

LSU House Staff Association
Minutes
July 9th, 2009

- I. Introduction
 - A. Welcome – New Chief Residents welcomed by Dr. Steen
 - welcome the new Co-Presidents of the HSA, Dr. Nicole Giambrone, Department of Medicine and Pediatrics; and Dr. Jennifer Baur, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
 - B. Sign In – Meetings are mandatory and are regulated/mandated by the ACGME.
 - C. Welcome address from Dr. Ali – Medical Director of the LSUIPH
 - Addressed the Association and immediately opened up the floor for questions and answers.
 - Dr. Everett Robert requested that more PACS stations be made available at the hospital as there are too few and very inconveniently located for patient care (follow up)
 - There was also a request to look at increasing the amount of workspace for MD's on the floors of UH (follow up)
 - Request by Dr. Robert that the call schedule be emailed daily to each resident by IT (follow up)
 - Reminded residents the importance of education and professional development
 - Encouraged participation in Committees
 - Reminded residents of the 3 A's: Availability, Affability, Ability – all qualities he likes in the House Officers.
 - Has an open door policy for all
 - D. Welcome by Dr. Nelson – Dean
 - still working on plans to build the new VA/LSU hospital, hopefully in the next 20 years
 - encouraged residents to report any and all problems, especially if faculty are not performing their duties for resident education, patient safety and professionalism
 - open door policy for all

- II. GME
 - A. Core Modules – 17 modules on Residency Partner, that are to be completed for each year specific level
 - Modules take about 2 hours to complete all at once
 - B. Compliance Modules – should be regulated by business manager
 - Link is available on HSA website to go directly to the compliance page, login required
 - All incoming interns should have this done by the end of the month
 - C. LSBME Orientation – 2009 Schedule
 - Only 2 dates remain for the 2009 season; August 7 (Shreveport), and November 6th (New Orleans), 8am-1pm

- must go to orientation prior to 1st time renewal of unrestricted license, **NO EXCEPTIONS! You CANNOT get a license without going to the orientation!!!!!!**

- Check LSBME website for more details on how to register
- Orientation fills quickly, sign up early, **NO WALK INS!!!**

III. Old Business

A. Food Services – now serving hot meals at LSUIPH basement, meal tickets are no longer accepted

- money will be placed on ID and can be obtained on first day of orientation

B. Resident Lounges – provided according to ACGME, there are no personal maids. Be professional, and clean up after yourselves!!!

- Dr. Persaud, Family Medicine, Bogalusa, states that there is no longer a physicians' lounge that serves food, tickets may be available but unclear at this time (follow up)

C. Call Rooms – availability for separate male and female rooms; no new complaints have arisen for UH

- Dr. Marta Robertson, Family Medicine, Kenner, is concerned that there are not separate call rooms available for male/female at Ochsner Kenner (follow up)

D. Security Concerns – problems with break in at Roman street garage in the past, however, there were no recent break in's, increased security?

E. Medical Records – problem with access in the past, however issue seems to have been resolved with chart parties weekly

- Residents reminded that if any problems arise to notify house staff leadership to quickly address new concerns

F. Patient Services

- wound care – available at UH and doing well
- translation line – available and easy to use
- Rx pads – available on 5th floor of UH in nursing services, no longer will they be available on the floors

G. Parking Concerns – no new issues with the parking lot across the street from UH

IV. New Business

A. Housing in Baton Rouge – as of July 1st, new housing was secured in Tiger Land area in Baton Rouge with furnished new apartments. Initially about 50 units would be available for residents and students with hopes that 80 units will be available soon

B. Housing at other sites – no issues noted by residents

- reminded residents that if there are any issues or safety concerns that leadership needs to be notified immediately

- C. Student/Resident Party – described plan for party from last year, the topic was left open for future discussion at a later date
 - D. Involvement with LSBME – Dr. Amanda Englund from the Department of Medicine and Pediatrics is looking for residents interested to become part of the leadership in the LSBME
 - E. Involvement in HSA
 - i. Committees – several committees listed from MCLNO
 - all residents encouraged to participate, however only a few residents signed up for committees
 - available committees: Clinical Quality Management (contact Dr. Ali), Medical Records, Forms Control (contact Dr. Hubbell); Performance Improvement (contact Dr. Barbeau); Pharmacy and Therapeutics (contact Dr Kyle Happel);
 - those residents that volunteered are encouraged to contact their committee chair for further details
 - committee listings will be available on the HSA website
 - quarterly reports will be due to inform the HSA of committee function
 - F. Wellness Center – available and free to all Residents; located at the end of the walk to wellness, see map on HSA website
 - G. HSA Website – updated, but chiefs are encouraged to go to website and inform leadership of any mistakes as quickly as possible
 - H. Clinic Updates – procedures for clinic appointments are on the HSA website and will be updated
 - A list of the various clinics was circulated and allowed for those present to update their availability and who to contact for an appointment
 - Encouraged residents to list private MD clinics for those patients with funding
 - I. Code Gray – Hurricane preparation – **KNOW YOUR CODE GRAY POLICIES FOR THE INSTITUTION YOU ARE IN**
 - if you are not on the code gray team, you are not required to be in the hospital; doing so could represent a violation and you may not be covered by malpractice insurance. Please notify Dr. Nelson's office of any violations, ie. Staff tells you that you have to be there and you know that you shouldn't!
 - J. Open – Dr. Kim, Psychiatry, confirming that DePaul Hospital is the inpatient admission facility for those with acute psychiatric disorders
- V. Adjournment – next meeting will be the second Wednesday or Thursday of October, date to be announced by new leadership; future HSA meeting dates will be on the website

Those in attendance: Dr. Baur, Dr. Giambrone, Dr. Persaud, Dr. Robertson, Dr. Adu-Sardokie, Dr. R. Ali, Dr. Segura, Dr. Robert, Dr. Ashford, Dr. Harkins, Dr. Ladner, Dr. Torrellas, Dr. Sandquist, Dr. Munshi, Dr. Dugas, Dr. Steen

Absent: Anesthesia, Dermatology, Emergency Medicine, General Dentistry, Family Medicine – Lake Charles (excused), EM-IM, Oral Surgery, ENT, Child Psychiatry, General Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Urology