

President's Report – May 6th, 2021

It has been a busy 2021 so far for the CFPC PEI Chapter.

- We were asked to take the lead on a **GI education series** to be held virtually. Four, 1.5 hr sessions were certified for CME credits.
- Planning for the **PEIFMC 2021** continues. It will be 3.5 hours of family medicine specific CME topics including talks by our local colleagues and nationally acclaimed speakers. The Keynote will be on Physician Resiliency.
- **Our AMM** will be held during the lunch hour of our FMC. National President, CEO will assist with the instalment of our new PEICFP President, Dr Heather Austin
- **JOULE leadership education** was provided to family physicians in the Atlantic provinces.
- **Family Doctor Day May 19th** (this corresponds with WONCA's World Family Doctor Day) We have asked Minister Hudson to acknowledge it as well as our 2021 Family Physician of the Year Award and our Awards of Excellence.
- **By-law Amendments** –the Board approve the proposed amendments to the Prince Edward Island College of Family Physicians By-laws dated March 7, 2021. These will be voted on during the AMM on June 11th
- **Patient Medical Homes** - PEI announced funding for 3 PMHs in 2021. In April, our chapter participated in a forum on **PMH Presentation tips and Atlantic Roundtable on Primary Care Reform**
- With Heather Mullen's guidance we have now have draft regulations under the **Regulated Health Professions Act** which highlights the legal protection of the term Family Medicine. We need to provide feedback to the Department of Health before June 1st.
- Unfortunately, two scheduled meetings with the new leadership at Health PEI, including Dr. Michael Gardam, Chief Operating Officer and Dr. Kathie McNally, Chief Medical Officer were cancelled by Health PEI. We are attempting to rebook these meetings.
- Meeting is planned with Dr. Katherine Stringer, Head of Family Medicine at Dalhousie University.
- Planning to be part of **PEI Family Medicine Resident orientation** this year.
- **Provincial EMR program** is moving along. The Clinical Advisory Group has met monthly and the Change Management group and Data group have met. Pilots are rolling out in July with broad roll out to physicians in September. We have had 100+ expressions of interest to the program so far.

- We welcome new board member, **Dr. Laura Neumann** as CFPC Membership Advisory Committee for Family Physicians.

As this is my last President's report, I would like to first thank Rose for welcoming me into the PEI chapter and being a great help to me on how to chair meetings and working with National. I would also like to thank Heather Mullen who has made government relations that much smoother as well as Heather Austin, president elect for helping with the many asks for committee memberships and Nadine Arsenault-Samson for guiding me prior to taking on the presidency. For anyone considering taking on a board position, this is a great group to do some important work for family medicine advocacy and a wonderful place to learn governance and how a board can do effective and meaningful work.

Respectfully submitted by Dr. Kristy Newson