

Meeting Notes

RACHealth @ UGA

March 27, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 11am.

Election of Officers for FY2010 was held and the new Chair is Diane Norris from MCG. Kathryn Siggelko from KSU will stay on as Secretary for one more term.

SHIP

The BOR has hired a consultant or “industry professional” to assist in the plan design. They are hoping to have an RFP by the end of summer and have a company selected by November. The consultant Group is AON. They will be asking for input from the Universities. Jean Chin from UGA has a group formed already that could be used for input. One item of interest was an accident plan that covers all students included in their fees.

A long discussion was held on the education of International students regarding health insurance and how to navigate the US system. Many schools participate in international student orientation. A suggestion was made to create a chart comparing our student insurance plan to several other plans and post it on the health services website. This would be helpful to domestic and foreign students.

Immunizations

Tonya Lam from the BOR reiterated that ALL students, undergraduate and GRADUATE must meet the mandatory immunization requirements.

A small change in the immunization policy, all active military can provide their military id and that will serve as proof of immunization.

A long discussion was held on Td and Tdap. The purpose of recommending Tdap is the Pertussis factor for whooping cough. It was decided by the group to not have the BOR change it to “required” and to leave it as “recommended” but the student must have some kind of a tetanus shot. Each institution can decide if it wants it to be “required”. The recommendation was made for each institute to have Tdap “required” for all medical/dental students.

Psychiatric Services

All institutions are seeing a large increase in psychiatric patients. With that being said, Tonya asked for the group to think of creative ways to serve this population. Everyone should be looking at the stimulus money to see if there is anything the health centers can use.

Jon Baker from GT will take point on setting up a stateside summit to talk about psychiatric services, suicide prevention and other items brought up in the Suicide Prevention Conference that was held earlier in the year.

Update on state wide contract for Electronic Medical Records

Anne Nichols from KSU is on the DOAS committee for an RFP for electronic medical records. She has been told by DOAS that this will be a mandatory contract for any state institution that wants an EMR once a vendor is awarded. She is working very hard to bring the cost down so that all institutions could take advantage of this contract once a vendor is awarded.

Correction –Please see Leslie’s clarification for West Georgia

Their software is being discounted to us but is not free. Also, I am buying all the hardware and clinical equipment needed to interface with their software. One item needed is a server which was brought up because KSU(?) has one not being used and wondered the value (of their equipment). Greenway is a Carrollton company and is making EMR economically feasible for UWG to initiate EMR for our student population.

UWG is very pleased to be working with Greenway's PrimeSuites because, as Jon said from GaTech, this software offers a very robust program for EMR.

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