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REPORT OF THE CEO

Dr. Walker advised that the Physician Services Committee Working Group completed its review of the 2006/07 funding allocations for the AHSC specialties and as a result, this Centre has received \$789,948.50, which represents remaining funds allocated to neurosurgery, surgical oncology and family medicine within our AFP.

Pursuant to Appendix G of the 2004 Agreement which made \$25 million available to all eligible AHSC AFPs to support recruitment, academic expansion and AFP administration and infrastructure support, SEAMO is eligible for and has agreed to one time funding of \$1,504.770.00.

UPDATE ON SHADOW BILLING

SEAMO has resubmitted approximately 90% of stale-dated claims with highly successful results. Some Departments should receive a strong influx of money given the large volume of claims.

The current submissions are also going well and are proceeding in a timely fashion with March claims currently being entered. The Central Claims Facility expressed a need for billings to be submitted in a more timely manner as some clinical units remain non-compliant. It was reported that error rates are down substantially and the billed to paid ratio data is very strong.

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENTAL DELIVERABLES

Dr. Karen Smith, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Departmental Deliverables (ACDD) outlined the work of the Committee. Dr. Smith reviewed data elements with the Governors and discussed the results of the Committee's interviews with department heads. She advised that the ACDD's

focus is on departmental and not individual accountability. The gather of data is an iterative process and as such, supports the proposal regarding quarterly reporting. Data elements were chosen as being representative of the core deliverables in clinical activity, research and education. She advised that the data must be:

- a) readily available;
- b) centrally available; and
- c) reliable.

The SEAMO Executive Committee will now formulate an action plan to be provided to Governors for consideration. The action plan being considered includes:

- a) providing recommendations regarding the sharing of this very important data;
- b) working on objective surrogates for shadow billing to assist in the analysis of low billing;
- c) communicating with hospitals regarding lack of resources and access issues;
- d) looking at incentives and disincentives for the capture of data; promulgating billing requirement;
- e) identifying the gap and justifying the gap between role descriptions and activity profiles; helping practice plans align funding to roles;
- f) considering the merit and risk of negotiating a higher shadow billing percentage;
- g) preparing a package that will provide a multifaceted approach to deal with this issue which will include the sharing of this information.

STAFFING UPDATES

There are no staffing updates to report since the last update.