

# SEAMO NEWSLETTER

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## **Advisory Committee on Departmental Deliverables**

At the October 16 meeting of the SEAMO Governing Committee, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Departmental Deliverables (ACDD) Dr. Karen Smith provided an update on the work of the Committee.

The Committee is working to assist SEAMO and its member organizations to answer three broad questions:

1. *Are departments doing the right things?*
2. *Are departments sufficiently productive?*
3. *Do departments have sufficient human resources?*

The first question will consider role descriptions of departments that are acceptable to the department, hospitals, and University. The second question will require an understanding of activity in all three domains and of the unit's funding. The third question will consider some of the measures of accessibility in the context of the unit's activity.

The process to address these questions is an iterative one. The ACDD has started with a limited number of data elements that speak to the questions. These data elements are now being populated as the committee begins to develop departmental profiles. Department heads and division chairs will be invited to meet with the ACDD to review the data within each of the questions.

## **New Governor Appointed**

The SEAMO governance agreement provides for the appointment of a governor by the School of Medicine Council. The SoM Council appointee must be the head of a clinical department. Dr. Michael O'Connor had been the SoM appointee, but as Dr. O'Connor has stepped down as head, the remainder of his term is to be completed by a newly appointed governor. Dr. Kim Dow was appointed by SoM Council at its monthly meeting October 17. Dr. Dow's term expires 1008 June 30.