

IEPC Meeting
May 23, 2022
9:00 am - 10:30 am PT
Meeting held by Zoom Video Conference



Agenda & 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, Les Burson, Robert Chavez, John Ellison, Sameer Mistry, John Wallace, Kavitha Weaver, David Strumpf, Steve Sornsin, Andrew Fenton, Don Shook, Adam Hawkins

Guests: Sheree Lowe

Admin: Danielle Inscoe, Cassie Chinn

1. Introductions
2. Speaker sessions
 - a. California Hospital Association Update – Sheree Lowe
3. Approval of April Minutes
 - a. Approved as submitted
4. Financial Report
 - a. Update on 501(c)6 status
 - i. Close alignment of Quickbooks and Bank of California.
 - b. Tax Fees
 - i. As per Walls & Associates (Accounting Firm), the 2021 tax return was extended until August 15.
5. Business Strategy and Governance
 - a. IEPC member benefits
 - b. Anthem Lawsuit IEPC survey
 - c. Sharing Information – Listserv/Forum (Cassie Chinn)
6. IEPC endorses Dr. Puneet Gupta for CAL-ACEP Board
7. ACEP-EDPMA data collection for commercial payors for NSA.
 - a. Contact Greg Hufstetler, CPA via email - pahufs@comcast.net – or phone - 262-563-3884
 - b. Information on this collection will be sent to Cassie/Danielle (JulNet) to send to the IEPC membership for how to participate if interested.
8. IEPC-EMBC exploration
9. Anthem no pay: OON=Lawsuit; IN=arbitration. Should CAL ACEP be the hub for this?
 - a. Anthem is currently auditing all level 5 charges. If Anthem decides the level 5 claim isn't a level 5, Anthem refuses to pay. This is affecting both in and out of network providers.
 - b. Out of Network providers have moved forward with a formal lawsuit while in network providers are going through arbitration.
 - c. Roneet will connect Sheree Lowe and Andy Selesnik together to discuss.
 - d. Recommendation to call your representative(s) and schedule a meeting to discuss this issue.
 - e. Small focus group (Roneet, Andrew, John, David) to draft an opinion piece describing the issues with Anthem.
10. Executive Director's Report
11. Roundtable

- a. Kavitha Weaver – Hourly rate charge for MD testimony discussion. Group currently charges \$450/hr and is receiving more requests for testimony. Recommendation to increase fees and set up a fee schedule for the DA to use if they want to use individuals as expert witnesses.
- b. Sameer Mistry – New CMO at the hospital. Halfway through ED remodel. Should move in to the new ER in approximately a year.
- c. Les Burson – Having staffing issues with mid-level staff. Losing approximately 30 patients per day due to staffing shortage.
- d. Robert Chavez – Note 30 day limitation on NSA.
- e. Don Shook – Had to sign onto hospital's malpractice policy. Able to get the same rates and similar coverage now. Volume at less-busy hospital has significantly increased.

Next Meeting

Conference Call Monday, June 27th –9AM PST

Proposed IEPC 2022 Calendar – 4th Monday of the Month

- June 27
- July 25
- Aug 22
- Sept 19 (3rd instead of 4th Monday)
- Oct 24
- Nov 28