

IEPC Meeting
October 25, 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, John Wallace, Steve Sornsin, Robert Chavez, James Keaney, Sameer Mistry, Kavitha Weaver, Larry Stock, Les Burson, Luis Abrishamian, Peter Anderson, Reb Close, Valerie Norton, Robert Chavez

Guests: BJ Bartleson, Todd Dean, Matt Kaplan

Admin: Danielle Inscoe, Julie Hewett

1. Introductions
2. California Hospital Association and independent Emergency Physicians Speaker Session
3. Approval of September Minutes
 - a. Approved as submitted.
4. Financial Report
 - a. Update on 501(c)6 status
 - i. IRS has requested additional information. Information has been provided and now awaiting an update.
 - b. Dues
 - i. Balance approx. \$57,000. Bank of California and Quickbooks are fully reconciled.
5. Business Strategy and Governance
 - a. IEPC member benefits
 - b. EDBA update
 - i. Topics of note: Nursing staffing/departures, telemedicine via MD as initial contact
6. Reimbursement, Advocacy and Legislation Review
 - a. "No Surprise" Interim Rule
 - b. LA Fire Group Vaccination Lawsuit
 - i. Group has over 500 members. State that required vaccination violates their constitutional rights.
 - c. Kaiser Nurse Strike
 - i. 24,000 employees to strike in California and Oregon.
 - d. HRSA Loan Update
 - i. Paperwork has been filed.
 - e. Altor Existing Med Malpractice
7. Executive Director's Report
 - a. Mission Emergency Dept. Group Introduction
 - i. Dr. Matt Kaplan was invited for part of the meeting and shared his experience with Blue Cross non-payment law suits
 - b. ACEP Meeting
 - c. Dr. Lev, Gertz, Norton, Fenton, Stock all attending the ACEP Council. One of the many issues discussed was nurse practitioners' ambitions to be treated like doctors: "the brain of a doctor, the heart of a nurse." The issue of contract management

groups was discussed as Dr. McNamara of AAEM presented a couple resolutions and ran for the board unsuccessfully. Dr. Lev's resolution on the complications of marijuana was passed.

- d. 2022 Speaker Series Discussion/Speaker Suggestions
 - e. EMBC
 - i. Dr. Lev met with Dr. Mauer of EMBC to discuss joint projects and unity of independent emergency physicians. VEP, a large group was part of EMBC, but they have now merged with US Health Solutions. Now that EMBC represents smaller groups, there is opportunity for more interaction.
 - ii. EMBC is sponsoring an EM Academy under ACEP to educate emergency physician on how to create an independent group. IEPC members are invited to become faculty.
8. Roundtable
- a. Don Shook – volume going back up, acuity going back up. Young doctors are burning out on hours compared to older physicians.
 - b. Steve Sornsin – Volume is back up to approx. 90% with acuity back to where it was. The group is doing financially better without PAs.
 - c. Kavitha Weaver – Nursing still a major issue at hospital.
 - d. Robert Chavez – Nursing major issue, 9.7% medicare cut coming, purchase of cyber insurance
 - e. Reb Close – New role in adolescent behavioral health.

Next Meeting

Conference Call Monday, November 22nd –9AM PST

All IEPC Board Nominations should be discussed in November.

Proposed IEPC 2022 Calendar – 4th Monday of the Month

- Jan 24
- Feb 28
- March 28
- April 25
- May 23
- June 27
- July 25
- Aug 22
- ?Sept 19 (3rd instead of 4th Monday)
- Oct 24
- Nov 28
- ?Dec 19 (3rd instead of 4th Monday, or skip December)