

**RACHEALTH Meeting February 8, 2007**  
**MSC – 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Room 106, LS Bldg**

## **Agenda**

**Elect Officers**  
**Go over Bylaws**  
**Immunization**  
**SHIP**  
**GRITS**  
**Misc Other items**

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### **Attendees:**

Troy Spicer, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College  
Susan Thompson, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College  
Cori Loftis, Board of Regents  
Terri Lemons, Clayton State  
Rebecca Tew, Columbus State  
Joanne Nobles, Fort Valley State Univ.  
Alice Loper, Georgia College & State Univ.  
Cindy Smith, Georgia Institute of Technology  
Paul Ferguson, Georgia Southern Univ.  
Monica Brown, Georgia Southwestern State Univ.  
Karen Blackburn, Georgia State University  
Tracey Baker, Gordon College  
Anne Nichols, Kennesaw State Univ.  
Kathryn Siggelko, Kennesaw State Univ.  
Allison Kerr, Macon State College  
Jill Miller, Medical College of Georgia  
Christi McClintock, Medical College of Georgia  
Jean Chin, University of Georgia  
Leslie Cottrell, University of West Georgia

Cori Loftis called the meeting to order. She explained what a Regents Advisory Committee entails. By-laws have to be written and agreed upon and a Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary have to be nominated and approved for the 3 positions.

Nominations were made and approved for the following representatives:

Anne Nichols, Kennesaw State University – Chair  
Monica Brown, Georgia Southwestern State University – Vice Chair  
Kathryn Siggelko, Kennesaw State University, Secretary

Bylaws were discussed and approved. Cori Loftis will post on the RACHEALTH website once it is developed.

The committee agreed for the first year to meet quarterly and once established to meet twice a year.

First item for discussion was immunizations. A long discussion was held where the various schools identified who kept the actual copy of the immunization form. Copies are held in Health Clinics, Registrar's offices and Admissions offices. The general consensus was that the health Services did have the final say on all immunization documentation. However, they may need additional help convincing other personnel at their campus the importance of all students, including graduate students and students having a lapse in their enrollment over a year, having their immunizations up to date.

GRITS was brought up and Cori Loftis said that the board will be offering training on the GRITS process. Mediat was also discussed but each school would have to check with their IT department for IT integration.

The vaccines for Children through the Ga. Dept of Health were also brought up. Vaccines available for children 18 and under are:

Hepatitis B  
Menactra  
Adacel

Guardasil will be available soon.

Leslie Cottrell was very knowledgeable on this subject. If you have questions, please direct them to her and she will be happy to help.

Alice Loper brought up several labs that can be obtained for free through the state. She will send the information to the list serve. Some of the labs are:

GC  
HSV  
Titers  
HIV  
RPR

A motion was made, seconded and approved for an Immunization Guideline Committee to be established to provide some standardization on the immunization process. The committee consists of:

Troy Spicer  
Jean Chin  
Rebecca Tew  
Paul Ferguson  
Jill Miller  
Cindy Smith

### **Action Items**

1. Cori Loftis asked this committee to provide the following information back to the Board:

1. What types of immunizations does each of the Health Services Facilities offer?
2. What medications do the facilities routinely give?
  - a. Larger schools can give categories; smaller schools can forward their formulary.

3. What changes or additions would Health Services like to see in the student health insurance plan?
  - a. Wellness visits – specifically baby well visits
  - b. Clarify referrals – spouses and dependants
  - c. Annual wellness visit for males and females (ex: cost of office visit for annual gyn appt.)
  - d. Transplants – specifically bone marrow
  - e. Lower deductible – lower cap/max payout with option of purchasing more coverage
  - f. Additional catastrophic coverage
  - g. Question what a PPD (Tuberculin skin test) is not covered. This is a diagnostic test.

Cori Loftis made the suggestion that during orientation, the student health insurance plan needs to be brought to the attendee's attention. Many schools already include the student health insurance in their orientation presentation.

A question was asked regarding administrative fees and Medical College of Georgia is currently the only school requiring an administrative fee. To request this fee, the school works directly with the insurance co, (Pearce & Pearce) and the fee is added to the cost brochure for that school.

Paul Ferguson asked the question if the USG could leverage the employee dental plan to get a student plan at a good rate. Cori Loftis said she would look into that matter.

A question was asked if the health standards have changed between what a traditional dorm room (communal bedrooms and bathrooms) to the "new" private dorm rooms with private bedrooms and bathrooms. Kathryn Siggelko will check the CDC website and possibly send an email to the CDC for clarification. There may not be an answer for this at this time.

## **Presentations**

Paul Ferguson from Georgia Southern presented information regarding ACHA Group purchasing. Paul will put the survey on the list serve for those who were unable to participate in it the first time.

Paul also brought us up to date on Georgia Southern's effort to institute 3<sup>rd</sup> party health insurance billing and collection. A long and lively discussion ensued. If you have any further questions, please direct them to Paul.

Next Meeting set for May 10<sup>th</sup> at Macon State, lunch will be provided.