

IEPC Conference Call
March 24, 2014

MINUTES



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All content and discussion in this meeting is held to confidentiality in NDA.*

PRESENT: Roneet Lev, Peter Anderson, Russ Kino, Andrew Fenton, Steve Sornsin, Mike Gertz, Ian Kramer

1. Meeting was called to order at 9:00AM.
2. Minutes of February meeting were sent electronically and approved by consensus.
3. Membership Update
 - a. Ojai Valley – is discussing membership
 - b. Sierra Emergency Medical Group – is working on paperwork
 - c. Eden Emergency Medical Group – declined, they say they get service from PSR
 - d. Salinas Valley – we need people to call them as reference
 - e. Coastline Emergency Medical Group – cancelled check, declined
 - f. LA Hospitals – we have a contact list of names, phone numbers, and emails of all 77 LA emergency departments, so we have a potential list of IEPC members.
4. Financial Update – No change in previous reports
5. Billing Audit Tool
 - a. Brett worked with Cary Mells at Tri-City to change tool for HIPPA compliance
 - b. Conference call is scheduled with PhyCon for March 25, 2014.
 - c. It was suggested to explore using IePC as a RAC audit for compliance for those who are interested. Russ stated that he hired outside agency for compliance, which was expensive and also gives results that you may need to act upon.
6. IEPC 2013 Survey results
 - a. Survey results were sent by email to those who completed the survey. It showed very interesting information.
 - b. Please submit any requests you have for next year. Some questions that were requested were:
 - i. Total Physician FTE and MLP FTE
 - ii. Does anyone use an outside billing audit

7. Marketing
 - a. Roneet's group has a printed version of the Annual Report and presented it to their Hospital CEO. It received very favorable comments and people wanted extra copies. The EDBA comparisons are key.
 - b. We continue to encourage everyone to get his or her information together.
 - c. The requested IEPC bags for ACEP conference have been ordered.
8. Psychiatric Holds
 - a. Discussion started in a case of PE in a psychiatric patient held for 4 days in the ED waiting for evaluation. A lively discussion was held on how to hold psychiatric and medically necessary patients.
9. Scribes
 - a. Discussion was held about usefulness of Scribes and cost effectiveness. Mike Gertz provided expertise and experience with Scribes.
10. Prescription Drug Abuse

California ACEP has adopted guidelines similar to San Diego for Safe Prescribing of Controlled Substances from the Emergency Department. San Diego County has good results with these guidelines. LA County should release a plan to use the guidelines in all 77 Emergency Departments. Orange County is on the edge of getting their physicians together. Any ED can start using the guidelines. They are available in English and Spanish, but are not yet on California ACEP website, pending further endorsements.
11. T-System Discussion
 - a. Updates on T-System were held with affected groups.
12. Next Meetings
 - a. Conference call: Monday, April 28, 2014 at 9:00am.
 - b. Meeting: Thursday, June 12, 2014 from 10:00am – 3:00pm at Westin Long Beach (the day before California Annual Assembly)

Respectfully submitted,

Roneet Lev

Please advise any corrections