

Lowell General Hospital
Department of Family Medicine
May 13, 2022

Zoom Attendees: Lourdes Ada, MD; Cindy Cheng, MD; Dierdre Connolly, MD; Christen Fragala, MD; James Kuin, MD; Emelyn Molato, MD; Clea Moore, MD; Dan Nguyen; Sangita Pillai, MD; John Ragucci, MD; Catherine Trinh, MD; AnnMarie Aquino, RN; Gayatri Patel, BSN, RN;

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM by Dr. Fragala

II. MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as written.

III. NEW BUSINESS

IV. Readmission Data

There were no new updates for the readmission data.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Med Exec Committee

Dr. Fragala was not at the last Med Exec Committee meeting, there will be a full medical staff meeting on June 2, 2022 from 12-1:30 via zoom.

Our next department meeting will be in June then off for the summer and the department will meet in September.

2. Labor and Delivery Committee

No new updates at this time.

3. Cancer Committee

Deferred

4. Credentials Committee

Dr. Connolly reported a couple of changes to privileges: delineation privileges for general surgery are vasectomies; and pain center nurse practitioners are to be supervised by whoever is the physician at the pain center at the time.

5. Infection Control

Deferred.

6. Morbidity and Mortality Council

Dr. Pillai offered an update of the Morbidity and Mortality Council and shared several key points of educational data to the group. This data included to look at actual imaging of patients with diagnoses such as ovarian abnormality/cancer when the patients are discharged or transferred to a tertiary center, as all the information may not readily be relayed immediately. Dr. Pillai also presented that patients on drips such as dopamine, should be in the ICU and not on the floor.

7. Perinatal Committee

There were no new updates.

8. MCH Updates

There were no new updates.

9. DEI Update

Dr. Pillai shared with the department that next month is pride month and activities are being scheduled.

Dr. Pillai reported that for the mentorship program everything is winding down, it's been positive data, next month they will start recruiting again for mentors and mentees and can preemptively reach out at mentorship email at: mentorship@lowellgeneral.org. It is a once a month one-hour commitment of mentorship if anyone is interested. This initiative would only be available to internal who have some affiliation with Circle Health.

Dr. Nguyen presented that he has had instances where some patient labs may have been lost. For example, he had a newborn patient who went to the lab at 11am for a bilirubin lab draw, and did not get results, so he called lab who did not receive the sample. Ultimately the patient needed to be redrawn.

Dr. Pillai also mentioned she has had some issues with the lab. She informed the department that Dr Joseph did mention that the lab is struggling with staffing issues. Ms. Aquino added that newborn patients can be scheduled as outpatient on pediatrics and can be drawn for bilirubin levels.

Dr. Fragala will reach out to Dr. Joseph regarding concerns with lab specimens and results.

VI. Next Meeting

- Scheduled for Friday, June 2022.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 08:36 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Gayatri Patel, BSN, RN

Date

Approved:

Christen Fragala, MD

Date