

IEPC Meeting
August 23, 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: Roneet Lev, Don Shook, Kavitha Weaver, Andrew Fenton, Clay Whiting, Robert Chavez, Reb Close, John Ellison, Peter Anderson, Valerie Norton, Luis Abrishamian, Les Burson, Steve Sorsin, Larry Stock

Guests: John Holstein, Sandy Schnieder, James Keaney

Admin: Danielle Inscoe, Julie Hewett

1. Introductions
2. EM Practice Speaker Session – To discuss the emergency physician workforce
3. Approval of July Minutes
4. Financial Report
 - a. Update on 501(c)6 status
 - i. No update. Still awaiting IRS to complete working through their backlog.
 - b. Bank Update
 - i. Finances through July 31 have been sent to John for approval.
5. Business Strategy and Governance
 - a. IEPC member benefits
 - i. Insurance Information – Kavitha has reached out requesting information on insurance to compare with their current products. No information has been received by Kavitha yet. Discussion of benefits surrounding D&O Insurance.
 - b. EDBA Chat update
 - c. Cyber Insurance
6. Reimbursement, Advocacy and Legislation Review
 - a. CAL ACEP Board Topics of Note
 - b. UNH Downcoding – Sorsin
 - c. COVID Reimbursement – Clark
 - d. MediCal Claims denials
7. Executive Director Report
 - a. IEPC Newsletter will be sent to all members soon. The newsletter will contain information from the recent IEPC survey. Reminder for anyone interested to write an article for the newsletter and send to Roneet.
 - b. Vaccinated doctors are beginning to come down with COVID. Recommendation to check on a booster shot.
8. Roundtable
 - a. Most present reported a nursing staff shortage at their hospital location(s).
 - b. Clay requested information on telehealth programs. Individuals reported that telemedicine programs have been implemented since COVID.
 - c. Robert and Les reported that they have several staff members at their hospitals that are refusing the COVID vaccine.
 - d. Andrew reported on issues with transfers at his hospital.

- e. Les is in discussions with several attorneys over employee breaks and how to properly contract them.
- f. Luis plans to write an article for the IEPC newsletter discussing research in the ED.
- g. Larry plans to write an article about the 50 year celebration of his hospital group.
- h. Roneet reported on some officers who have been exposed to fentanyl.
Reminder/recommendation to test for fentanyl when doing a drug screen.

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Conference Call Monday, September 27th –9AM PST