

UB RESIDENTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: August 7, 2008

Future meeting dates for the 2008-9 academic year are scheduled for the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 in Room 135 Cary Hall on UB's Main Street (South) Campus. October 2, November 6, & December 4, 2008. January 8 (NOTE: this is the 2nd Thursday due to the holiday), February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, & July 2, 2009.

Residents Present	Drs. Michael Adragna (Psychiatry), Alia Alawneh (Internal Medicine), Ziad Alfarah (Internal Medicine), Bill Blymire (Med/Peds), Lindsey Clark (Orthopaedics), Denise Giessert (Child Psych.), Kellie Greenwich (CHOB-Dental), Diana Halverson (Emergency Medicine), Antoine Harb (Internal Medicine), Mary Kauderer (Rehab. Medicine), Wael Sayej (Pediatric Gastroenterology), Andy Sifain (Anesthesiology), Vikram Sodhi (Family Medicine), Shehzad Topiwala (Endocrinology), Micah Likness (Otolaryngology), Elizabeth Sundean (Otolaryngology), Rami Manochakian (Internal Medicine)
Others in Attendance	Dr. Roseanne Berger, Ms. Kathleen Harrison, Ms. Susan Orrange

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<p>Resident Benefits</p> <p>Ms. Kathleen Harrison, GME Resident Benefit Manager, gave an update on benefits for UMRS/UDRS residents during the 2008-2009 plan year. (Residents employed by VAWNYHS will continue to have benefits managed through VAWNYHS HR with the exception of COBRA benefits or Long-Term Disability coverage purchased through UMRS/UDRS). An Open Enrollment mailing was sent to all continuing residents in June 2008 informing them of changes in the 2008-2009 plan year. Some changes include new dental, life insurance (group and optional) and short-term disability providers; medical plan enhancements such as elimination of co-pays when certain medical services are received at affiliated hospitals; and increased flexibility surrounding optional life insurance enrollment. The on-line Beneficiency system will continue to be used for benefit enrollment and for reporting of qualifying life events and corresponding changes in benefit elections. Residents can also use this site to view detailed information on their benefits including plan features, SPD's, contact information, forms, FAQ's, etc. as well as a summary of their personal benefit elections. To access Beneficiency, residents should go to www.beneficiency.com and log in using their personal log in. If residents do not know or have misplaced this information they should contact Kathleen to have their login reset. Kathleen is available for consultation if residents have questions or need further information and can be reached at kc34@buffalo.edu or 829-6130. She welcomes feedback on the benefit package and process and is planning a satisfaction survey before year's end.</p>		
<p>Welcome</p> <p>Dr. Roseanne Berger, Senior Associate Dean for GME, welcomed all attendees and thanked everyone for their attendance and participation in the UBRC.</p>		

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<p>Dr. Berger acknowledged that the UB-Kaleida-ECMC merger is an important current issue. The new board and strategic committee has not yet met, and there will continue to be further changes, such as ECMC CEO, Michael Young preparing to leave Buffalo. Dr. Berger will report back to the committee as more information becomes available.</p> <p>UB will be having an ACGME Institutional Accreditation Site Visit on Monday, October 20th. Residents will participate to discuss issues such as work hours, supervision, core competencies, curriculum, quality improvement, intimidation, teaching, evaluation & feedback. The GME Office is putting together a written document for the site visit, which will be shared with the UBRC, Program Directors Advisory Committee, and Graduate Medical Education Committee for review.</p>		
<p>Thank you Rami!</p> <p>Rami Manochakian has been a fantastic Chair of the UBRC for the last year. He has represented the group at GMEC meetings and Program Director Meetings. He led the group through discussions with hospital administrators to work on problems in clinical care areas, and encouraged changes to make orientation a better welcome for new residents. Susan Orrange presented Rami with a small token of GME's appreciation and thanked him for his outstanding service.</p>		
<p>BGH Parking</p> <p>Residents reported that the new parking situation at BGH, with the "MD" labeling of 70 spots designated for residents in the High Street lot, is a success. Residents reported being able to find a spot even at 10:30 am, a previous challenge. Residents thanked Dr. Berger for her efforts, and she passed along the thanks to Mr. Paul Drabinski of Kaleida, who organized the change.</p>		
<p>ECMC Computers</p> <p>Residents reported a recent change in the computers at ECMC that now limits access to external websites & prohibits access to hotmail/yahoo/gmail accounts. Mike Adragna has contacted ECMC administration. The group discussed utilizing UB access to a desktop as a possible way to access resources. But, a clearer picture of limitations beyond email accounts is needed.</p>	<p><i>Post meeting note:</i> Mike Adragna reported on this issue at the August Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) meeting. Dr. x, ECMC CMO, expressed his interest in helping to resolve the situation, and asked that Mike forward a letter describing the issues. This has been done, and will be discussed at the upcoming meeting.</p>	
<p>On-call Rooms</p> <p>The GME office plans to survey Program Directors, Coordinators & Chief Residents regarding the location & frequency of resident overnight call, in order to help hospitals improve call room logistics. There is also concern that medical students require sleeping space in some situations. The group discussed ideas including bunks in call rooms for students of the same gender as residents, and separate bunk call rooms for students (one</p>	<p>GME will survey residents regarding Call Room issues and needs.</p> <p><i>Post meeting note:</i> Andy Sifain contacted Polity (UB Medical Student Government) President regarding this issue. Collaboration efforts are beginning.</p>	

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<p>for female students, another for male students). It was mentioned that this is only an issue for students in a few specialties, many of whom weren't represented by residents at this meeting (Surgery & Family Medicine as examples). The suggestion was made to include Clerkship Directors in the survey to be sure to capture student expectations. Survey issues should include: How frequent is resident call requiring a room? How many residents are on call? How many medical students typically need a bed? The group discussed important elements of call rooms that included: proximity to the patients you care for, the ability to receive pages or calls, clean bed linens daily, and clean bathrooms daily. The need for lockable storage for personal items was discussed, but this could be in close proximity to the call rooms without being inside.</p>		
<p>GME Webpage The new GME Webpage was launched just before Incoming Residents Week in June 2008. Check out the new UBRC page at http://www.smbs.buffalo.edu/GME/Residents_UBRC.php You'll find a committee list, agendas & minutes. And, of course, connections to the redesigned UB GME site.</p>	<p>Representatives should visit the new website http://www.smbs.buffalo.edu/GME and share it with their colleagues.</p>	
<p>Opportunities for Resident Involvement Leadership opportunities in the UBRC include: Chair (current nominee: Andy Sifain-Anesthesiology), Vice-Chair, 3 GMEC representatives for monthly meetings, a Program Directors Administrative Committee liaison for meetings every other month, an Internal Review Subcommittee member for meetings that review the quality of our residency programs four times per year, and perhaps a Secretary.</p>	<p>Residents interested in becoming involved in one or more of these opportunities should email Susan Orrange at sorange@buffalo.edu</p>	
<p>Meeting concluded at 8:00. Thanks to everyone who attended!</p>		