

RAC-Health Committee Meeting

September 2, 2009

Macon State College

H1N1 Pandemic Plans

A presentation was given by Bruce Holmes, Chief of Police and Director of Safety and Security for the BOR. Dr. Coule from MCG was also there via video conferencing to go over the presentation that is available to schools to use for Faculty and Staff (not students). Bruce's contact information follows:

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A long discussion was held regarding reporting cases, putting H1N1 in GRITS, pandemic plans at each institution and discussion of the presentation.

Georgia Southern shared their telephone triage system. If you have questions or need any additional information, contact Paul Ferguson.

Meal Plan Medical Exemptions

KSU wanted to know how medical exemptions are handled at other campuses. Many institutions do not grant exemptions and for those that do, UGA being one of them, the student must meet with the dietician to go over the food options in the dining hall and a determination will be made from there.

Managing Women's Health issues

Georgia College wanted to know how other Universities were handling abnormal pap smears. All schools discussed how they handled it and it varied widely depending on where the school was in the state. It was determined that Public Health cannot turn away an uninsured patient for this service.

Immunization Requirements

MCG had a question about immunizations and faculty and the differences between what MCG requires and what the hospital requires as far as immunizations go. There is one cohort that this issue seems to be resolved. Diane at MCG may be requiring a history of immunizations from Faculty who may be taking classes and they work in the hospital. A discussion was held on immunization exemptions, distance learning is exempt and active military are exempt.

Update on EMR

It's on hold until further notice from DOAS and the State Inspector General's office.

Health Insurance

Tonya Lam from the BOR shared that AON has a final report. A final recommendation will be put together for the RFP to be written. A long discussion was held on the possibility of the institutions becoming self insured. It was agreed that mandatory health insurance at all institutions is a good idea.

Purchasing

A discussion was held about purchasing and USG representation of college needs with DOAS. Tonya Lam with the BOR will explore getting their purchasing department more involved with institution's needs.