent budget that it has approved liquid based screening for pap smears for the province. Terry will work with Dr. Fontaine and Patsy Francis with this initiative.

7. ER/PR Receptors

Trish has been back to the Lab and are awaiting her report. Dr. Banerjee is due next week. Terry updated on the recent UK proficiency results. Terry also informed that Ventana will be in next week and are giving a presentation at the Delta and will also demonstrate the Vias system.

8. Pathologists' Assistants

Terry informed that the money has been approved in the budget and the recruitment process is complete and training will start soon. Off the agenda.

9. Pathologist Manpower

Dr. Denic informed that he has offered positions to 3 Residents to date.

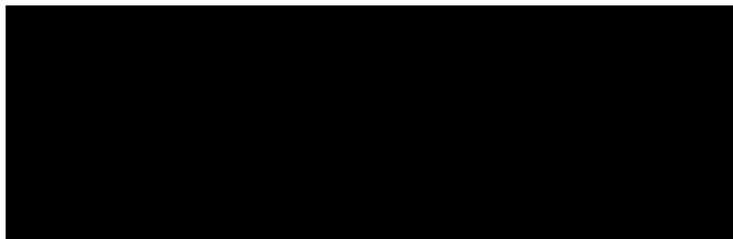
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10. Dr. Carter

Discussion in regards to the recent approval of Dr. Carter as QA Coordinator for Pathology. Terry will work with Barry Dyer to facilitate implementation of this new function. Off the agenda.

New Business

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Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 30, 2006, at 0900 hours.