

**Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section
Conference Call
MINUTES**

March 8, 2017

Participants

Members participating for all or part of the call included: Ula Hwang, MD, FACEP, Chair; Kevin Biese, MD, FACEP, Chair Elect; Teresita M. Hogan, MD, FACEP, Councillor; Carrie Cregar, MD, FACEP, Secretary/Newsletter Editor; Luis Eljaiek Jr, MD, FACEP and Dacia Russell, MD.

Others participating in all or part of the meeting included: Mark S. Rosenberg, DO, MBA, FACEP, Board Liaison; Julie Rispoli, Project Manager; and Sandy Schneider, MD, FACEP, ACEP Staff Liaison.

Agenda

Attendance
GEMS membership needs assessment survey
ACEP Geriatric ED Accreditation
ACEP Section Grant proposal
Social Media/Microsite
Section Newsletter
Summa Health

Major Points Discussed

Dr. Hwang welcomed everyone to the call. In addition to section officers, we had two GEMS members join the call, Dacia Russell of Akron General in Ohio, and Luis Eljaiek of Potomac Hospital in Virginia.

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

GEMS Needs Assessment Survey – The survey was sent to GEMS members on February 8. At two weeks we had 22 responses. A 4 week reminder will go out today. Several on the call did not receive the needs assessment. Thirty of 136 section members have taken the survey. It was decided to keep the survey open for 6 weeks. At that time, if survey responses still low, it may be secondary to elist members not receiving because of survey going to spam, etc. Will look into options of sending survey without tracking members completing survey.

Geriatric ED Accreditation (GEDA) Program – Dr. Schneider reported that the plan over the next year was to create the Board of Governors, forms, applications. The *ACEP Now* announcement was created. Dr. Schneider stated that the goal is to launch by *ACEP17*. Dr. Eljaiek mentioned that he was involved in Air Medical Transport accreditation and the EDBA. Was discussed that it would be helpful to have a list of geriatric ED programs, perhaps could send something to the elist asking who in the section is practicing in a geriatric ED. Dr. Hwang mentioned that geriatrics metrics could be another subgroup that could be formed from the section and partnered with CEDR to utilized expertise like that of Dr. Eljaiek and his work with EDBA. Dr. Schneider recommended the GEDA be a priority and data and metrics could be pursued later. Dr. Schneider reminded the group to review and comment on the proposed GEDA governance document. Dr. Schneider will resend. Dr. Hwang recommended giving a deadline for when reviews of the governance document should be completed.

Section Grant Letter of Intent – A Letter of Intent was submitted for “Educational webinars on the ACEP Geriatric ED Accreditation (GEDA) program.” After April 5, we should know if our grant was

selected for submitting a full application. The deadline for the full application is May 8. If the grant is funded, the leaders will be notified on June 30, 2017. Grant term would be 6/30/17 to 12/31/18.

Microsite – The GEMS Facebook page was created: <https://www.facebook.com/ACEPGeriatricSection/>. In addition, we received approval from Dr. Rick Bukata and ACEP legal to post Emergency Medical Abstracts to the GEMS Microsite. All of the abstracts will be linked on one page: <https://www.acep.org/geriatric-em-abstracts/>. Ms. Rispoli requested ACEP IT to put these abstracts on the microsite, which is in the queue and processing. GEMS leadership would like to instead move these abstracts to the public landing page of the GEMS website for 1 year to promote membership interest, rather than the members only microsite. Sandy will check with Rick Bukata if this is permissible. Ms. Rispoli will add the monthly GEMS section minutes to the microsite.

Section Newsletter – Dr. Cregar mentioned that she is working on the newsletter. Dr. Cregar will reach out to Thom Ringer and Dacia Russell for a submission. Dr. Hwang worked on an opioids piece with a resident and will share it with Dr. Cregar as a sample of how pieces can be prepared with faculty and medical student or resident. To prepare a newsletter, all info should be sent as a word document to Julie and she will edit it by checking for permission of images and plagiarism. This document then goes to Maude Hancock who will upload to website. Board liaison, Mark Rosenberg will review the newsletter and put in a statement. The turnaround takes usually a few weeks.

Goal is to have a section newsletter for March 2017.

Summa Health –ACEP is developing a taskforce to help group transition and setting up guidelines and best practices. Significant articles have been published. Dr. Rosenberg stated that individuals can always send a message as themselves, but the time may have past doing anything further as people need to move on. Dr. Cregar reported that Summa is turning the Geriatric ED into a CDU.

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.

Upcoming call information is below:

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.