

Time: 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Location: WebEx

Voting Members Present: D. Lafreniere MD, R. Fuller MD, G.Kuchel MD, P. Luthra MD, I. Moss MD, S. Scippa MD, R. Simon MD

Non-Voting Members Present: A. Horbatuck. A. Keilty

Clinical Council Subcommittee Present: T. Agresta MD, S. Allen MD, R. Andrews MD, M. Baldwin MD, F. Celi MD, J. Greenfield MD, J. Hines MD, P. Kerr MD, M. Metersky MD, E. Mortensen MD, D. Stanley MD, D. Steffens MD

Guests: D. Hayes, C. Ryan, G. Sznaj, L. Wall

Dr. Lafreniere called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

- The minutes for the October 24, 2023 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

- Faculty Requests

- Department of Surgery Dr. Lafreniere
Division of Ophthalmology
Assistant Professor/Clinical
New – 0.95 Clinical FTE UMG
Approved with abstention from Dr. Moss
Will bring back to this group once research is completed on codes

- Department of Psychiatry Dr. Steffens
Division of Psychiatry
Assistant Professor/Clinical
Replacement – 0.35 Clinical FTE UMG
Approved

- Financial Updates

Per Mr. Sznaj, finances are trending favorable to budget. Net revenue was ahead by 3% for the month and almost 4% for the year. Expenses, which were down overall, might be off by \$250,000 but UMG is still 7% ahead of budget. The drivers for revenue continue to be Internal Medicine, Dermatology MOHs, and Radiology. The CSS Supplement was \$7.5 million for UMG for the first four months, with anticipation of \$22 million for the year. JDH is anticipating \$11.8 million for the year. The Health Center was budgeted to breakeven, and for the four months of this year, is about \$4.7 million ahead driven by clinical operations.

Mr. Sznaj also shared information from Strata. Payor mix is dropping in Medicaid but increasing in Managed Medicare. Strata is able to sort the Payor Mix which shows comparison. Managed Medicare brings in the bulk of charges. October 2023 was the best month thus far over the past few years, exceeding March 2023 for Gross Charges. Internal Medicine brought in the most RVU's and year to year, Dermatology has had the biggest change followed by Hospitalists and Radiology. This has been our best month for monthly charges (\$28.2 million dollars) and for patient encounters while the number of new patients has dropped a bit. The average RVU indicates that coding is improving.

Dr. Metersky raised concerns about Managed Medicare citing denials for hospital stays and concern that we might be losing money. He suggested doing an analysis of costs vs reimbursement for each of the individual payors.

- UConn Health Consent and Conditions of Treatment

Dr. Lafreniere explained that the voting members approved the new UConn Health Consent and Conditions of Treatment form which is in the packet and suggested that everyone read it.

- UMG Updates

Updates from Ms. Horbatuck include: the move for Neurology to the Brain and Spine Institute in mid-January. Comprehensive Spine and Cranial Neurosurgery will move mid to end of March. This will allow more movement in the Outpatient Pavilion. Geriatrics is doing well at 21 South Road. The lower level of Southington is being fitted out so the specialties can move there allowing Internal Medicine to expand on the second floor. The goal is to move Women's Health to the third floor and Lab and Radiology to the first floor. Rehab will go to the first floor of MSI. Cheers is in the second stage and working with Geriatrics to optimize their schedules. Osteoporosis has consolidated with Endocrinology and Diabetes and is working on a better flow.

Donna Hayes explained the January coding changes are minimal and her group has tailored training for each area and ensured that EPIC is aligned. All but ten groups will have been trained by December. Dr. Mortensen commented that the training has been very useful and effective.

Dr. Moss questioned if responding to individual emails was the best method for getting a census of the faculty. Ms. Keilty thought that it was a requirement from Office of the Provost to generate data and that perhaps a conversation with Dr. Liang is needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie W. Wall, Executive Assistant