

## **INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENCY TRAINING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting held on Thursday, May 18, 2017

Room D1-226, Roney B, SJHC

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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Attendance: A. Ahrari, M. Bensette, D. Durocher, F. Esmaeilbeigi, S. Gryn, J. Jackson, SL. Kane, A. Malbrecht, D. McCarty, S. Mioduszewski, M. Mrokbrada, H. Salim, L. Wang

Regrets: A. Alomar, B. Ballantyne, P. Basharat, A. Bhalla, J. Calvin, L. Chow, L. Ciprietti, A. Gob, S. Gotheil, J. Gregor, C. Kortas, M. Lu, M. Mahler, D. Morrison, G. Mount, S. Ratner, F. Rehman, W. Saad, S. Ratner, M. Schorr, A. Smaggus

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### **1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

The agenda and minutes were approved as circulated.

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### **2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

#### **2.1 CBD Update**

Not discussed.

#### **2.2 Lieu Days**

Not discussed as not enough members in attendance to make a decision.

#### **2.3 New PARO Agreement**

The new PARO agreement was discussed. The removal of vacation restrictions was highlighted wherein residents can now take vacation in any increment up to 7 days per block. The exam leave was also discussed and it was clarified that residents would be allowed to take 1 week for Royal College exams in addition to 1 additional week in the 4 weeks leading up to the exam. Maternity Leave was also discussed where in residents cannot be assigned call duties beyond 27 weeks. The IMRTC was informed that the contract is now considered to be active.

#### **2.4 Internal Review**

Not discussed

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### **3 COMMITTEES/TASKFORCE REPORTS**

#### **3.1 Education Liaison Committee**

No report.

#### **3.2 Faculty PGE**

The Ministry of Health has again mandated a decrease of 25 of entry-level positions in Province for 2018-2019. The Internal Medicine program has been asked to decrease their quota by 1 IMG spot. There is a small possibility the position will be reallocated but as of right now the position will be lost for the next academic year.

#### **3.3 Windsor Program**

No report.

#### **3.4 IM/EM Working Group**

No report.

#### **3.5 Social Committee**

Not discussed.

#### **3.6 Resident Wellness Committee**

Not discussed

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### **4 COORDINATORS' REPORTS**

#### **4.1 Research Coordinator**

It was reported that the Resident Research Day went very well. The speakers were well-received and the event was appreciated. It was recognized that services found the day difficult to operate without residents but it was also acknowledged that this situation was unavoidable. A. Ahrari asked if the posters could stay up into the afternoon as the residents who did not attend in the morning were unable to view their colleagues' work.

*Action: DoM to ask Lauri Cameron to consider leaving posters up longer for the next academic year*

#### **4.2 Simulation Coordinator**

No update.

#### **4.3 Curriculum Coordinator**

No update.

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## 5 RESIDENTS' REPORTS

### Chief Residents

#### UH Chief

No issues identified.

The CMR Conference was reviewed. Western CMRs met with CMRs from across the county and it was recognized that the role varies across the country and the Western role is focused more on education and less so on administrative duties.

J. Jackson highlighted how residents were remunerated for covering call shortages at other universities. The following suggestions were made:

- "IOU" list
- Remuneration or some other monetary incentive
- Back-up call method where residents had to ask their colleagues for coverage
- Extra senior assigned to call

The incoming CMRs would like to meet together to discuss objectives and plans for the coming year. Incoming CMRs also plan to connect with their counterparts at other universities over a CMR Facebook Group to collaborate and come up with new ideas.

#### VH Chief

The senior rounds at VH during the summer were discussed. They are exploring the possibility of offering the surgery sessions like last year. Dr. A. Sandhu is helping organize the sessions.

There was some discussion regarding weekend call assignments and questioning whether residents could be assigned 3 consecutive calls over two blocks. Residents asked whether the DoM could avoid scheduling residents for consecutive weekends over multiple blocks. Residents were asked to communicate with the Department of Medicine if they wanted to make a request to be off call on a weekend after working multiple consecutive weekends in the previous block.

The CTU Protocol was also referenced in relation to a call coverage issue. Residents were provided with a history of the CTU Protocol and a background as to why it was initially created. In the past, residents would contact the Department of Medicine to say that they were unable to complete their assigned call and leave the DoM to fill the call requirements. The Protocol was developed to address these issues. The emergent versus elective absences were highlighted and residents were reminded that they should be referring to the protocol when addressing absences. D. Durocher and J. Jackson asked to review the protocol and work with their colleagues to identify any recommended changes.

*Update: DoM contacted PARO and PARO confirmed that call assignments are considered on a block-by-block basis. Residents can be scheduled for 3 weekends in a row over multiple blocks without violating the PARO agreement.*

*Action: J. Jackson and D. Durocher to review CTU Protocol*

## **5.1 Trainee Representatives**

PGY1 - Azin Ahrari in attendance on behalf of M. Mahler

Current IM1 residents have concerns with the revised scheduling model as it does not allow half of their class to do a senior rotation in Windsor in their PGY3 year. A. Malbrecht reminded the group the current IM2 residents voted against implementing the changes this year so that they repeated another EDC block which would have allowed the current IM1 residents to go to Windsor. A. Ahrari recommended splitting EDC between the incoming IM1 residents and current IM1 residents so that they each got 3 EDC rotations.

Residents also asked if Windsor was unavailable if a week as a senior on team would be an option – essentially flipping roles between the PGY2 and the PGY3 for a week at a time. There was discussion about IM2 and IM3 roles and a noted expectation that PGY3s would be asked to cover the pager during this week.

There will need to be an official vote in order to modify the rotation schedule and senior roles.

*Action: Vote regarding senior roles and scheduling deferred to June meeting*

PGY2 – J. Jackson

No issues. J. Jackson questioned if the sent out to access call schedules could be updated to be accessible on cell phones. She also asked if unsuccessful CMR applicants could be notified earlier for future elections.

*Update: DoM corrected link issue on system*

PGY3 – S. Ratner

Unavailable to report.

PGY4 - L. Ciprietti

Unavailable to report.

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Unavailable to report.

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## **6 NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Resident Pagers – forwarding**

A situation was highlighted wherein a Radiologist was unsuccessful in connecting with a resident to relay

important results information. The Radiologist had expressed their frustration to Dr. Kane. It was decided that residents should forward pagers to the most-responsible person at the end of their shift so that important messages are not missed.

#### **6.2 PGY2 on CTU – Mandatory Week as Team Lead**

Discussed in PGY1 section. Further discussion required.

#### **6.3 Changes to Curriculum for early exam**

Not discussed – deferred to next meeting.

#### **6.4 Resident Transfers**

The IMRTC was informed that Jasmine Davies is transferring into the Family Medicine program. We received seven transfer applications but the Program only received funding for one position. Resident name to be released at a later date.

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## **7 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**7.1** Resident Wellness Activity – Tree-Top Adventure at Boler Mountain on Thursday, June 15, 2017

**7.2** Annual year-end BBQ – Friday, June 16, 2017

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Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm