



Eastern
Health
MINUTES

Laboratory Medicine Program
Tuesday, July 10, 2007 – 1400 Hours

Present

Dr. O. Howell
Mr. T. Gulliver

Ms. L. Wade
Dr. N. Denic

Minutes – June 21, 2007

Adopted as circulated.

The meeting was cut short as Dr. Howell had to leave, therefore, only several items discussed.

Standing Items

1. Quality/Patient Safety/Workplace Safety

Much discussion in regards to Lynn Wade's role as the new Quality Manager. Lynn presented an update on current issues within the Laboratory (attached).

Terry indicated that the Laboratory Program needs to add "real resources" to assist Lynn in developing/monitoring/responding to quality issues. Terry informed that the Program currently has a full time quality technologist in Pathology, a part time technologist in Chemistry, and Terry plans to add a 0.5 technologist in Rural Avation and Peninsulas to work with Lynn. In Cytology, there is currently a technologist dedicated to quality reviews, however, Haematology and Microbiology do not have any dedicated resources.

Terry informed that Rod Loveys has been appointed to replace Lynn as Client Services Manager, therefore, Lynn can officially start her new position. Terry is also working within the Program to allocate a temporary office for Lynn at the HSC.

2. Budget Variances

No discussion.

3. Capital Equipment/Reagent Leases

No discussion.

4. Lab Renovations/Space

No discussion.

5. 2-Year Operational Plans

No discussion.

6. Human Resources/Workforce Issues

No discussion.

Current Issues**1. ER/PR/HER-2 Receptors**

General discussion in regards to issues around ER/PR retesting including media, class action, and the upcoming COI.

Terry gave an update in regards to NCHI's (Reza) plans to review and create a master list of all patients who had an ER/PR test.

Terry updated on the progress of the current list of deceased patients and other inquiries that need to be organized and sent to Mt. Sinai for retesting.

Terry also inquired as to the status of patients from the Peninsulas region who had their original ER/PR test performed and interpreted at Mt. Sinai from mid-1998 onwards.

2. Pathologist Manpower

No discussion.

3. CCHSA/Accreditation

No discussion.

4. Urology Pathology

No discussion.

5. Fertility Testing/New Service

No discussion.

6. Letter – Mayors Cape Shore

No discussion.

7. Newhook Lab Services

No discussion.

8. Trepassey

No discussion.

9. Cervical Screening Program

No discussion.

10. Positive Patient I.D.

No discussion.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, August 14, 2007, 1400 hours, Room 1362