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**Subject:** RE: [External] Transgender Health question

Good Afternoon,

We have added Dr. Ornstein to all of the workgroups whatever else we can do to assist we would be happy to do so.

Have a great day

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Rollyn, good morning.  
John runs the adolescent program at Mt. Sinai.  
The medical director of their center is Joshua Shafer.  
Joshua Safer [REDACTED]  
I will check on the scheduling of the workgroup for the New Year.  
Please take care and Happy New Year to you, your family and everyone at the clinic.  
I miss you too.  
Your friend, Rachel

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Hi Rachel-  
Thanks for looking into information.  
Unfortunately, CHOP is either unwilling to gather the data I asked for, or truly doesn't have access to it. I also emailed Kate Greenberg from Rochester and she didn't have that info. Jo Olson responded to me quickly with a question for me, but hasn't then gotten back to me. David Breland from Seattle Children's was really helpful. Do you know who directs the program at Mt. Sinai? Is it John Steever? I didn't realize they had a formal program.

I also believe we should be able to fund a MSW and we (Katie and I) put together a comprehensive program/job description. Now I believe it's admin being admin. So I am trying to give them some numbers to help them realize the eventual ROI for this necessary position. Even if the patients under 18 who go for surgery might be limited, the patients we start with will eventually be over 18...so I still think it's worthwhile. Of course, I think it's worthwhile no matter what.

I would love to join the Work Group. I know Katie went yesterday afternoon, so I was under the impression that the meetings were Thursday afternoons. However, the Outlook invite you sent was for Thursday mornings. Will that be new? I am being required to add on another clinic ☹️ and had originally slated Thursday mornings. I may need to change that.

Thank you so much!

Miss you. ☺️

Rollyn

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Rollyn, Good morning.  
Great to see you in Philadelphia.  
Thank you for your email.

We had the opportunity to discuss your question at our Transgender Medical Workgroup meeting yesterday. The group is run by Todd Snovel, the Executive Director of the Governor's LGBTQ Commission and Katie Dalke was there from Penn State Health.

We will work to gather information from DHS and Medicaid as well as the Pa Insurance Department.

In addition, we recommended reaching out to Mt Sinai who might have information from their program as well as further discussions with Linda Hawkins and the CHOP program.

Some of the discussion centered around the potential age limits of the program. You should be able to fund a MSW for evaluation and therapy for pediatric and adolescent patients in a program such as you do for the ED program and is done at CHOP. Pre surgical consult for patients under 18 will most likely be limited to FTM Top surgery and that might be a rather limited group of patients.

Todd will help coordinate further discussions.  
We would love to have you join the Workgroup.  
Please take care,  
Rachel

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Hi Rachel-

As I am trying to convince the administration about the need for a MSW position specific for the imminent (?) Gender clinic, I am trying to put together a presentation re: potential revenue, including downstream. The info from the 2015 report is great but I believe insurance has changed since then, with more coverage (? For surgery) than previously. Do you have a slide with that info (I know you ended up not using slides at the Philly symposium but had them)? If no actual slide, can you point me to some data about current coverage in our state for surgical procedures. I don't want to misrepresent anything.

Thanks!

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