

MINUTES

JOINT LABORATORY MEDICINE DISCIPLINE AND PROGRAM MEETING

September 13, 2007 @ 1600 hours
Room 2860 – HSC

PRESENT:

Dr. N. Denic	Dr. L. Morris-Larkin	Dr. D. Fontaine
Dr. D. Cook	Dr. S. Anwar	Dr. F. Elms
Dr. P. Wadden	Dr. S. Parai	Dr. M. Hamodat
Mr. T. Gulliver	Dr. S. Avis	Dr. J. Barron
Dr. A. Pirzada	Ms. G. Poole (recorder)	

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:**
 - The meeting was called to order at 1600 hours. Dr. N. Denic stated that the goal is to have monthly meetings, and he passed out a schedule for these meetings.
- II. **NEW BUSINESS**
 1. **Approval of minutes of Anatomical Pathology Meeting – January 10, 2007.**
 - Deferred for approval to next meeting.
 2. **Dr. Avis to address the discipline:**
 - Dr. Avis briefly outlined his mandate in his new position as liaison with Eastern Health. He plans to meet as least quarterly with the academic staff and meet with members of the discipline to discuss goals. He will meet with the Dean once a month and will pass on any issues.
 3. **Division of Microbiology.**
 - Deferred to next meeting.
 4. **Division of Medical Biochemistry.**
 - Deferred to next meeting.
 5. **Division of Hematology Laboratory.**
 - Deferred to next meeting.
 6. **Division of Genetics and Immunology.**
 - Deferred to next meeting.
 7. **Subspecialty task groups.**
 - It is expected from the members of subspecialty groups to start working on terms of reference for each group, which will be presented at the next meeting. In the future all pathologists will be involved in QA/QC of the surgical pathology reports. A letter in this regard was passed out to the pathologists.
 8. **Resident teaching.**
 - Deferred to next meeting.
 9. **Autopsy service.**
 - Deferred to next meeting.

10. **Pathology service.**
 - a. Manpower and workload.
 - b. Dynacare
 - c. IHC.
 - Mr. T. Gulliver addressed the group in regards to IHC and manpower.
 - Two senior technicians are resigning within the next few months, and two new replacements have been recruited to fill those vacancies.
 - Mr. Gulliver has had discussions with Ms. J. Gamberg regarding IHC. Ms. Gamberg has a background with HLA, FISH, Immuno and Antibody creation. Funding may be available to fill such a position.
 - Other technical positions will also be filled within the lab.
11. **QMP.**
 - Dr. N. Denic advised the group that Dr. B. Carter has resigned as leader of the QMP. Dr. Denic asked for a volunteer to lead the group.
12. **Budget and Lab renovation (Terry Gulliver).**
 - Mr. T. Gulliver advised there is \$250,000 for capital equipment which will provide funding for a tissue processor for Clarendville. Some of funding should also cover such equipment as new microscopes, microtomes, cell washer, and centrifuges.
 - With regards to long-term storage of slides, blocks and specimens, the department is looking into a private storage company located off site (Iron Mountain).
 - The blue prints for laboratory renovation for HSC are almost complete.
 - Some lab services may be centralized off site (eg blood collection).
13. **Colorectal tumor bank.**
 - Deferred to next meeting.
14. **PA's**
 - Deferred to next meeting.
15. **Alternate payment plan for additional workload.**
 - Deferred to next meeting.
16. **Lab accreditation.**
 - This will be a voluntary accreditation. There will be 10 accreditors with 4 for laboratory alone, with 6 for all other departments of Eastern Health.
17. **ER/PR inquiry and class action lawsuit.**
 - Mr. Gulliver addressed the group stating there were three streams of information at present with regards to ER/PR.
 - i. Public – Class action by Chesley Crosby. There are lawyers defending Eastern Health.
 - ii. Minister of Health is doing an independent review of ER/PR.
 - iii. Commission of Inquiry headed by Judge Cameron with the Department of Health being part of the Commission.
18. **Other business and adjournment.**
 - The meeting was adjourned at 1800 hours.