

**American College of Emergency Physicians
Section of Pediatric Emergency Medicine**

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Minutes

Attendees: Donna Moro-Sutherland, MD, FACEP; Marianne Gausche-Hill, MD, FACEP; Kathleen Brown, MD, FACEP; Christopher Amato, MD; Beverly Bauman, MD, FACEP; Annalise Sorrentino, MD; Aderonke Ojo, MD, FACEP; Robert J. Hoffman, MD, FACEP; Robert L. Baricella, DP, FACEP; Hosseinali Shahidi, MD, FACEP; Beatriz Arpayoglou, MD; Emily C MacNeill, MD; Natalie E. Lane, MD; Douglas K. Holtzman, MD; James M. Callahan, MD, FACEP; Hortencia G. Luna-Gonzales, MD, FACEP; Horace Carson, MD, FACEP; Richard M. Cantor, MD, FACEP; Isabel Barata, MD, FACEP; Randolph J. Cordle, MD, FACEP; Kenneth T. Kwon, MD, FACEP; Antonio E. Muniz, MD, FACEP; Wendy Ann Lucid, MD, FACEP; Ghazala Q. Sharieff, MD, FACEP; Robert W. Schafermeyer, MD, FACEP; Jill Marjorie Baren, MD, FACEP; Lee S. Benjamin, MD, FACEP; Amy Lynn Baxter, MD, FACEP; Fernando L. Soto Torres, MD; Naghma S. Khan, MD, FACEP; James C. Kelly, MD, FACEP; Vincent Okpala, MD; Jonathan Valente, MD, FACEP; Billy Lennarz, MD; David M. Walker, MD; Stephen Knazik, DO, MBA, FACEP; David Mathison, MD; Susan M Fuchs, MD, FACEP; Alfred D. Sacchetti, MD, FACEP; Sharon E. Mace, MD, FACEP; Jaclynn Haymon, EMSC representative; Nancy B. Medina, CAE, Staff Liaison; Stephanie Wauson, Assistant Staff Liaison

Agenda

- I. Reception
- II. Welcoming Remarks and Updates
- III. Business Session
- IV. EMSC Update
- V. Final Announcements and Closing Remarks

Discussion Items

II. Welcoming Remarks

Dr. Moro-Sutherland thanked everyone for attending the section meeting including officers and ACEP staff. She also thanked AHC Media for sponsorship of the meeting.

III. Business Session

Elections: Dr. Moro-Sutherland announced the election results. Results were as follows:

Chair-elect: Annalise Sorrentino, MD

Secretary: Antonio E Muniz, MD, FACEP

She also announced Christopher Amato, MD, would step up as chair next year.

Awards: An Outstanding Newsletter Award (2006-07) and Section Award were presented to the Pediatric Section to Madeline Matar Joseph, Donna Moro-Sutherland, and Christopher Amato.

Section Endeavors:

Dr. Moro-Sutherland explained that the Peds Section was the third largest section comprising 6.1% of ACEP's total membership with over 660 members.

She updated members on the following section activities:

1. There have been difficulties launching the Peds Emergency Medicine Expert Database, but the Section hopes to have these problems resolved by the end of the year. Dr. Moro-Sutherland strongly encouraged those who had not filled out a profile sheet to do so at the meeting and leave it with her, as she is collecting the information in the hopes of improving collaboration among PEM physicians and enhancing participation among section members in ACEP.
2. She announced work with Coby Allen involving work force dollars.
3. Work is also being done with David Schnadower on a Pediatric Headache Survey.
4. She stressed the importance of collaborative work with other sections like Sports Medicine, International Medicine, Forensic Medicine, Disaster Medicine, Ultrasound, and Observation Medicine.

Future Endeavors:

Dr. Moro-Sutherland discussed the following:

1. Work will continue on the PEM Database to improve communication and collaboration among Pediatric Emergency Physicians.
2. Future work on the new Web site will include 1) updating the pediatric quizzes as well as expanding the quiz section; 2) literature updates; 3) adding a pediatrics newsletter link; 4) links to *Annals*; 5) links to PEM database; and 6) possibly links to other journals with pediatric-specific articles
3. The newsletter may also want to look into possible podcasts.
4. The Web site interface will be revised to promote social networking in a Facebook-type of style to improve communication between members.

Dr. Amato thanked all those that contributed to the newsletter and welcomed any ideas anyone would have for future topics. He encouraged residents and fellows to get involved in this educational opportunity.

Voting on Proposed Changes to Operational Guidelines: Dr. Moro-Sutherland announced that anyone that had any suggestions for changes to the guidelines should email them to her no later than 2 weeks (November 11, 2008) following the *Scientific Assembly Meeting*, otherwise the changes to the operational guidelines would be accepted as is.

Advanced PEM Assembly Report:

Dr. Gausche-Hill encouraged all members to attend the Advanced Pediatric Emergency Medicine Assembly to be held April 14-16, 2009, in Boston, MA. David Jaffe, MD, FACEP, will be chairing the meeting. State of the art material will be presented by leading national and international experts in the field. Asthma controversies, UTIs in kids, and rapid response stroke teams will be among topics covered at this educational meeting. There will also be a Pediatric Jeopardy session again. Go to <http://www.acep.org/cme.aspx?id=34550#peds> for more information.

Pediatric Emergency Medicine Committee Report:

Kathleen Brown, MD, FACEP, chair of the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Committee, provided a brief overview of the Committee's past and upcoming activities. Dr. Brown welcomed new committee member Annalise Sorrentino, MD. She informed the section a 3-part paper on mental health emergencies in children was published in *Pediatric Emergency Care* in 2008. The Committee is working with COPEM, EMSC, and ENA on a disaster preparedness objective. The Committee continues to work with COPEM on its best practices to flow paper and the "Guidelines for Emergency Preparedness" are still being revised. New objectives the committee will be working on this year include a survey to ACEP members to determine their greatest needs to better provide emergency care for children and a revision of the ACEP policy on "Death of a Child in the Emergency Department." The Committee will also continue to include clinical scenarios in *ACEP News*. If anyone is interested, they should be contacted Richard Cantor, MD, FACEP, who would like to have 4-6 scenarios published per year.

Council Summary:

Lance Brown, MD, FACEP, provided his summary of the Council meeting via video, since he was unable to attend the Section meeting in person. The following members were elected to the ACEP Board of Directors: Kathleen Cowling, DO, MS, FACEP; Michael J Gerardi, MD, FACEP; David C Seaberg, MD, CPE, FACEP and; David P Sklar, MD, FACEP. Angela Gardner, MD, FACEP, became President-Elect. Dr. Brown stated 25 resolutions were discussed during the Council meeting and encouraged section members to get involved.

IV. EMSC Update

Ms. Haymon gave an update on the Emergency Medicine Services for Children (EMSC) program. She reported EMSC has received stop gap funding for \$19.4 million for the 2009 fiscal year. For fiscal year 2008, four new target grants were awarded. Awards range up to \$250,000 per year for up to three years. She reported 9 states are applying for continuation grants and there was a good chance target issue grants would not be awarded next year due to funding issues.

V. Final Announcements and Closing Remarks

Sharon Mace, MD, FACEP, reported the American Heart Association (AHA) is revising issues related to pediatric resuscitation and also working on a module for pediatric sedation.

Dr. Moro-Sutherland ended the meeting by thanking everyone for attending the meeting and wished Dr. Amato the best of luck as he took over the section as chair next year.