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Family Practice Residency Program

A meeting was held with Dr. Willa Henry and Dr. Martin Dawes, UBC Directors of Family Medicine Residency programs on October 13th. All we need in order to proceed to the next phase is someone to take the lead as Site Director. This would involve committing two days a week to the role.

If you may be interested in the position or you would like further information, please contact the Division office at trdofp@telus.net or Dr. Peter Gorman at pgorman@trmedclinic.ca.

The position would start in the summer of 2013 with the first residents arriving in June 2014.

Division Accomplishments

- ✓ Establishing a non-profit society with an effective Board and revitalizing the Board with two new members.
- ✓ Establishing an office as a base of operations.
- ✓ Hiring an Executive Director & an Administrative Assistant.
- ✓ Enrolled all but one Family Physician eligible to join the Division.
- ✓ Forming a Collaborative Services Committee (CSC) comprising of representation from our Division, the BCMA, the General Practice Services Committee, the Ministry of Health and Interior Health Authority (including Acute Care and Home & Community Care). The CSC is enabling direct communication between all partners to common goals.
- ✓ Attendance at the RIH Medical Advisory Committee in a non-voting capacity to give voice to all Division members, not just those with hospital privileges, and enabling the Division to stay informed and possibly influence decisions that affect Family Physicians.
- ✓ Maintaining the number of full service Family Physicians providing in-hospital care to their patients at RIH since the introduction of the Memorandum of Understanding.
- ✓ Increasing remuneration to full service Family Physicians providing MRP functions in-hospital.
- ✓ Instituting systems changes in the hospital in the form of "Hot Files" and other improvements on the wards.
- ✓ Partnering to form the King Street Clinic which opens November 1st to provide vital services to complex mental health clients who do not have a primary care physician.

Divisions of Family Practice

An initiative of the General Practice Services Committee

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As always, please email the Division at trdofp@telus.net if you need more information on any particular topic or wish to volunteer for something, anything!

Division Accomplishments (cont'd)

- ✓ Promoting and moving forward with plans for a Family Medicine Residency Program which will eventually be instrumental in solving our physician and locum shortages.
- ✓ Partnering with other Divisions to promote the use of EMRs in the process of continuing medical education and practice innovation.
- ✓ Forming a Community Call Group to provide weekend coverage for our long term care patients. Also looking at long term solutions for the care of our long term care patients.
- ✓ **And above all, uniting Family Physicians on issues and highlighting the central role that we all play in the health care system.**

Upcoming Events

November 23rd and December 8th – Patient Voices Network Lunch and Learn – The focus will be on Peer Coaching. Available for everyone but targeted for staff and physicians interested in learning about this support option available for patients. Information will be available on the Division website or contact the Division office at trdofp@telus.net.

December 1st – There will be an MOU Forum with IHA and the Ministry of Health leadership teams. For all of those affected by the MOU, you are invited to attend. It will be at Hoodoos in the evening and details will be provided shortly. Check the Division website for more information!

Website Information

We are excited to have the Division website under construction! We will be updating to include information on the latest news items pertaining to our members, an events calendar for quick reference, information on local initiatives, and more!

You will be receiving a new login email over the next few weeks. Please check out the website with it and make sure all of your personal information is filled in. This is completely confidential and secure.

We look forward to your feedback as well! You can forward feedback and ideas to Jewel at trdofp@telus.net.

A New Addition

We are excited to have Val Tregillus join the Community Integration Health Services Portfolio. She will work with the Divisions of Family Practice and the health authority to expand the partnerships growing between patients, physicians and community.

Val served as Executive Director for Primary Health Care for the B.C. Ministry of Health from 2003-11. She was also co-chair of the General Practice Services Committee, working closely with the B.C. Medical Association.