

IEPC Meeting
September 27, 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, John Wallace, Kavitha Weaver, Robert Chavez, Larry Stock, Don Shook, Valerie Norton, Ian Kramer, Reb Close, Les Burson, John Ellison, Sameer Mistry, Chad Clark, Richard Zoraster, Steve Sorsin, Andrew Fenton, Peter Anderson, Peter Mishky

Guests: Mark Reiter

Admin: Danielle Inscoe

1. Introductions
2. AAEM Speaker Session – Discussed AAEM priorities for the independent emergency physician and the AAEM Physician Group
3. Dr. Valerie Norton President Elect California ACEP – discussed long list of 2021 accomplishments
4. Approval of August Minutes
 - a. Approved as submitted.
5. Financial Report
 - a. Update on 501(c)6 status
 - i. No update – still awaiting IRS response/update.
 - b. Dues
 - i. Paid by 13 groups representing 19 EM departments
6. Business Strategy and Governance
 - a. IEPC member benefits
 - i. Monterrey group is evaluating proposed insurance options
 - ii. IEPC will send out flyer about insurance proposals
 - iii. Discussed malpractice insurance options
 - b. EDDBA update
 - i. Discussion on mental health approach, violence in ED, COVID education material prevalence. Preliminary results from EDDBA report for 2020 shared.
7. Reimbursement, Advocacy and Legislation Review
 - a. CAL ACEP Board Topics of Note
 - b. UNH Downcoding – Sorsin
 - c. COVID Reimbursement – Clark
 - d. MediCal Claims denials
8. Roundtable
 - a. Booster vaccine for ED physicians discussed
 - b. Provider Relief Fund/ HRSA application is very onerous
 - i. Request Chad Clark, Don Shook, Richard Zoraster to send summary and will address with national ACEP
 - ii. Request copy of email for HRSA to be shared. Other groups may benefit from funds
 - c. John Ellison reported that COVID cases are going down in his county and noted that some first responders are refusing vaccinations still.

- d. Larry Stock led discussion about innovative solutions for nursing shortages
 - i. This may be an area of alliance with CHA, California ACEP
 - ii. Andrew requested information on Title XXII. Larry noted that his hospital doesn't require a second nursing evaluation if a patient leaves within 30 minutes of triage.
- e. Sameer reported that nurses, physical therapists, etc. at Kaiser hospitals are going on strike in October unless they receive a 4% cost of living increase.

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Conference Call Monday, October 25th –9AM PST