



HEALTH RECRUITMENT PARTNERSHIP

TELECONFERENCE

8:30 A.M.

MARCH 7, 2022

1. Disclosures of Conflict of Interest
2. Confirmation of Minutes: February 7, 2022
3. Activity Report and Recruitment Projects : Cheryl Fish, Health Recruiter
Attached
4. New Business
5. Next Meeting
6. Adjournment

St. Thomas-Elgin Recruitment Committee

Update Report

February 2022

Activities:

- 1) The contact information for the Residents who participated in Western's Family Medicine Retreat was provided and an initial email was sent out to all thirty six (36) who expressed an interest in hearing more information about the practice opportunities we have available in St. Thomas and Elgin County now and in the future. So far 3 Residents have responded and telephone conversations were arranged. One Resident is interested in discussing with the retiring physicians their practice in greater details and arrangements have been made for this to take place.
- 2) Patty Benfeito has advised that she will be transferring from the Medical Affairs Department to a position in Human Resources at the STEGH effective Feb. 28th. Her replacement will be Sheri Nolan. Patty has assured me that the flow of information on Residents doing placements at STEGH will continue to be provided in the same format and in the same timely way. I have enjoyed working with Patty over the last year. I spoke with Patty wishing her all the best in her new position. I sent an email to Sheri introducing myself and suggesting that we make contact with each other as soon as possible.
- 3) In February the Physician from B.C. I have been working with for several years arrived here in St. Thomas. I arranged a number of introductions and tours for him. He will commence with doing locum coverage for the month of March for a physician in the Elgin FHO who is going on vacation while he continues to work with one of the retiring physicians on a letter of intent to take over his practice. The retiring physician is very pleased with this physician and feels he will be an asset to Elgin County.
- 4) I composed a brief ad for the 3 retiring physicians practice opportunities and shared it with Dr. Scott to be posted on the Ontario Family Physician job opportunities face book page. I'm looking forward to receiving inquiries and requests for more details and introductions.
- 5) A "Thank you" card was received from Laura O'Gorman one of our scholarship recipients; thanking the Committee for the award and support and advising that she is looking forward to meeting with us sometime over the March break.
- 6) I arranged a meeting and conversation with Mike McMahon the Executive Director for the Thames Valley Family Health Team. He is willing & able to provide a similar service for Administrative support to a new FHO along with other opportunities and would be willing to discuss this further with the committee. I'm hoping to arrange this for April.

- 7) I was pleased to have a tour of Dr. Chamberlain Ojogwu's new clinic on Elgin Street. Dr. Ajogwu purchased and renovated this 5,000 sq. foot facility and is planning for an opening early this spring. He will be bringing his patient roster with him. I provided him with a list of companies that sell Medical Supplies and equipment so he can reach out to them for competitive prices.

- 8) In February I had my last meeting with Wendell Graves and my first introduction with Sandra Datars Bere. I'm looking forward to working with Sandra. I was pleased to be invited to the retirement drop in for Wendell. I have enjoyed working with him for many years. I appreciated his support and guidance as we worked to recruit and retain family physicians for St Thomas and Elgin County and I hope he enjoys a long and healthy retirement.

Submitted by: Cheryl Fish- Health Recruiter