

UWHA May 2010 Meeting Minutes

1. Members Present: Jasmine Zia (Internal Medicine), Jacob Joseph (Rehabilitation Medicine), Aaron Grigg (Pediatrics), Tristan Shankara (Anesthesiology), Luke Parr (Anesthesiology)

2. We were visited at our meeting by Lisa Plymate, the State Director of Doctors for America. They are an organization dedicated to helping physicians help shape health care locally as well as nationally. They were previously known as Doctors for Obama. They have a meeting on 5/16 at Ms. Plymate's house from 2-4 pm dedicated to learning about health care reform and what we can do to affect it. Participants will include their National Executive Director Mandy Cohen, Senator Karen Keiser, Representative Eileen Cody, the governor's chief health policy officer, the community liaison for US Representative Jim McDermott, and numerous others. The meeting will be at 8623 46th Avenue Southwest, Seattle, WA 98136. RSVP may be sent to lisaplymate@comcast.net but is not necessary to attend. All residents, fellows, and medical students are welcome. There is also a link to more information on our website.

3. UWHA Election results:

The UWHA elections are complete. Your officers for the coming year will be Maya Narayanan (President), Tristan Shankara (Vice President), Arul Krishnan (Treasurer), Luke Parr (Secretary), and Harry Joshi (Webmaster). We welcome any feedback on the election process. For the most recent election, we only accepted votes from people at the meeting or from those who were unable to be at the meeting for work-related reasons. Next year we plan to make it mandatory to either submit a platform or be at the election meeting to run for a position.

4. Page forwarding:

Page forwarding is being piloted with the internal medicine ward teams as well as on the University of Washington SICU team. The process involves switching the primary contact every time you sign out or sign in. This will allow the nurses to know who to contact, and will allow them to text page that person directly. All incoming interns will be trained on the new system. Our goal is to involve all specialties, but we need representatives from each respective department to help make this happen.

5. Unsolicited paging:

Members of the multiple departments have been receiving unsolicited and inappropriate pages. Many personal phone numbers or pager numbers are available on Google. This information in many cases came from Health Grades and/or the NPI database. We recommend you update your information on both websites and change your phone number to your continuity clinic phone number rather than your personal phone or pager. Make sure to change your phone numbers wherever they are listed on these websites. Additionally, if contacted inappropriately, please ask where they got your number and let us know.

NPI website:

<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/LoginPage.do?userType=PROVIDER>

If you have forgotten your NPI number, you can look it up here:

<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/NPIRegistrySearch.do?subAction=reset&searchType=ind>

Healthgrades website:

<http://www.healthgrades.com/physician-solutions/update-physician-profile/>

6. Financial :

We are looking for ways to spend some of the UWHA's money. We plan to once again offer grants to worthy projects this year. We are also working toward a lounge at HMC and upgrades to the Crow's next at UWMC. We will also be hosting the intern welcoming event once again this year and are exploring different venues for it.

7. Mariners tickets:

There are Mariners' tickets available for all weekend games. Their next weekend home game will be on June 7. Please contact Jacob Joseph if interested at pjoseph@u.washington.edu.

8. Miscellaneous:

We have been working on the VA parking situation and improving some of the issues with medhub. If there are still issues, please let us know.

9. The next UWHA meeting will be held Tuesday, June 8 at 6:30 pm in room RR-110. All residents and fellows are welcome.

If you have any questions or concerns about these minutes, please feel free to contact any member of the executive committee.

Regards,
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