

# **MEDICAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**

## **August, 2021**

Following is a summary of Medical Executive Committee recommendations to the Board of Trustees:

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**A. MEDICAL STAFF RESIGNATIONS:**

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Alan Engel, MD, effective 8/1/2021  
Matthew Bernard, DMD, effective immediately  
Michael Howard, MD, effective 7/10/2021  
Michael Zinmeister, CGC, effective 7/31/2021  
Leigh Nieto, MD, effective 7/16/2021  
Matthews Gwynn, MD, effective 6/1/2021  
Robert Brown, MD, effective 8/6/2021

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**B. APPOINTMENTS TO THE MEDICAL/AHP STAFF:**

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Monica Cholewinski, MD / emergency medicine  
Megan Wilde, MD / pediatric tele-cardiology  
LeeAnne Torres, MD / orthopaedics  
Andrew Corsaro, MD / anesthesiology  
Ross Haynes, MD / anesthesiology  
Jaemy Hwang, MD / anesthesiology  
Maggie Lasley, MD / anesthesiology  
Mitchell Daugherty, MD / family medicine (Refer and Follow)  
James McCarey, DO / family medicine (Refer and Follow)  
Robert Fiedler, NP,  
Rebecca Knabenshue, NP  
Rebecca Tarwacki, NP  
Michael Henderson, DPT  
Jason Washington, PA

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**C. INFORMATIONAL:**

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See attached CMIO Update.

# CMIO MEC update

8/2/2021

## Halo:

- SJRMC is transitioning from Halo to the Epic Secure Chat (Trinity has mandated St. Joe terminates its current Halo account)
  - Many docs signed up for Halo through SJRMC will convert to Beacon's Halo account in early October
  - All Beacon providers and staff will have access to a Secure Chat account as well
- SB Clinic has been moving their providers from SJRMC and Beacon's Halo accounts to the SB Clinic account
- Beacon is upgrading our Halo account to include the following:
  - Halo Link (easier to find providers signed up through another organization)
  - Enterprise level licensing—no need to reclaim licenses due to inactivity (no longer paying per provider)
  - Schedules and Teams (critical teams and call schedule functionality)
  - Gatekeeper functionality (allows for assignment for texts to always cc to another Halo member—i.e. when in OR, etc)

## IHIE Transition:

- Notifications of Admit, Transfer & Discharge (new federal mandate) – being sent to primary care physician offices
- MHIN Community soon to be decommissioned—and replaced with IHIE's "CareWeb"
- Will have link for CareWeb in Cerner. We're working on a similar access like the MHIN Community—which maintains patient context when launched from within the chart in Cerner
- IHIE will begin sending hospital documents and diagnostic reports on behalf of Beacon; Beacon will transition some of our current print distributions to IHIE.

## Care Select:

- Clinical Decision Support pop-up for the ordering of Advanced Imaging (CT, MRI, Nuclear Medicine, PET)
- Proposed Delay until 1/1/2023 (or the first January after the lifting of the pandemic public health emergency)
- Beacon had prepared to pilot in EDs and with Hospitalists in August / September – and full go-live in October. In light of proposed delay and recently announced workflow enhancements by Cerner, we're planning to postpone our pilots / go-live—but must be prepared to

## Cures Act:

- Federal Government mandated the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC-HIT) to create regulation to prohibit the healthcare industry from "Information Blocking"—essentially aimed to remove all barriers to patients gaining access to their records
- The regulations are aimed at Health IT vendors, Health Information Exchanges and ALL Healthcare providers.
- The ability to publish data to a portal essentially obligates the publishing of all possible data, results and provider documentation – in REAL time (i.e. 0 (zero) time delay)
- The ONC has identified specific exceptions that would NOT be considered Information Blocking. These exceptions are expected to be a rare event. Most do not apply to individual users (more technology and process related)—but the 2 that do apply are related to 1) Prevention of Harm and 2) Privacy.

- In process of creating a Secure Note in Cerner for documentation that will NOT publish to the Portal
- In process of standardizing the documentation of Psychotherapy and Counseling notes that also will not publish to the portal.
- In process of reviewing Portal access policies for the child and adolescent patients

**Medical Transcription:**

- Our transcription service, through a 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendor, has deteriorated in recent weeks—creating a significant backlog of vitally important provider documentation.
- Beacon has explored a variety of alternatives—but the shrinking of this industry is a reality on a national basis. Maintaining transcription services is no longer a sustainable long-term option.
- The transition to electronic documentation using Dragon and either PowerNotes and/or Dynamic Documentation must be accelerated to avoid the unsustainable delays associated with medical transcription turn-around times.
- Beacon is securing additional resources to help providers with this training
- We are rolling out updated Cerner functionality to assist with documentation—including updated Dynamic Documentation templates for H&Ps, Progress Notes, Consultations and Discharge Summaries. This is functionality already widely used in the EDs, BMG ambulatory offices and by some hospitalists / BMG docs in the hospital setting.