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TASKFORCE RECRUITER HITS THE ROAD FOR NEW DOCS

Dr. John O'Mahony now accepting new patients

The Physician Recruitment Taskforce of Sarnia Lambton crossed the border last week to attend a Physician Recruitment Fair in Detroit Michigan. “It’s something we’ve tried in the past”, says Cindy Scholten; Recruiter Co ordinator “but I was more excited to attend this year because of the new pathways to registration the American Physicians can now use.” The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario have introduced 4 new pathways to registration making it possible for US Board Certified Physicians to obtain an independent practice in ON without having to take the Canadian Certification Exams. Since these pathways have been introduced, Scholten has recruited 3 physicians from Michigan and plans on staying in that market. “I made the physicians aware that they could practice anywhere in North America and that Sarnia was of course their best choice! For some of the physicians it was a relief to know they could leave MI and others simply said ‘sign me up!’” Dr. Vornberger M.D is one of the Taskforces newest US recruits and joined Scholten and Ron Prior (Board Chair) in Detroit to share with the residents and Physicians how practicing in Sarnia ON has improved his quality of life and practice options.

Next stop for Scholten will be the annual Family Medicine Residents Weekend (FMRW) in Grand Bend November 20th. The Taskforce took a collaborative approach the FMRW recruitment fair by inviting representatives from Petrolia and the Community Health Centre to work with them at the same booth and double their efforts.

Scholten says “the idea behind the joint effort is to save us all a few dollars and to have a stronger presence at the fair”. The audience at FMRW will be all first and second year Family Medicine Residents from the University of Western Ontario.

The residents will be practice ready within one year or less and are usually taking a serious look at the various communities present. “It’s one of the best recruitment fairs to attend throughout the year.”

“Although we’ve had some financial setbacks this year, says Scholten, it’s hasn’t affected my recruitment. We are happy to announce that Dr. John O’Mahony is now accepting patients.” Patients can go to his office (located at 481 London Rd. inside Dr. Michael O’Mahonys office) to pick up an application or they can download an application at www.drjohnmahony.com

The Physician Recruitment Taskforce of Sarnia Lambton has recruited 16 Family Physicians since 2001. It’s mandate is to recruit and retain Family Physicians. For a complete list of doctors accepting patients go to www.doctors4sarnialambton.com

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