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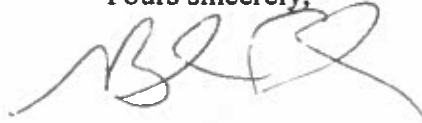
MEDICAL CONSULTANTS' COMMITTEE

2006/07

Message from the Chair

I am pleased to present the Activity Report for the Medical Consultant's Committee for 2006/07 in accordance with the requirements of the *Transparency and Accountability Act*.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BLAIR FLEMING', written over a light blue horizontal line.

BLAIR FLEMING MD
Chair
Medical Consultant's Committee

GOVERNMENT ENTITY OVERVIEW

The Medical Consultants' Committee reviews the patterns of practice and billing procedures of physicians who submit claims to the Medical Care Plan (MCP) as well as the utilization of services by beneficiaries. The committee advises the minister of its findings.

The committee is a key component in the Department of Health and Community Services audit function. It recovers funds billed in error and serves to deter misbilling by all fee-for-service physicians.

The Medical Consultants' Committee consists of seven members, as follows:

- Three physicians appointed by the minister from a list submitted by the Newfoundland Labrador Medical Association.
- A chartered accountant appointed by the minister.
- The department's medical director, assistant medical director and dental director.

The Medical Consultants' Committee is chaired by the Assistant Medical Director. The committee met once in 2006/07. The meeting took place at the Belvedere Building in St. John's.

Total expenses for the meeting held were as follows:

Per Diems	\$1,750.00
Food/Refreshments	<u>\$189.94</u>
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ACTIVITIES

During 2006/07 the Medical Consultants' Committee completed reviews of MCP billing audits on two fee-for-service physicians. The Committee recommended recovery of a total of \$142,920 that had been billed in error by the physicians.