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**Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section Conference Call**

**MINUTES**

February 18, 2018

**Participants**

Section members participating for all or part of the meeting included:Ula Hwang, MD, FACEP, Chair; Kevin Biese, MD, FACEP, Chair-Elect; Christopher R. Carpenter, MD, FACEP, Alternate Councillor; Carrie Cregar, MD, FACEP; Secretary/Newsletter Editor; Simon Edginton, MD, FACEP; Luis Eljaiek, MD; Philip D. Magidson, MD, FACEP; Luna Ragsdale, MD, FACEP; Lauren T. Southerland, MD, FACEP.

Others participating on all or part of the call included: Mark Rosenberg, MD, FACEP, ACEP Board Liaison; Sandra M. Schneider, MD, FACEP, ACEP Staff Liaison; and Julie Rispoli, Project Manager.

**Agenda**

1. Attendance

2. ACEP Section Grants (current submission, current project)

3. Newsletter

4. Geriatric ED Accreditation Program update

5. ACEP 2018

6. Open forum

**Major Points Discussed**

Dr. Hwang welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that everyone introduce themselves.

Section Grant:

Dr. Biese reported on the status of the GEMS grant that was awarded in 2017, Geriatric EM: The Time is Now. The project was to create 3 podcasts. They include the following: 1. Why Geriatrics in EM (Christina Shenvi and Tony Rosen), 2. What is GED Accreditation (Sandy Schneider and Mark Rosenberg), 3. How does your institution become a Geriatric ED and the journey (Michael Malone and Ula Hwang). ACEP is finalizing vendor selection. Bobby Heard reached out to Dr. Biese about reaching out to a more broad audience – such as the folks who produce *FrontLine* (Ryan Stanton) and *So What?* (Howie Mell)

Dr. Hwang reported that Dr. Nicole Fiallos submitted a Letter of Intent for a section grant titled, “iScreenSeniors: An app designed for geriatric self-screening for depression, fall risk and elder abuse.” The Section Affairs Committee will make an announcement in early April regarding those applications selected for a full proposal. Dr. Carpenter mentioned that there are many apps out there that are related, and some cost money to use (MMSE not free). He suggested that Dr. Fiallos reach out to these other app developers for guidance.

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Newsletter:

Dr. Hwang will reach out to some Geriatric EM Fellows to see if they are willing to write articles. Dr. Hwang mentioned that there are currently four Geriatric Fellowship programs: Brown; UNC, Beaumont and UC Davis. Dr. Hwang pointed out that Dr. Magidson is IM/EM trained so he is currently in a Geriatric Fellowship, not a Geriatric EM Fellowship. Dr. Magidson agreed to submit an article for the newsletter.

Dr. Hwang mentioned that at the GEMS meeting at *ACEP17*, Dr. Magidson was awarded the Impact on Geriatric Emergency Care award for “Research Forum Abstract #241: Responding to Older Adults in the Emergency Department: A National Survey of Geriatric Emergency Departments” for demonstrating innovative research in geriatric emergency medicine.

It was noted that it would be nice to have in the literature that there are “x” number of geriatric EDs. Dr. Hwang mentioned that she would like each GEM officer to manage a newsletter. Dr. Hwang will manage the Spring issue, followed by Dr. Biese (Summer), then Dr. Karounos (Fall). Our Needs Assessment survey last year reflected that people are seeking clinical guidance.

Dr. Carpenter suggested a synopsis of Christina Shenvi’s GEMSCAST podcast. This would need her permission. He also suggested that GEMS members who are Editors for our EM and Geriatrics journals could create an Editors Corner – with a roundup of articles accepted. Dr. Biese wondered how many people read the section newsletter and how do we ensure maximal impact. Dr. Rosenberg said that is one of the values of the Section particularly for people who are not active in the section. It’s an important part of who we are as a section. Dr. Schneider mentioned newsletters are required per the operational guidelines and pointed to the EM Ultrasound Section as an example. It has a lot of clinical content. We should use this as a way to engage people in current projects and building coalitions for the future.

Dr. Eljaiek mentioned the various stages of accreditation, might be nice to put a call out in each issue so we can build a geriatric ED directory. If someone is starting a program or something at an urgent care center, it would be nice to be able to network to find out the best practices. Dr. Schneider suggested a Fellows Corner – highlight a program and fellow each issue. We could contact the Program Directors at each fellowship.

First newsletter might include: Fellows corner; various Geri EM fellowship programs; Journal Summary; Chair’s Corner; announcement of Dr. Magidson’s award; Report on accredited programs.

Geriatric ED Accreditation:

Dr. Schneider announced that due to the generosity of WestHealth – ACEP is hiring a full time Geriatric ED Accreditation Manager who will also be in charge of the Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section. Nicole Tidwell has been selected and is currently the Educational Products Sales and Marketing Manager at ACEP and has a heavy marketing background. We will introduce her next month.

Drs. Schneider and Hwang thanked Julie Rispoli for her help with GEDA and GEMS.

We are currently in the beta testing phase so we have five Level 3 applications submitted; One Level 1 application submitted; Two applicants in the process of filling out level 1 applications. An additional 30 people have reached out to ACEP to participate in the next phase which is the soft launch.

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Thanks to Dr. Hwang for organizing meeting in early February with VA and non-VA stakeholders (that included ACEP represented by Dr. Schneider) focused on Geriatric Emergency Medicine at the Veterans Health Administration. Discussions are continuing with advancing this work at the VHA and possibility of VA EDs having some level of accreditation.

In addition, Governor Andrew Cuomo of New York made a statement that he wants NY hopsitals and EDs to be geriatric-friendly in the next 5 years. NY State Department of Health wants 50% of EDs to be accredited in the next 5 years and they wish to use ACEP’s GEDA program to fulfill that.

Dr. Schneider mentioned that GEDA is thinking about creating review panel as an influx of many ED’s applying for GED accreditations will become a heavy workload for those currently on the GEDA Board. When Dr. Schneider was a reviewer for residency programs, she said that she learned from other programs she reviewed and it’s the fastest way to make improvements to your programs. Dr. Biese will send an email to the GEDA Board asking that they start thinking about additional reviewers.

During March GEMS call, GEDA will probably be in the soft launch period. Dr. Eljaiek reported that when he was on a review board he saw some great things but didn’t have the ability to share that information. Do we have the ability to share things that are developed? Dr. Biese reported that we are working on revising the terms and conditions so that, in a de-identified way, the data can be shared.

Dr. Schneider mentioned that we may have a session at *ACEP18* where those accredited can meet with those interested in GEDA for an informal sharing of ideas and information. It was suggested to create a discussion forum for an exchange of ideas that could be added to the GEDA site. Dr. Schneider mentioned that the ACEP Website is in a content freeze until the end of March but that could be coordinated with Nicole once she starts.

If your site would like to be a GEDA the pilot, completed applications would be due by March 2. Dr. Southerland asked where to access the GEDA application. Dr. Biese reported that it is not publicly available but information on criteria and application requirements and parameters could be sent so that sites could begin preparing. Please send an email to GEDA@acep.org if you would like this information.

ACEP 2018:

The Geriatric EM Section meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 1 from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm. This year’s meeting will include an election for Chair-elect, Secretary/Newsletter Editor and Alternate Councilor.

Potential sponsors were discussed. Dr. Hwang mentioned that she had an informal conversation with someone from EPIC. Dr. Schneider asked that if you have a sponsor in mind, please forward those names to ACEP so we can reach out and coordinate the request to the potential sponsor.

The next monthly call will be:

Monday, March 19, 2018

12:00 Eastern; 11:00 Central; 10:00 Mountain; 9:00 Pacific

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The meeting was adjourned.