

IEPC Meeting
April 26, 2021
9:00 am - 10:30 am PT
Meeting held by Zoom Video Conference



Minutes

All people present at this meeting must have a signed IEPC Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA). All content and discussions in this meeting are held to confidentiality in NDA.

Present:

Attendees: Robert Chavez, Roneet Lev, Sameer Mistry, Les Burson, Kavitha Weaver, John Ellison, John Wallace, Andrew Fenton, Peter Anderson, Don Shook, Chad Clark, Casey Grover, Mike Gertz

Admin: Danielle Inscoe, Julie Hewett

1. Introductions
2. Approval of March Minutes
 - a. Approved as submitted
3. Financial Report
 - a. Update on 501(c)6 status
 - i. Still awaiting feedback from the IRS.
 - b. Bank Update
 - i. Bank is reconciled through March 31.
4. Business Strategy and Governance
 - a. IEPC member benefits
 - i. IEPC has reached out to Todd Dean to offer a benefits package to members. Gallagher has compiled a package for members that includes disability, vision, dental, and health insurance. Todd will join the May IEPC meeting.
 - b. EDBA Chat update
 - i. Topics for the month: peds, diarrhea, patient experience and ED boarding, weapons screening and suicide, screening
 - c. MIPS/CEDR update
5. Advocacy and Legislation Review
 - a. CAL ACEP Board Topics of Note
 - i. Third cycle of introducing bill that private psychiatric hospitals are required to take transfers in emergency situations without respect for insurance status. CAL ACEP plans to support this bill.
 - ii. Another bill has been introduced to define gravely disabled (5150, 5250). Cal ACEP is planning on opposing this bill.
 - iii. Bill for offering HIV testing any time blood is drawn in the ER has been introduced. Cal ACEP will be opposing this bill as well. This is an unfunded mandate as no funds have been offered to the Emergency Room facilities or providers to administer the program.
 - iv. CAL ACEP to assist with protocols for APP practice. Nurse Practitioner scope of practice bill signed by governor in 2020. Discussion surrounding changes in hospital management.
 - v. Downcoding bill would require charts be reviewed by a neutral emergency physician prior to charts being downcoded.
 - vi. Discussion surrounding changes in hospital management. VEP sale to USACS
 - b. Federal Surprise Billing Legislation
 - c. CMS final rule on Medicare reimbursement for 2021
 - d. MediCal Claims denials
6. Executive Director Report

- a. Roneet to have a meeting with national ACEP and the White House Office of Management and to “X the X waiver;” however, meeting was cancelled due to guidelines being moved forward. Previously, Dr. Lev provided virtual testimony to the House along with expert presentations to discuss the X Waiver. Since this meeting, HHS published new [Practice Guidelines for the Administration of Buprenorphine for Treating Opioid Use Disorder](#). This guideline eliminates the 8-hour education but still requiring registration with SAMHSA. All ED providers are encouraged to register to prescribe buprenorphine by filing a [Notice of Intention](#).
 - b. Fentanyl deaths have tripled in San Diego. Roneet recommends that your lab include fentanyl every time a urine drug screen is ordered. [Fentanyl Tool Kit is Available](#).
 - c. Roneet has seen an increase in patients with GI bleeds who are on blood thinners as well as marijuana products. She is working to raise awareness of this drug interaction.
7. Roundtable
- a. Reminder to review the IEPC website for any updates for your group including members, contact, and job posting(s) listed.
 - b. Discussion of open position issues around California. Les reported an influx of applicants to Bakersfield due to the job shortage throughout CA and the larger number of residents to emergency medicine.
 - c. Chad Clark reported an increase in issues in the ED with weapons. Several doctors/nurses/staff at his hospital have been attacked by patients. Discussion of how to curb the issue.
 - d. Speaker webinar series for 2021 before IEPC business. Roneet will coordinate.
 - e. Development of IEPC questionnaire for distribution focused on ACEP Workplace study (include reference), workplace violence and the effect of COVID on ED practice. Information on ED Physician Work Force:
https://www.acep.org/globalassets/sites/acep/media/workforce/emphysicianworkforceofthefuture_4920.pdf

Next Meeting

Conference Call Monday, May 24th –9AM PST