Social Emergency Section  
October 11th 2023 Meeting Minutes

Dr. Quincy Moore, section chair, call to order at 2:30pm

SECTION AWARDS:

- **Junior Faculty Award**: It is our distinct honor to recognize Dr. Shannon Findlay from the University of Iowa as the recipient of this year's Junior Faculty Award in Social Emergency Medicine. Dr. Findlay is a leader in the field and has been a trailblazer in social EM at the University of Iowa. She is a dedicated educator, being recognized as Faculty Teacher of the Year by medical students and residents and is the social EM fellowship director at Iowa. She was noted to be the moral and ethical compass of her department and advocates for the unmet social needs of her patients, all while also prioritizing the education and well-being of her trainees.

  She is also an accomplished researcher, contributing to the field of Social Emergency Medicine through research focused on human trafficking identification and prevention, and trauma-informed care for sexual assault survivors. Dr. Findlay's dedication, leadership, and compassion exemplify the spirit of this award, and we are excited to follow her work in the coming years.

- **Social EM Exemplary Achievement Award**: We are honored to announce Dr. Richard Ryan from the University of Cincinnati as this year's recipient of the Social Emergency Medicine Exemplary Achievement Award. Dr. Ryan is Professor and Vice-Chair of Emergency Medicine at the University of Cincinnati, and has been a leader in advocating for comprehensive care for patients with substance use disorder. Over the past decade, he has led initiatives that have brought about positive changes in his emergency department, healthcare system, and the state, improving care for this vulnerable patient population.

  He was an early leader in initiating buprenorphine in the ED and has educated healthcare providers at all levels on the importance of initiating treatment for patients with SUD, improving patient care and reducing stigma within our practice. Since launching in 2019, his leadership has helped over 900 patients being initiated on buprenorphine in the ED.

  Dr. Ryan's dedication to securing funding at the health system and state level has been instrumental in ensuring their success and sustainability. His tireless efforts have resulted in ongoing support within our health system and at the state level. In recognition of his work, we are honored to present him with the Social Emergency Medicine Exemplary Achievement Award.
• **Distinguished Program Award:** We are excited to honor the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital Emergency Medicine Residency with the Distinguished Program Award. In just three years, they've built an impressive program integrating a patient's social context into their emergency medicine practice at the level of education, care delivery, and research. Their innovative four-pronged approach, which includes extensive community outreach, improved access to care, social justice initiatives, and curriculum integration, has created a profound impact. This program's commitment to improving healthcare extends beyond the emergency room, reaching thousands of medically underserved patients in the community.

They have dedicated over 2000 person-hours to the program and incorporated an 18-month longitudinal social EM curriculum that helps trainees learn to address unmet social needs and further the program's mission. Congratulations to the **University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital Emergency Medicine Residency** for their remarkable achievements and keep up the good work!

**UPDATES:**

• EMRA: For more information, please check out the EMRA social EM committee [website].
  ○ Most recent event is the Harm reduction panel which was well received
  ○ The EMRA Social Emergency Medicine Committee is starting a mentoring initiative to connect residents, fellows, and attendings with similar interests. If you are passionate about a specific focus area and looking to get connected with other emergency physicians nationwide - this is your opportunity! Please sign up [here](#).

• Dr. Laura Janneck (SAEM)
  ○ SAEM Social EM and Population Health interest group meets monthly. Join our listserv if you are interested.
    ■ SAEM conference will be taking place next spring (May 14-17, 2024 in Phoenix, AZ)
    ■ SAEM24 didactics submissions just closed on 10/2/23, but [abstract submissions](#) open up November 1st, 2023
  ○ There are subgroups working on immigrant and refugee health, incarceration, reproductive health toolkit, etc.
  ○ If you are interested in applying for a social EM fellowship or starting a fellowship, we are currently creating a consortium to help standardize the curriculum and training requirements.

• Dr. Laura Janneck (ACEP Council update):
  ○ Social EM section co-sponsored 5 resolutions that were proposed at the ACEP council meeting

• Dr. John Lewis (Education Work group):
  ○ We are excited to announce the upcoming release of the Social Emergency Medicine curriculum which features 100+ contributors across 40+ institutions.
  ○ It is free and downloadable - and is customizable to location and level of learner; integrable with other curricula and clinical practice.
  ○ Planned official launch in Spring 2024: Preview at [studysem.org](#)
    ■ Password: SAEMACEP23
- We are still looking for interested volunteers to record lectures and proofread. Please reach out to Dr. Lewis if you are interested.

- Dr. Cole Ettingoff (Implementation & Evaluation Work group):
  - We are in the final stages of preparing a section report on "Recommended Standards of Care for Health Related Social Concerns in the ED." It has been a long, challenging process and still must be reviewed by the ACEP board before being considered by the JACEP Open editors, but hope this will be a major step forward towards embracing social EM as a fundamental element of emergency medicine and further the conversation around how to integrate sustainable, impactful care for health related social needs.
  - We are looking forward to restarting an effort with the Medical Directors Section to survey barriers and facilitators to social ME program implementation. This survey had been postponed during the pandemic.
  - We recognize the ongoing desire for standards of care related to screening for social needs in the ED as well as identification of best practices in social EM and are considering projects in both areas for the coming year.
  - We are collaborating with the SAEM Social EM interest group, SAEM's Pulse magazine, and EMRA's social EM Committee to feature a series of case studies on social EM. If your department has anything under the broad umbrella of social EM you or a trainee would be willing to write a very short, simple case study on, we would love to work with you!!! Initiatives that have worked or not worked and have proven sustainable or not are all worth highlighting as we share lessons learned.

- The Advocacy work group is still looking for new leadership - please reach out if interested

- Guest visit from Kelly Cantor- Manager, Community-Based Programs from the American Dental Association: Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention
  - Briefly discussed ED referral initiative to create referral partnerships and help find patient a dental home
  - Please reach out for more information - Email cantork@ada.org; Phone 312-440-4728

Meeting then moved into breakout sessions and meeting adjourned by 4pm.