



Eastern Health

MINUTES

Laboratory Medicine Program
Tuesday, May 15, 2007 – 1400 Hours

Present

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

Minutes – April 10, 2007

Adopted as circulated.

Business Arising

Action by

1. Capital Equipment

Dr. Denic informed that we need to purchase 4 microscopes for prospective new Pathologists. Dr. Howell asked Terry to prepare the tender and he will find the funding.

Terry informed that he was scheduled to meet with the Capital Equipment Committee on June 6th.

2. Lab Renovations

Terry updated on the status of St. Clare's redesign and he is still waiting to meet with Facilities Management at the HSC to start the planning for Pathology consolidation.

3. Budget

Terry gave a brief explanation why the Program is ~\$1.3 million in deficit for fiscal 2006-07. Most of the deficit is from the blood products inventory adjustment (~\$800,000), Dynacare, and sick leave replacement.

4. 2-Year Operational Plans

Ongoing

5. ER/PR/HER-2 Receptors

Some discussion in regards to the testing results since we have put the service back in place for St. John's patients.

Action by**6. Pathologist Manpower**

Dr. Denic updated on recruitment for vacant Pathologists' positions.

7. CCHSA

Terry informed that the 3 Lab Accreditation Teams will have their self-assessments completed on time. Terry will organize a meeting between the 3 Team Leaders to start identifying areas for improvement and to prioritize those areas.

8. Urology Pathology

No discussion.

9. Lab Safety

No discussion.

10. QA/Risk Manager

Lynn Wade has been appointed.

11. Fertility Testing

No discussion.

12. Letter – Mayors Cape Shore

Terry reminded Dr. Howell about the request for blood collection services for patients in this area.

13. Newhook Lab Services

Terry is scheduled to meet the staff in Whitbourne to gather statistics in regards to volumes and hours of coverage.

Next Meeting

Thursday, June 21, 2007, 1400 hours, Room 1362