

President's Letter

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Call for Expressions of Interest for MOA Committees

Dear Colleagues:

As I noted in my President's Letter of [October 21](#), the 2013-17 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) will help improve physician influence through new co-governance arrangements with the Department of Health and Community Services (DHCS). To ensure that physicians are properly represented during implementation of the MOA, the NLMA is seeking expressions of interest for membership on the committees outlined below. Expressions of interest can be submitted to Lynn Barter, Associate Executive Director, at lbarter@nlma.nl.ca. **The deadline to submit is November 27, 2016.**

Family Practice Renewal Committee

The NLMA is seeking three (3) family physicians to represent the NLMA on the Family Practice Renewal Committee (FPRC). The FPRC will serve as the governance committee of the Primary Care Renewal Program. Its mandate is to design and oversee the implementation of three programs that will improve primary care in the province: 1) Fee Code Initiatives; 2) Practice Improvement; and, 3) Family Practice Networks. The FPRC will be composed of three members appointed by the NLMA and three members appointed by the DHCS. Committee members will be appointed on staggered terms of two and three years to ensure continuity. The FPRC will be co-chaired by a member chosen by the DHCS and a member chosen by the NLMA. All decisions will be made by consensus. Those interested in serving on the committee should have at least five years of practice in the province and would ideally have experience working with teams, have an interest in primary health care reform and practice comprehensive family medicine. Please include a description of your practice with your expression of interest.

Committee on Transitioning of Hospital Services

The NLMA is seeking two (2) fee-for-service specialists with at least five years of practice in the province, to represent the NLMA on the Committee on Transitioning of Hospital Services. Committee members would ideally have experience in both hospital and community based practices. The committee will also include two members appointed by the DHCS. The committee's mandate is to consider potential hospital based services that fee-for-service physicians could perform in private offices and make recommendations to the Minister of Health and Community Services. The Committee will review timeliness of care and follow-up; appropriateness of the service; cost-effectiveness of the service; and quality assurance.

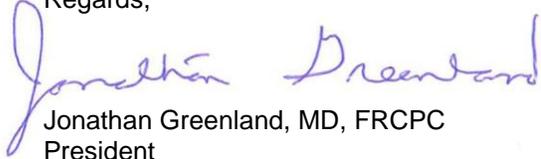
Rural FFS GP Retention Bonus Committee

The NLMA is seeking rural fee-for-service family physicians interested in reviewing the Rural Fee-For-Service Retention Bonus and the 20% Rural Hospital GP Premium in order to address administrative inefficiencies in these programs.

EMR Management Committee

The NLMA is seeking a fee-for-service family physician for the EMR Management Committee. Candidates must have experience with using electronic medical records. The term of office for the committee is two years and members may be reappointed. It is comprised of six voting members, including three appointed by the NLMA and three appointed by the DHCS. The committee is responsible for providing ongoing advice, guidance and direction related to the implementation and future evolution of the EMR Program. The Committee is also responsible for policy decisions, enrollment criteria, stakeholder communications, legislation adherence and monitoring of the Program Director and Vendor.

Regards,


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