

Clinical Innovation Opportunities Fund Sub-Committee Terms of Reference

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Definition

The Clinical Innovation Opportunities Fund (CIOF) is intended to support innovation in actual clinical practice, which incorporates evidence based changes and practice patterns into different environments following through with NOSM's innovative education and research, and improved patient accessibility, with an emphasis on "better care". Examples of clinical innovation include the following:

- Changes in practice which encourage patient engagement and patient centered care;
- Meeting community needs through integrated clinical care;
- Improving quality and patient safety;
- Innovations in health human resources including interprofessional initiatives;
- Innovations in health promotion;
- Innovations in health information management including improving patient accessibility to information;
- Improving efficiency through process redesign.

Mandate of the Clinical Innovation Opportunities Fund Sub-Committee

- 1) To formulate recommendations to the NOAMA Board of Directors regarding approval of Clinical Innovation Opportunities Fund proposals.
- 2) Recommend appropriate policies and procedures to the NOAMA Board of Directors in support of the appropriate and effective local process regarding Clinical Opportunity Innovation Funds.
- 3) Prepare Clinical Innovation Opportunities Fund annual reports in the form of recommendations to the NOAMA Board of Directors.

Membership

- 1) One appointee from the NOAMA Board of Directors.
- 2) One appointee from the Northern Ontario School of Medicine.
- 3) One appointee from the Northern Teaching Hospitals Council.
- 4) Three appointees from the Physician Clinical Teachers' Association.
- 5) Additional members when required with expertise (PCTA, interprofessional, ethics, evaluation, etc.) endorsed by NOAMA Board of Directors.
- 6) Executive Director of NOAMA (Ex-Officio – non-voting).

Members are listed on NOAMA Website.

Quorum is attained when 4 voting members present at the meeting.

Membership on the Committee will be for a maximum three-year term with no more than 50% of the membership changing in any given year. If there are no suitable candidates to fill a vacant position, a Committee member who has reached his/her maximum term can continue to serve, if recommended by the NOAMA Board.

Meeting Schedule

Meetings will be scheduled at the call of the Chair to coincide with timely submission of recommendations to the NOAMA Board. Meetings will normally be held by teleconference.

Assumption

The Sub-Committee is not a separate voting group, but rather an efficient grouping of stakeholders, which formulates consensus-based recommendations to the NOAMA Board.

Chair

The Chair of this Sub-Committee shall be selected from the sitting committee members. The appointment of Chair of the Clinical Innovation Opportunities Sub-Committee shall be for a two-year term, renewable.

Annual Review

The Terms of Reference will be reviewed on an annual basis.

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