

SEAMO NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

2000 December 13

Ministry Requests Further Negotiations

Following rejection of the Ministry of Health offer of 2000 December 11, Ministry lead negotiator Margaret Mottershead, speaking on behalf of the Ministry, requested that SEAMO agree to a brief extension of the current Funding Agreement to allow for further negotiations. Mottershead indicated that the Ministry is willing to consider an improvement on their 2000 December 11 offer.

Any extension of the current Funding Agreement requires the unanimous consent of the five SEAMO Signatories: the Clinical Teachers' Association of Queen's University, Queen's University, Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston General Hospital, and Providence Continuing Care Centre (St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital).

Ministry Offer Rejected

On 2000 December 11, Ministry of Health negotiators presented an offer to the SEAMO negotiating team. The offer would have provided funding under a new four year agreement. After reviewing the offer at a special meeting on 2000 December 12, the SEAMO Governing Committee unanimously rejected the Ministry's offer.

The SEAMO motion read:

The SEAMO Governors recommend to the Signatories the categorical rejection of the Ministry of Health's offer of 2000 December 11.

Clinical Teachers Association to Vote on Extension

Crucial "Town Hall" Meeting Tonight

In order to extend the current Funding Agreement to allow negotiations to conclude, all five Signatories must agree. The Clinical Teachers' Association will ask its membership to vote on the extension in a secret ballot. As was the case with the current Agreement, a "double two-thirds majority" will be required to extend the Agreement. Should the extension be rejected, the Alternative Funding Plan will terminate at the end of this month, and all clinical teachers will return to fee-for-service on 2001 January 01.

The Clinical Teachers' Association of Queen's University has called a meeting of the membership tonight, 2000 December 13, in Connell 3 Old Cafeteria at 1700 hours to discuss recent events.