Disaster Medicine Section-Education and Training Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2014, 2:30 PM (EST)
Working Group Conference Call

Participants

Disaster Section Chair: Joseph Sabato, Jr, MD, FACEP

Subcommittee Members attended: Stephanie L. Wise, MD; Paul W. Courtright, MD; Vicki Mazzurana, MD, FACEP

ACEP Staff Liaison attended: Pat Elmes, EMT/P (Ret)

Major Points Discussed: Minutes are imbedded with pre-distributed agenda (bold)

**Agenda Item 1: International Disaster Conference involvement:** Florida ACEP contacted Rick Murray and me about reviving the International Disaster Conference that previously was held in February in Orlando. The intent is for the conference to begin in February 2015. They are requesting section involvement in developing the conference, speakers and as an opportunity for a section meeting at the conference.

-Dr. Sabato provided a history of the conference. The conference had been in existence for 10-15 years and was discontinued due to lowering attendance. The Disaster Section used it as a platform for a midyear meeting. There is a move to re-launch the conference in 2015. The ACEP, EMS and Disaster Preparedness Department Director, Rick Murray, Dr. Sabato and conference representatives are discussing the conference focus, speaker recommendations and a section meeting there. Dr. Sabato would like to engage the Disaster Section in the process.

-The subcommittee discussed possible types of offerings including, megadisaster discussions over, flu, terrorism, natural and man-made. Also that the offerings should be more medically based rather than emergency management based. An international aspect was discussed.

-Dr’s Wise, Mazzuranna and Courtright volunteered to participate in conference planning.

**Agenda Item 2: ACEP Disaster Committee**

-Mr. Elmes gave an update on current Disaster Committee Objective activities.
Agenda Item 3: Educational Component of Disaster Section Meeting ACEP Scientific Assembly 2014. A few years back the section sponsored an educational presentation during the scientific assembly focused on individual hospital experiences with H1N1. I think it went well and engendered some discussion. I would like to include something similar for our annual section meeting. We can talk about what might be useful and interesting for the section membership.

- One or a series of 3-5 minute presentations
- To be included on the 2014 SA, Section agenda
- Would add an educational focus to meeting
- Could dedicate up to 30 minutes
- The group was in strong agreement

**Action Item:** Will poll the Disaster Section list server for suggested topics.

Agenda Item 4: InnovateED 2014 Scientific Assembly: The section has been asked by the planning committee for InnovateED for 2014 to explore participation. The thought is to create and simulate a brief surge and/or disaster scenario that would involve/engage audience participation. The time allowed would be 30 minutes. We can review interest and develop.

- Will begin forwarding Disaster Section involved conference call information
- **Action Item:** Mr. Elmes will send the new floor plan for Innovate ED to the group.
- Solicit additional ideas.

Agenda Item 5: Proposed Section Grant: Dr. Andy Milsten has written a letter of intent for a section grant to develop video simulations that could be used for teaching disaster courses. These are envisioned as standard scenarios that can be tailored to individual situations to make them useful to our members.

- A Disaster Section Grant proposal submitted by Dr. A. Milsten was discussed.
  **Action Item:** Mr. Elmes will distribute LOI to the group.

Agenda Item 6: Subcommittee co-chairs: We need leadership for the subcommittees to make this successful.

- Dr. Sabato requested 2 volunteers to co-chair this subcommittee. Dr’s Wise and Mazzurana volunteered.

Agenda Item 7: Next Call

- One month from the date of this meeting= March 12, 2014 2:30 PM (Eastern Time)