Final Objectives 2022-23

Public Health & Injury Prevention Committee

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1. Review the following policies per the Policy Sunset Review Process:
   - Alcohol Screening in the ED
   - Bloodborne Pathogens in Emergency Medicine
   - Emergency Department Utilization During Outbreaks of Influenza
   - External Cause of Morbidity Codes and Injury Surveillance Data Systems
   - Guidelines for Smallpox Vaccination for Health Care Workers
   - Physician Reporting of Potentially Impaired Drivers
   - Universal Bicycle Helmet Use

   Determine by December 15 if the policies should be reaffirmed, revised, rescinded, or sunsetted. Submit any proposed revisions to the Board for approval by the end of the committee year.

2. Continue to develop smart phases for common public health concern.

3. Solicit nominations for the 2023 Public Health Award and recommend a recipient to the Board of Directors.

4. Develop the following information/resources:
   - Promoting vaccines and ED based vaccine programs.
   - Women’s health, access to reproductive services, and complications related to unsafe abortions.
   - Funding of public health initiatives from the ED and strengthening ties to existing public health programs.

5. Create resources and/or a policy statement on the role of emergency physicians on promoting healthy lifestyles and preventable conditions/injuries

6. Work with the Ethics Committee and the Medical-Legal Committee to develop a medical bill of rights for all ED patients that includes rights for vulnerable patient groups and detained or incarcerated persons. (Ethics is the lead committee).

7. Complete development of a PREP as an adjunct to the policy statement “Caring for Transgender and Gender Diverse Patients in the Emergency Department.”

8. Develop a policy statement in support of supervised consumption facilities/supervised injection sites to address Resolution 32(22) Supervised Consumption Facilities/Safe Injection Sites.

9. Work with the Pain Management & Addiction Medicine Section and the Social Emergency Medicine Section to develop an education resource to address Amended Resolution 41(22) Addressing Stigma in the ED. Seek input from EMRA and CORD regarding the type of resource that is needed. Review the Substance Use Disorder Emergency Medicine Residency Curriculum that was developed by ACEP, ABEM, CORD, and EMRA and recommend revisions to the curriculum if needed.

10. Work with the Social Emergency Medicine Section and review ACEP’s policy statements “Safe Discharge from the Emergency Department” and “Social Work and Case Management in the ED” to determine if revisions are needed or if a separate policy statement, PREP, and/or other resources are needed to address the first resolved of Amended Resolution 51(22) Implementation of Social Determinants of Health Evaluation in the ED. Seek input from the Emergency Medicine Practice Committee if policy revisions are recommended.