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1. Membership and Meeting Frequency

The resource group is populated with representatives from most of the Faculties in Canada. The group meets twice a year - once at CCME and once at an annual physician health meeting (either the International Physician Health Conference or the Canadian Physician Health Conference).

The Canadian Medical Association's Centre for Physician Health and Well-Being continues to provide administrative support to the resource group for which we are grateful. Dr. Todd Watkins at the CMA has been of steadfast and practical support.

2. Activities

a) International Conference On Physician Health

Was held in Chicago in the Fall of 2010. The Canadian Medical Foundation provided financial and administrative support to the AFMC resource group and members had an indepth meeting. The CMF also provided support for the first AFMC-Canadian Physician Health Network joint meeting which brought academic programs and Provincial Medical Association- sponsored Physician Health Programs together for the first time. This was a very practical meeting which has resulted in greater integration of services, identification of resources and services, and gap identification.

b) Canadian Conference On Physician Health

Will be held in Toronto in 2011. The AFMC resource group will once again host a stream of workshops and events focused on academic medicine. All workshops will be led by a faculty member, a resident and a medical student. Topics include curriculum, evaluation, program management, professionalism and boundary issues.

c) RCPSC Train the Trainer in Physician Health

Most members of the AFMC resource group attended this two day event sponsored by the RCPSC focused on building capacity for CanMEDs activities in physician health at the resident and faculty level. This was a well attended and highly evaluated training program which will have a e-learn component launched by the RCPSC shortly.

d) CCME

The resource group will meet once again at CCME and many members are presenting posters or workshops related to physician health.

Kind regards,

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Chair