

## Department of Family Medicine Minutes

February 10, 2023

**Attendees:** Ashley Adams, RN; Shawn Berkowitz, MD; Cindy Cheng, MD; Dierdre Connolly, MD; Shaun Farragher, MD; Laura Federico, RN; Christen Fragala, MD; Paul Harcourt, MD; Malina Holmes, MD; James Kuin, MD; Raymond Lewis, MD; Denise Mills, MD; Emelyn Molato, MD; Clea Moore, MD; Frank Osborn, MD; Sangita Pillai, MD; Catherine Trinh, MD

**I. Call to Order**

Dr. Fragala called the meeting to order at 8:03am.

**II. Review of Minutes**

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as written.

**III. Old Business**

None at this time.

**IV. New Business**

The department welcomed Dr. Shawn Berkowitz as he has joined the team at Village Primary Care.

**V. Committee Reports**

**1. Medical Executive Committee**

Dr. Fragala shared an update from the most recent Medical Executive Committee meeting. This was the first in-person meeting since before the pandemic. Per Dr. Fragala, on the inpatient side, the hospital will stop doing fecal occult blood testing, on those coming in for GI bleed or drop in crit. Does not pertain to outpatient guaiac or fecal occult. It has been determined to not be very useful in determining GI bleed. This update was shared by Dr. Allen Hwang. Per Dr. Hwang, performing these tests has been resulting in unnecessary testing. Dr. Fragala will reach out to Dr. Hwang for clinical sources to be shared with department.

**2. Labor and Delivery Committee**

Dr. Lewis shared that Dr. Holmes is the new representative on the Labor and Delivery committee. The only update at this time is that efforts around maternal mental health are underway in light of the recent tragedy in Duxbury.

Ms. Federico shared that they are working on reinstituting in-person child birth education classes as well as the mother support group starting in March.

**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**

No updates at this time.

**7. Perinatal Committee**

Dr. Lewis gave an update of the Perinatal Committee. The last meeting was in December 2022. There were updates to some policies. The next meeting will be in March 2023.

**8. MCH Updates**

No updates at this time.

**9. DEI Update**

Per Dr. Lewis, the round table discussion honoring Black History Month in February was quite successful. In addition, discussion among the committee in regards to conversion of some hospital bathrooms to gender neutral continues to be a focus. Dr. Pillai shared an update of the Mentorship program. A midpoint meeting will be held next week to see how things are going. Some mentees have expressed interest in shadowing in Family Medicine, a message to the department looking for volunteers for mentees to shadow will be disseminated.

**VI. Other**

A question was posed to the group asking for anyone's experience using and referring patients to Mobile Integrated Health. Dr. Connolly responded that she uses it frequently and refers via tiger text. Under roles select MIH provider/MIH navigator and send the tiger text to them. Patients contact information should be provided and the MIH team will set up a call to the patient and offer to include the referring provider on the call. Several providers shared they have used MIH frequently for home bound patients, patients with COPD/CHF exacerbations. IV Lasix and steroids can be given, labs can be drawn, evaluations of patients with COVID or patients who experience a fall at home.

**VII. Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40am.

**Next Meeting**

Next meeting will occur on May 12, 2023

Respectfully submitted,



*Ashley Adams*

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Christen Fragala, MD  
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