

American College of Emergency Physicians

**Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section
Conference Call
MINUTES**

January 11, 2017

Participants

Members participating for all or part of the call included: Ula Hwang, MD, FACEP, Chair; Kevin Biese, MD, FACEP, Chair Elect; Marianna Karounos, DO, Immediate Past Chair; Christopher R. Carpenter, MD, FACEP, Alternate Councillor; Teresita M. Hogan, MD, FACEP, Councillor; Carrie Cregar, MD, FACEP, Secretary/Newsletter Editor.

Others participating in all or part of the meeting included: John Maese, MD, FACEP; Marame Gattan, MD; Julie Rispoli, Project Manager; and Sandy Schneider, MD, FACEP, ACEP Staff Liaison.

Agenda

Attendance
GEMS membership needs assessment survey
Summa Health faculty upheaval
Microsite
Open forum

Major Points Discussed

Dr. Hwang welcomed everyone to the call. In addition to section officers, we had two GEMS members join, Marame Gattan, MD who practices in the Durham VA Hospital and John Maese, MD, FACEP who practices in NY.

The group discussed progress on the projects identified during the last conference call.

GEMS Needs Assessment Survey – Since the last call a needs assessment survey was developed. The survey was discussed and all agreed on the language. Dr. Hwang will send Julie a draft email emphasizing the brevity of the survey. Ms. Rispoli will send everything to the ACEP staff member who will put it in Survey Monkey. A user progression will be added to the bottom of the survey if possible. The audience will be all GEMS section members. It will be set so that non responders can be sent a reminder. An incentive to fill it out was discussed however there is not money in the budget for that and require people enter their names to survey.

Summa Health faculty upheaval – The issue of Summa Emergency Associates losing their contract to USACS on 12/31 was discussed. What can GEMS do to help? Dr. Schneider mentioned that she had forwarded an email from the Council on Residency Directors (CORD). In that it stated that the new residency director said that all Summa staff was offered a position to stay except for the residency program director. Dr. Schneider reported that if the GEMS wanted to send a letter on behalf of the section, it would have to go to the Board for review/approval, however, individuals could send without that step. Dr. Cregar reported that she works across the street and that USACS was offering \$100K sign-on bonus with a \$75 raise per hour to physicians who agreed to stay. Dr. Hogan asked why this is a GEMS issue and it was reported that Summa Health has a robust Geriatric ED. Dr. Karounos pointed out that the section should think globally and that there could be GEMS members on both sides of the issue. It was decided to draft a letter

to the new contract holder acknowledging Summa history of outstanding geriatric care and offer support to the faculty. Dr. Hwang asked that any leaders not comfortable with this plan to reach out to her privately. Dr. Hwang will submit a draft signed by the leaders of GEMS who are in agreement. Dr. Schneider will send it to DC Public Relations staff for review then send it to ACEP President, Dr. Rebecca Parker for review.

Microsite –GEMS Facebook page - Dr. Carpenter asked people he knew to "like" the page and there are now 42 likes. He posted recent Geriatric EM papers like the Nagurney publication to the Facebook page. Links to good papers will be sought. As we can't upload .pdfs of journal articles to the page, Ms. Rispoli suggested an annotated bibliography with links to the individual articles on PubMed. Dr. Carpenter reported that he used to do a Geriatric ED journal watch. He reported that it was a large project with significant amount of time and effort of contributors. Dr. Schneider suggested that someone could have their fellow do this after journal club. Dr. Hwang reported that some GEMS students who are interested in becoming more involved (e.g., Thom Ringer, who was on the December call) may be ideal candidates to approach. Dr. Hwang will reach out to him. Dr. Carpenter mentioned that he is faculty for Emergency Medical Abstracts (EMA) and that Dr. Rick Bukata may allow us to use the content. He would like to offer mp3 files from EMA for use on the GEMS microsite. Dr. Schneider will check to make sure this is permissible.

Idea was proposed to keep content on GEMS Facebook page fresh. Consensus content or post of Geriatric EM info that is daily would be ideal. Dr. Hwang proposed idea of the 6 GEMS officers each taking 2 months out of 12 months to post on to Facebook GEMS page. Dr. Carpenter liked the idea and would help if others agreed. Dr. Creger suggested having a journal club type of meeting on Facebook. Dr. Schneider indicated with journal club type events, CME may be an issue.

Other section items:

EM Section grant letters of intent are due to Dr. Schneider by 11:59 PM CT, January 30, 2017. These section grants pay for a "study" or IT support for things like the creation of an e-book. Everything you need to draft a letter of intent is linked on this page: <https://www.acep.org/sectiongrantmanual/> If selected, you will be notified and will need to submit a Final Application by May 8. Dr. Creger and Dr. Karounous would look into ideas that can be proposed from GEMS for this section grant letter of intent, Dr. Hwang would help to draft letter.

Section sponsor forms were due to ACEP in December. These sponsors provide coverage for speaker fees, food for section meeting. GEM Section requested a practice group as a sponsor for 2017 meeting.

Tentatively, the Geriatric EM Section meeting will be Sunday, October 29 from 2-3:30 pm.

Everyone was reminded that the monthly GEMS calls will recur on the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00 pm ET/1:00 pm CT.

The call information is below:

February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14

2:00 Eastern; 1:00 Central; 12:00 Mountain; 11:00 Pacific

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The call was adjourned.