

Lowell General Hospital
Department of Family Medicine

Zoom Meeting
February 12, 2021
8:00 am

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| I. | Call to order | Christen Fragala, MD |
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| II. | Approval of minutes | All |
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| III. | New Business – | All |
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| IV. | Old Business | |
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| | 1. Med Exec Committee | Christen Fragala, MD |
| | 2. Labor and Delivery Committee | Raymond Lewis, MD |
| | 3. Cancer Committee | Paul Harcourt, MD |
| | 4. Credentials Committee | Santha Naidoo, DO |
| | 5. Infection Control | Stephanie Oliva, MD |
| | 6. Morbidity and Mortality Council | Sangita Pillai, MD |
| | 7. Perinatal Committee | Raymond Lewis, MD |
| | 8. MCH Updates | Liz Lydstone, RN |
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| V. | Adjournment | |

Next Meeting
April 9, 2021
08:00 – 09:00
Via Zoom

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Zoom Attendees: Lourdes Ada, MD; Cindy Cheng, MD; Tena Ferenczhalmay; Christen Fragala, MD; Molly Holmes; James Kuin, MD; Margaret Mills, MD; Emelyn Molato, MD; Frank Osborn, MD; Joanna Sleeper, RN; Catherine Trinh, MD.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 AM by Dr. Fragala

II. MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as written.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Vaccinations for Covid-19 are continuously changing and the latest update is that Lowell General is not taking new vaccine appointments. New appointments have been put on hold but they are honoring the appointments that have already been made. The recommendation for communication to patients is to direct them to the state ran vaccination clinics at Gillette or Fenway Park. This can be done by going through the mass.gov Covid website or to call 211 to schedule an appointment. The clinic that Lowell General has set up is a private clinic for patients of PHO physicians. For that reason, communication regarding the clinic did not go out to the general public. Messaging to patients should be clear that the clinic is for PHO patients only. Patients at this point should be directed to the state ran clinics. The distribution of the vaccine throughout the state has been very complicated and difficult and it is thought that in the short term it will continue to be difficult until it gets better. The volume of vaccines that come into the state is about 110,000 per week and that has not changed but the state is moving toward private distribution. Unfortunately, the state representatives are putting out mixed messaging to the public.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Med Exec Committee - Christen Fragala, MD
Dr. Fragala continues to send out emails to the groups with timely updates. No additional updates.

2. Labor and Delivery Committee - Raymond Lewis, MD

Molly Holmes was introduced as the new manger of Labor and Delivery and Pediatrics. Dr. Mills was asking to clarify the role of the OB hospitalist on Labor and Delivery and what contact the average patient will have with the OB hospitalist. If a patient arrives at the hospital that is not assigned to a physician, or if one of the physicians can not manage their patient for any reason, the OB hospitalist will manage the patient in conjunction with the patient's normal physician. The OB is still doing their own call, the OB hospitalists are there to help where necessary in addition to potentially a second in the OR during a C-Section. They are physically in house and are there to triage, keep in communication provider to provider, and potentially cover the patient until the provider arrives at the hospital. They are a support system that Lowell General has in place which has been very positive and has been beneficial in emergent situations where there have been great outcomes. From a safety standpoint they have already seen the benefit from having the OB hospitalists in house. There was a request for a fact sheet be available that can be handed out to patients regarding the function of the OB hospitalists. Labor and Delivery management will look into having marketing get out the information to PCPs for the patients.

3. Cancer Committee Paul Harcourt, MD
No updates
4. Credentials Committee Santha Naidoo, DO
No updates
5. Infection Control Stephanie Oliva, MD
No updates
6. Morbidity and Mortality Council Sangita Pillai, MD
No updates
7. Perinatal Committee Raymond Lewis, MD
No updates
8. MCH Updates Liz Lydstone, RN
No updates

VI. Next Meeting

- Scheduled for Friday, April 9, 2021.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Sleeper, RN
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02/17/2021
Date

Approved:

Christen Fragala, MD

Date