Health IT Full Committee Meeting Notes		
2.25.2020		4:00PM EST
Committee Chair/ Vice-Chair	Dr. Nick Genes / Dr. Todd Taylor	
Committee Attendees	Emmanuel Ogele, JT Finnell, Mark Baker, John Manning, Mike Gillam, Ben Slovis, Chris Alban, Shanatu Agrawal, Heather Heaton, Abhi Mehrotra, Bharat Sutariya, John Handler, Jeff Nielson	
ACEP Staff Attendees	Pawan Goyal, Bill Malcom, Dhruv Sharma, Joseph Kennedy	
Other Attendees	N/A	
Discussion	**Committee Structure/Leadership**	

Policy Coordination
Will be involved in coordinating policy between CMS, ACEP, other medical societies, and ONC.
Todd Taylor will chair the policy Coordination Subcommittee.

Vendor Relations
Will work closely with EHR leaders such as Chris Alban and Bharat Sutariya, and the EHR Vendor Alliance to identify and share new features or tools that might benefit emergency physicians.
Jeff Nielson will chair the Vendor Relations Subcommittee.

Education
Will work to collect resources, references, and best practices to share with ACEP members through website, booth at Scientific Assembly, or newsletter.
Carrie Baker will chair the Education Subcommittee.

Technical Team
Will provide guidance on new technologies such as 5G, blockchain, or AI related topics.
Emily Hayden will chair the Technical Team Subcommittee.

Writing Group
Will work to transform the white paper that resulted from the HIT Summit in 2019. The aim is to convert the existing document into several peer-reviewed articles for submission to Annals or other academic journals.
Nick Genes and Todd Taylor will Co-Chair the Writing Group.

If you have not received an invitation to participate in one or more of the subcommittees, please reach out to Nick Genes, HITC Chair.

Basecamp is available to all subcommittees for file sharing and communication, but each subcommittee can decide which method they choose for coordinating work.

Action Items	**Person Responsible**
Reach out to Dr. Genes or respective subcommittee chair if desiring to join a particular subcommittee	All
Discussion	**Updates from LAC and SA-20 Planning on education panels**

LAC is coming up in April and is organized by ACEP DC Office. Don Rucker has been invited and has agreed to appear.

The agenda is still being finalized and no date has been set at this time. There is a panel being put together, which will serve as a cross-functional panel looking into having federal leaders as well as congressional leaders.

The DC Office is working to put objectives together and confirming participation of panelists.

Action Items	Person Responsible
Follow-up with ACEP DC office on needs/tasks for planning LAC	Dr. Goyal / Joe Kennedy

Discussion	New Committee Objectives

The committee settled on 10 objectives in 2019, but the Board has asked for guidance on a few things, resulting with some added objectives for the year.

1. Develop a resource for medical students and residents about Informatics subspecialty certification and opportunities after residency.
   - This was an existing objective, but has been tied into a similar objective to work closely with EMRA
   - Objective will fall under the Education/Dissemination Subcommittee

2. Review Referred Amended Resolution 42(19)
   - Resolution was presented to the council last year and was not adopted. As a part of parliamentary technique, this has been referred to the Board and has been delegated to the HIT Committee to provide comments.
   - The committee's task is to provide a statement of where we are, how we have already or will be addressing issues raised in the resolution and then report back to the Board.

JT Finnell suggested that the committee might consider AI as a potential objective for the next committee year. The challenge at this point is having a built infrastructure and preliminary work needed prior to launching deep into AI.

It will be helpful to keep the conversation going and gain insights into EPIC, Cerner's, and other EHR's roadmaps in regard to AI as it will be inevitable for implementation.

Though AI might not be ready for decisive action by the committee at this point, it will be something to keep an eye on and add in the future. Currently, the goal is to develop a more pointed white paper on AI as it was a big topic at the HIT Summit.

3. Determine by June if three policies should be reaffirmed, revised, rescinded, or sunset:
   - Emergency Care Eletcronic Data Collection & Exchange
   - Health Information Technology
   - Patient Information Systems

The Policy Subcommittee will review and provide updates/recommendations to the policies in the coming weeks.

Action Items	Person Responsible
Provide comments to Todd Taylor on Referred Amended Resolution 42(19)	Policy Subcommittee
Review and determine if policies noted above should be reaffirmed, revised, rescinded, or sunset	Policy Subcommittee

Discussion	Telehealth Practice Guidelines

The Telehealth Section has put forth Telehealth Practice Guidelines to address issues they identified. The guidelines were submitted to the Board for review and approval. The board decided that it was not ready for approval and was referred back to the HIT Committee for further review and feedback to the section.

This might need to be placed into the Clinical Policies Committee or the EM Practice Committee. The IT components play a relatively small role and the document reads more like a clinical policy rather than an IT or technical issue. The committee will work with the Telehealth Section to provide feedback and comments and then have our Board Liaisons to identify where to send it next.

Action Items	Person Responsible
Provide comments to Telehealth Practice Guidelines	Policy Subcommittee

Discussion	Federal Health IT Strategic Plan

The ONC released their Health IT Strategic Plan and is open for comment until March 18, 2020. The document has been posted to Basecamp and is available for viewing.

Collaborative efforts are underway with Jeff Davis, ACEP Regulatory Affairs Director, to develop a formal comment to this plan.

Action Items	Person Responsible
Provide comments to Federal HIT Strategic Plan	Policy Subcommittee

Discussion	Scientific Assembly 2020

We submitted didactic proposals for SA-20 and are in a holding pattern for the moment. The Education Committee will be reaching back to us for further work in preparing for Scientific Assembly, but things are in motion at this time.

Keeping a steady flow of educational topics relating to IT will be key in making an impact for members as health IT will be a growing contributor in care delivery.

Action Items	Person Responsible
N/A	N/A

Discussion	New Business

Committee members are encouraged to take a look at the HIT Committee's workplan and find an area to get involved in. The committee has just begun its work and there is much that we have been charged with. This is a great opportunity for the committee to make an impact within ACEP and EM.

The full committee will meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 4pm EST. Reminders will be sent out along with the agenda and any supporting documents for members to review prior to calls.

Action Items	Person Responsible
N/A	N/A