



MINUTES

Laboratory Medicine Program
Friday, September 15, 2006 – 1400 Hours

Present

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

Minutes – Aug 18, 2006

Adopted as circulated.

Business Arising

Action by

1. Capital Equipment

Terry inquired as to the 2006/07 capital equipment allocations. Terry requested approval from Dr. Howell to purchase a centrifuge for the Burin Laboratory as the current one can no longer be repaired and the Lab has no spares to send there.

Terry updated Dr. Howell on the status of acquiring an automated pap smear screener through funding from the Health Care Foundation.

2. Lab Renovations

Terry provided Dr. Howell with an overview on the status of outstanding renovations within the Laboratory Program, in particular, the Microbiology and Pathology Labs at the HSC and St. Clare's renovations to accommodate a future core lab.

Terry had proposed to executive management the possibility of providing space at St. Clare's to accommodate the breast screening clinic on Ropewalk Lane and/or the dermatology clinic on LeMarchant Road. The breast screening clinic has approximately \$2 million for renovations to move.

Terry's proposal would use the \$2 million to complete the Lab renovations as outlined and also provide new space for the breast screening clinic. Terry is working with Keith Bowden to determine the feasibility of the proposal.

Terry

Action by**3. Budget**

June YTD the Program is \$70,000 in deficit. \$50,000 of which is compensation and \$20,000 is supplies. Terry indicated that it is difficult to assess the budget until after the summer period.

4. 2-Year Operational Plans

Terry updated Dr. Howell on the status of the Laboratory's new 2-year operational plans. Terry had submitted to Dr. Williams in May the Laboratory's strategic directions and since then each division has been working on their own action plans. Terry hopes to have finalized by the end of October.

Terry

5. ER/PR Receptors

Dr. Denic indicated that he will arrange a meeting with Dr. Williams, Mr. G. Tilley, etc., to recommend the reinstitution of ER/PR testing in our Pathology Lab. Dr. Denic and Heather Predham are putting together statistics for the meeting.

Dr. Denic indicated that the technical piece of the testing is fine, however, he still needs to get final agreement from the Pathologists.

Dr. Denic

6. Pathologist Manpower

Terry updated Dr. Howell on the current status of our agreement with Dynacare to interpret/report pathology specimens. Terry indicated that he would like to extend the contract as we are still dealing with staffing shortages in Pathology.

Dr. Denic indicated that the Pathologists have agreed to a review requested by the government.

7. Liquid Based Pap Smears

Terry updated Dr. Howell on the current status of the implementation of a liquid based pap smear collection/screening system for the province. A meeting was held August 28th between all stakeholders and a recommendation has gone forward to the DOHC that until the province is ready for one provincial pap smear screening lab, in the interim, there will be regional processing/reporting under the new liquid based system.

8. Managers' Appointments

Terry updated Dr. Howell on the new structure for the Laboratory Medicine Program. Terry also asked Dr. Howell to request Dr. Williams to respond to a letter from Terry in regards to the appointment dates of the Managers.

Action by**9. OH&S Inspection**

Terry informed Dr. Howell that in July the Department of OH&S came to the Pathology Laboratory in response to staff complaints. OH&S has outlined what needs to be done in the Pathology Lab. Barry Dyer, Pathology Manager, is working with Facilities Management and OH&S to address.

10. CCHSA

Terry informed that the new accreditation process will now include specific laboratory standards. Eastern Health will take part in the 2007 pre-formal accreditation. Lynn Wade, Client Services Manager, will serve as the point person for the Lab.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 10, 2006, 1500 hours