MINUTES OF MEDICAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Attendance:			
Dr. Ahmed (V)	_x Dr. Creamer (V)	_x Dr. Grant	_x Dr. Smallman (V)
Mr. Antonini (V)	_x Ms. Daoust	_x Dr. Grossman	Dr. Tovar-Spinoza (V
x Dr. Brangman (V)	Dr. Duggan	_x Dr. Halleran (V)	_x Dr. Weiss
x Dr. Brodey (V)	_x Dr. Eastwood	_x Dr. Kohman (V)	_x Dr. Weinstein
Dr. Cleary (V)	Ms. Erwin	Dr. Krishnamurthy (V)	_x Legal counsel
x Dr. Carhart (ad hoc)	Ms. Fries	_x Dr. Lam (V)	_x Dr. Simmons (guest)
Dr. Cassagnol	_x Dr. George (V)	Dr. McCabe	
x Ms. Cormier	_x Dr. Grage (V)	Ms. Page	

AGENDA ITEM / PRESENTER	DISCUSSION	ACTION / VOTE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DUE DATE
CALL TO ORDER	The regular meeting of the Medical Executive Committee was called to order at 6:06 PM on September 29, 2015 in Classroom A&B at the Community Campus by Mitchell Brodey, MD, Chair, Medical Executive Committee.			
CONSENT AGENDA				
MEC Minutes	MEC minutes from August 25, 2015 were circulated in advance of the MEC meeting.	Motion to approve minutes as submitted; unanimously approved.		
P & T Committee report	P & T Committee from August 18, 2015 were circulated in advance of the MEC meeting.	Motion to approve minutes as submitted; unanimously approved.		
SPECIAL GUEST				
Dr. Simmons / Flu Vaccine	Dr. Simmons spoke regarding the current flu vaccine. The cost for the vaccine has gone up. For example prior to 2010 it was \$4/dose, 2013 it was \$7/dose, 2014 it was \$10/dose (4500 ordered), and in 2015 it is \$15/dose (7000 ordered). The current form used by the health office has been amended to show who is part of the medical staff. Flu clinics will be held every Tuesday & Thursday during the month of October at the Downtown Campus from 7:30 am – 4 pm. Clinics are also available at 550 Harrison, The Bone & Joint Center and UHCC. As for the Community Campus there was a flu clinic held September 24, 2015. There will be no additional clinics. In order to get the flu vaccine, stop by the Employee Health Office. The flu vaccine will also be available at			

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	three-star hospital. ICARE will be rolling out which will hopefully help this.		
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	There has been a nice reduction in length of stay at both		
	campuses. If we continue with the current pace we would be a two		
	or three star hospital.		
	Dr. Weiss mentioned ICD-10 will start on October 1, 2015.		
	Surgical specialties (especially Ortho) will need more specific		
	adjectives (i.e. knee vs. right knee).		
	Dr. Grant mentioned they had their first accreditation self-study for		
	the ACGME Internal Medicine program. This was completed by		
	external site visitors. Overall they had a very good report. Feedback was given immediately. They didn't uncover anything		
	that wasn't already known and being worked on. The Pediatric		
	program will have a formal visit in December. There are four things		
	that they look for: 1. Annual survey of residents		
	Annual survey of residents Annual survey of faculty		
	3. Procedures for surgical specialties		
	4. Scholarships		
	Dr. Grant mentioned they have their first offer for a paid residency.		
	This is primarily from foreign medical graduates. Spots are limited		
	so people are offering to pay to get into the program. There are		
	many details that have to be worked out.		
	Dr. Grant spoke about resident issues.		
	One has been here a month and asked not to continue One has been placed on academic probation.		
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	Ms. Daoust mentioned the Endoscopy Center will be relocating to		
	Township 5 in Camillus. An evaluation of needed services moving forward will be evaluated come Q1 & Q2. There are many details		
	to figure out (i.e. what will go in that space?).		
ACTION ITEMS			

Credentials Committee	The Credentials Committee minutes and recommendations from September 14, 2015 were circulated in advance of the MEC meeting.	Motion to approve Credentials Committee's recommendations; unanimously approved.		
Nomination Committee report	Dr. Smallman announced the winners of the recent election. There were two from the Downtown Campus, Dr. Corona and Dr. Iannuzzi, and one from the Community Campus, Dr. Halleran. Congratulation letters were sent out to all winners as well as the remaining candidates. The new term will take effect 1/1/2016. It was a close election and had record votes of 219.			
Bylaws recommendations: Results	Votes were inconsistent regarding A-01 and A-03. Dr. Weiss and Dr. Brodey will be meeting with Dr. Eastwood on 10/1/15 to discuss. Discussion ensued regarding the inconsistency.		Ms. Erwin	TBD
Bylaws recommendations: Comment	Dr. Weinstein mentioned there weren't any comments submitted.	Motion to approve these changes and send to the medical staff for a final vote of the medical staff; unanimously approved.	Ms. Erwin	TBD voting
Bylaws recommendations: New this month	Drs. Weinstein and Kohman presented the recommendations for bylaw changes from the subcommittee (MSB A-02, MSB A-03, MSB A-04, MSB A-12, and MSB X-01).	Motion to approve the changes of A- 03 and A-04 and send to the medical staff for comment before a final vote of MEC or the medical staff, approved.	Ms. Erwin	TBD Comment period
	The committee would like to hold MSB A-02, MSB A-12 and MSB X-01 next month.	Motion to hold A-02, A-12 and X-01. Unanimously approved.		
LONG RANGE PLANNING	Policies: There are currently a lot of policies that need physician input. Dr. Weiss gave a brief overview and opened it up to ideas on how to handle these moving forward. Discussion ensued.			
	Latex Policy: The committee was unsure why this policy was being brought forth. The 'approved by' is incorrect; Joint Leadership no longer exists.	Motion to approve the requested changes. Unanimously approved.		
EXECUTIVE SESSION	Dr. Brodey made a motion to move to executive session, which was seconded. The meeting went into executive session, and then returned to regular session.			
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM			

Recorder: Nicole Cormier, CPCS

Assistant Manager, Medical Staff Services

Parking Lot MS.9 data collection Physician input on Medical Records Policy Discussion Dr. Weiss Dr. Weiss