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EXTENSION OF SEAMO FUNDING AGREEMENT EXPECTED

In March, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care extended the SEAMO funding agreement to September 30 while it continued to discuss with the Ontario Medical association the construction of a new framework for SEAMO and other AFP/APPs. At issue were the need to reflect the provisions of the 2008 Ministry/OMA Physician Services Agreement and the desire of the Ministry to make full AFPs (such as SEAMO) more closely aligned with the provisions of the "Phase III" AHSC AFP contracts. The Ministry and OMA have not completed this work.

An extension to the SEAMO Funding Agreement is expected before the end of this month. The provisions of the current funding agreement would remain in force during an extension. It is critical that all five SEAMO Signatories ratify the extension.

REVIEW OF ALLOCATION METHODS INITIATED

The five SEAMO Signatories (Clinical Teachers Association, Hotel Dieu, Kingston General, Providence Care, Queen's) have initiated a review of the methods used to allocate resources to departments. A five person Task Group was appointed by the Signatories and charged with reviewing how SEAMO allocates its resources and with proposing amendments to this system of allocation.

The Governing Committee will review Task Group recommendations. Following its review, recommendations will be sent by the Governing Committee to the Signatories for approval. Terms of reference for the Task Group can be found at: http://www.seamo.ca/assets/01_08_task_group_on_allocation_system_review.pdf

Members of the Task Group are:

Hugh MacDonald, Chair

Sherif El-Defrawy

Karen Smith

Iain Young

David Zelt.

REVIEW OF SEAMO COMMITTEES INITIATED

At its regular meeting, June 02, the SEAMO Governing Committee agreed to review its nominations and appointments processes and of the Terms of Reference and composition of the organization's two standing committees (Executive Committee and Resources Committee). Yesterday, the Governing Committee asked Hoshier Abdollah, Andrew Hamilton and Leslee Thompson to review this issue and to report back to the Governing Committee at its November meeting.