

Department of Family Medicine Minutes

October 14, 2022

Attendees: Lourdes Ada, MD; Ashley Adams, RN; Anne Marie Aquino, RN; Cindy Cheng, MD; Christen Fragala, MD; Laura Federico, RN; Malina Holmes, MD; Raymond Lewis, MD; Denise Mills; Emelyn Molato, MD; Frank Osborn, MD; Sangita Pillai, MD; John Ragucci, MD

I. Call to Order

Dr. Fragala called the meeting to order at 8:05am.

II. Review of Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as written.

III. Old Business

None at this time.

IV. New Business

Dr. Fragala reports the recent Board Advance was well attended and included Family Medicine representatives Dr. Lewis, Dr. Osborn and herself. Dr. Osborn shared that the Advance tries to prepare providers for what's next in healthcare making sure we position our hospital and staff in a way we are able to take care of our patients in the future. In addition, making sure we are fitting diversity, giving equitable healthcare across the continuum. Topics presented were geared toward how we can create value, reduce overhead and reduce cost while still delivering quality care.

V. Committee Reports

1. Medical Executive Committee

No updates at this time.

2. Labor and Delivery Committee

No updates at this time.

3. Cancer Committee

No updates at this time.

4. Credentials Committee

No updates at this time.

5. Infection Control

No updates at this time.

6. Morbidity and Mortality Council



Dr. Pillai gave an update of the Morbidity and Mortality Council. Cases discussed included cases related to potential sepsis and treating appropriately. Dr. Pillai shared that in one case the patient had subtle changes in vital signs heading towards sepsis and a positive SIRS. The patient could have benefited from broad spectrum antibiotics, aggressive fluids and a lactic acid draw.

7. Perinatal Committee

Dr. Lewis shared an update of the Perinatal Committee. Policy updates were approved. For breastfeeding measures, initiation among the black population were down. A focus with this measure needs to be on meeting patients where they are with education etc. Ms. Federico shared with the department hospitals are experiencing transportation issues across the state affecting transfer of critical patients. With the closing of Tufts PICU, there is also a decrease in beds available causing pediatric patients to be here longer.

8. MCH Updates

No updates at this time.

9. DEI Update

Dr. Pillai shared an update on the mentorship program. Twelve mentees have been paired with mentors. There is a high interest in mentees looking to shadow providers, if anyone is interested in volunteering to be shadowed can reach out to Dr. Pillai.

VI. Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47am.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will occur on November 11, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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Date

Approved:



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Date

