

PHASE I FUNDING

On March 26, SEAMO was informed by Assistant Deputy Minister Hugh MacLeod and OMA Chief Executive Officer, Jonathan Guss that as part of the "Phase I" funding for AHSC Governance Organizations, SEAMO would receive a one-time allocation of \$1.5 million dollars. The SEAMO Governing Committee considered the most appropriate use for these funds and determined that the funds should be used to support expansion of our teaching and research activities. An endowed academic fund was created.

Release of these funds was delayed as there was some question about the use of these funds for this purpose. SEAMO heard this week that the funds have been released and will be added to SEAMO's December cash flow from the Ministry.

The purpose of the endowed fund is to support individuals and projects which further scholarship in the continuum of medical education, including:

- Improvement of our understanding of or application of such knowledge in the teaching of medical students;
- Improvement of the training program of residents and fellows;
- Support for continuing medical education.

Those eligible for support under this endowed fund must be in receipt of SEAMO sourced compensation, must be Queen's GFTs, and must be members in good standing of CTAQ. A three-person committee will adjudicate the allocation of awards under the fund. The committee will include two individuals appointed by the Clinical Teachers' Association to be joined by the Senior Associate Dean of Medical Education.

HOSPITAL RESOURCES

At its regular meeting December 04, the SEAMO Governing Committee unanimously expressed its grave concern with regard to resources available to the Kingston hospitals.

The scarcity of resources has jeopardized patient care in Kingston and across Southeastern Ontario. Increasingly, there are difficulties with patient transfers, acceptance of patients, including critically ill patients, unnecessarily high rates of surgical cancellations and a variety of other problems relating to patient care. The insufficiency of resources jeopardizes the medical school's training programs. SEAMO Governors instructed the Chair to bring these concerns to the LHIN.

PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE SEAMO

The variety of environmental changes suggest the need to examine the fundamental principles which guide SEAMO. Following a retreat in October, SEAMO Governing Committee has now considered draft principles. These were amended by the Governing Committee at its December 04 meeting and have been provided to CTAQ for distribution and discussion by all members of CTAQ at the Annual General Meeting on **Monday, Dec 10 at 17:00 hrs Richardson Labs Amphitheatre Rm. 104.**

STAFFING UPDATE

Dr. Michael O'Reilly commenced on November 01 as a replacement GFT in the **Department of Medicine, Division of Cardiology.**