

SEAMO NEWSLETTER

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Negotiations

Extension of SEAMO Funding Agreement

Negotiation of a new Funding Agreement was delayed as a result of OMA/Ministry negotiation of a new Master Agreement. The recent failure of the OMA to ratify the Master Agreement has delayed further the negotiations. Although Ministry, SEAMO and OMA representatives are meeting, concluding Funding Agreements for SEAMO is not likely before the Master Agreement is completed. For this reason, the Ministry offered SEAMO a three month extension to the current funding agreement.

After a secret ballot vote of the Clinical Teacher's Association, the five SEAMO Signatories have accepted the Ministry offer of a three month extension. New *Declaration and Consent* forms are now being signed. These forms "re-park" billing numbers for an additional three months. These forms will allow SEAMO to continue to compensate participating members of faculty.

SEAMO and Government continue to meet

Representatives of SEAMO continue to meet with Government in order to establish a framework for a new funding agreement. The parties have now agreed to a schedule of meetings for January and February with the hope that a framework will be completed by early February.

Family Medicine

SEAMO has now been encouraged by the Ministry of Health to submit a proposal for a Family Health Team. If funded, the Family Health Team would provide funding for the Department of Family Medicine. This process will run at a separate table along side the main SEAMO Negotiations.

Annual Plan

At its regular meeting on 2004 December 20, the SEAMO Governing Committee approved the Annual Plan for 2004-2005. The Annual Plan is a requirement of the SEAMO Funding Agreement.

The Annual Plan sets objectives for SEAMO for the fiscal year 2004-2005 and reports on achievements against last year's objectives. The Annual Plan will be posted on the SEAMO website www.SEAMO.ca