

Clinical Skills Work Group Minutes
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D-310, Health Sciences Center

In Attendance: Marj Wenrich, Margaret Isaac, Tom Greer, Amanda Kost, Kellie Engle, Sarah Shirley

The immersion start date is TBD, depending on negotiations with upper campus. If UWSOM can get an early start, the immersion will be 2 weeks before the start of the first block.

Immersion will be 2 weeks, with time for orientation built in. The work group can assume approx. 8 days in that timeframe for immersion activities, approx. 2 days for orientation. The first Wednesday of the curriculum could also be used to do some orientation or clinical skills training.

There was discussion about how best to organize the structure of immersion and orientation – it was decided the groups should work together to sort content and timeframes. Amanda Kost volunteered to be a part of the working group for orientation.

The work group would like a copy of what the orientation activities are at each site so they can better determine what constitutes immersion and orientation. Kellie Engle will work to get these schedules.

Logistical work (booking rooms, deciding what constitutes the immersion experience) will need to begin as soon as possible. There will also need to be a faculty development component for regional sites and college faculty – the committee could work closely with Lynne Robins on this.

With respect to regional faculty, the work group needs to determine if regional faculty and ICM course chairs have time to dedicate to the immersion experience, or if they have typical responsibilities in August that would make immersion difficult, especially with respect to small-group activity. Moving forward, availability in August/immersion time could be worked into college faculty job descriptions to ensure their availability.

There was discussion of a pilot program once the curriculum has started. The work group could create a “must-do” list for immersion and a less foundational list, which could be worked into the early part of clinical skills thread.

The work group discussed the fee for immersion making it difficult for students to have access to UW. Currently leaning towards no charge for orientation/immersion (what is the cost for the school, if this is the case?) or for it to be registered and eligible for financial aid.

What is the level of organization below the block leaders? Who can be the block leaders? Block leaders are expected to develop small core teams to work with from around the region. For immersion, current ICM leaders or college faculty could be used. College and local/regional faculty could teach immersion at the sites. Marj Wenrich will discuss with Erika Goldstein about identifying these people.

For small-group teaching, the work group could consider using residency faculty, third-year residents, or fourth-year medical students. Kellie Engle and Sarah Shirley will work to determine what Spokane does for small groups and IPE.

For communication with WWAMI about the clinical skills part of foundations, it will be helpful for Amanda Kost to be a part of first year regional deans conference call, and the next regional deans meeting, in September.

In the fall, Amanda Kost and Margaret Isaac could visit WWAMI sites meet to meet with students, clinical deans, and first-year deans, to get an idea of what needs to be done and what would be possible. Tim Robinson and Jane Shelby were identified as good contacts in WWAMI with respect to the clinical immersion experience. Additionally, for site visits by AK and MI, Suzanne Allen could attend any meetings to facilitate this work. As a part of ongoing communication, clinical skills work group could also have regular phone calls/Skype meetings with WWAMI faculty.

Will immersion be expanded to 4 weeks in the future?

This is TBD. If immersion does move into 4 weeks, the initial 2 week immersion could help determine what the content and time schedule should be for an expanded model.

For the clinical skills thread and the "PCC clerkship", names are:

Clinical Skills

Introductory Primary Care Clerkship