AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

2015 Annual FEC Section Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 27 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Room 211 of the Boston Convention Center

Call to Order
Dr. Joe Ybarra welcomed the Section members and guests and made some introductory remarks including an overview of the Section activity over the past year.

A sign-in sheet for members and names of guests attending the FEC Section meeting was distributed.

Board Liaison Report - Dr. Paul Kivela reported that this Section is very dynamic and important to the College. He provided a Board update including the Council election results of Dr. Parker to President-elect, Dr. Kang and Dr. Rosenberg as the new Board of Directors members and Dr. Cusick as Council Speaker and Dr. McManus as Vice Speaker. He also commented on CEDR, NEVRS and update on the new headquarters building, which is still on target for completion late next summer 2016.

Reports of other Section Officers:

Chair Elect – Dr. Carrie de Moor offered a legislative update mentioning that MEDPAC is looking at Freestanding ED. Other issues included out of network services and the ability to balance bill, California bills on independent licensing for FECs, and FECS replacing critical access hospitals that have closed.

Councilor- Dr. Michael Sarabia reported on Council Meeting with emphasis on Resolution 33 Read the resolves, which passed.

Alternate Councilor – Dr. David Ernst led a discussion on a possible draft resolution for next year supporting FECs. He had discussed it with the Rural Section which was supportive. That draft will be shared with all Section Members.

Newsletter Editor- Dr. John Dayton reported that four issues have been published in the past year He recognized those that had contributed content and called for other Section members to submit articles. He also discussed Section Grant Proposal seeking funding for FEC research.

Member at Large – Dr. Brian Aldred discussed the FEC as a model of care and a desire to continue to dispel myths about FECs and carry our message forward of how FECs can help in underserved areas.

Action Agenda

Discuss the assigned objectives and how to move forward in meeting them.
Section Objectives / Activities for 2014-15

- Host a collaborative dialogue regarding pertinent FEC issues optimizing emergency medicine values as espoused by ACEP.
- Educate ACEP members, the medical community, and the public about what FECs are, what they do, and how they fit into the patient’s circle of healthcare providers.
- Collaborate with ACEP leadership in establishing a national set of standards for FECs that could be referred to as a unified national resource for legislatures, physicians, and the medical community.
- Keep ACEP membership relevant to those who don’t practice in hospital EDs and to keep ACEP as a voice for all ED physicians, (whether they practice in hospital EDs or Freestanding ECs)

After discussion, it was suggested that a work group be formed to refine the objectives and improve the internal organization of the Section to create a strategy and milestones for each.

Sponsor Presentations

Xite Realty
Speakers: Tommy Newton, Principal and Santee Hathaway, Principal, Xite Realty, LLC
“FSED Site Selection: A Data Driven Approach”. They focus was an update on the real estate trends in multiple states and the differing requirements that must be met. They reviewed the site selection process and strategies to provide the most competitive edge based on location and design.

EPOWERdoc
Speaker: David Ernst, MD, President, EPOWERdoc, Inc
“The Importance of Data Capture in the Management of the Freestanding Emergency Center” Part 2- Review of the latest data capture results Dr. Ernst provided an update on clinical research including a survey of current literature and possible use of data registries as source for research data. Dr. de Moore then transitioned into a discussion of possible future research to support the FEC model.

New Business:
None considered

Adjournment: 11:55 am