

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

Emergency Medicine Workforce Section Meeting

ACEP17

Marriott Marquis

Monday, October 30, 2017

Washington DC

MINUTES

PARTICIPANTS

Section members and subscribers participating included: Leslie Mukau, MD, FACEP, Chair; Guy Nuki, MD, Immediate Past Chair; Otto J. Marquez, MD, FACEP, Secretary; Thomas R. Mitchell, MD, FACEP, Newsletter Editor; Jerry Allison, MD; Carlos A. Camargo, Jr, MD, FACEP; Darrell L. Carter, MD, FACEP; W. Anthony Gerard, MD, FACEP; Donald L. Lum, MD, FACEP; Scott T. Mackey, MD; Russell D. Radtke, MD; and Atwood L. Rice, MD, JD, FACEP.

Others participating included: Paul D. Kivela, MD, MBA, FACEP, President; Rebecca B. Parker, MD, FACEP, Immediate Past President, Board Liaison; Nicholas J. Jouriles, MD, FACEP, Past President; Julius (Jay) A. Kaplan, MD, FACEP, Past President; Presenter - Mandaar A. Gokhale, MD, CompHealth Locum Tenens; Paul Hudson, CompHealth Locum Tenens; Nate Seamons, Comp Health Locum Tenens; Mike Sievert, CompHealth Locum Tenens; Presenter – Brian Sorenson, Director for CompHealth Locum Tenens; James J. Augustine, MD, FACEP; Alex Beuning, MD; Ken J. Gramyk, MD, FACEP; Hans R. House, MD, FACEP; Clinton Kalan, PA-C; Jeff Morris; James K. Palma, MD, FACEP; N. Brooke Ramirez; Joshua C. Ross, MD; Ann R. Verhoeven, PA-C, MMSc; Dean Wilkerson, MBA, JD, CAE; and Mary Hines, Staff Liaison.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Educational presentation
3. Election of New Officers
4. Business Meeting

Major Points Discussed

1. Dr. Nuki welcomed the attendees. He thanked CompHealth Locum Tenens for sponsorship of the lunch provided and introduced the speakers.
2. Mr. Sorenson gave a history of the emergency medicine workforce and the part Locum Tenens plays as one of the nation's largest healthcare staffing providers. He described the changing physician to patient ratios, increase in physician shortages, and the increase in burnout. He presented how Locum Tenens meets these gaps and the benefits provided to their physicians. Dr. Gokhale shared his personal experience as a Locum Tenens physician, giving examples of the personal and professional pros and cons of working as a Locum Tenens physician. During the Q&A with Dr. Gokhale, attendees discussed Locum Tenens work schedules, how their physicians learn about the various hospital protocols where they work, and the effects of not participating in peer reviews.

Dr. Nuki acknowledged and thanked CompHealth for sponsorship of the section lunch. He thanked Mr. Sorenson and Dr. Gokhale for their presentations.

3. Dr. Nuki stated that a chair elect nomination had be submitted for Sullivan K. Smith, MD, FACEP. There were no additional nominations from the floor. The motion to elect Dr. Smith as chair elect was approved.

Dr. Nuki reported the benefits of the position of Secretary and asked for nominations from the floor. Dr. Marquez was nominated. The motion to elect Dr. Marquez as Secretary was approved.

4. Dr. Lum gave an update on the ABEM MOC Part 2 and 4 Access to satisfy ABFM and other ABMS Board MOC Requirements. He reported that ABEM is projected to connect to the HUB in 2018 that will allow American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM)-certified physician access to the LLSA. This will also apply to any other ABMS board certified physician who would wish to apply ABEM LLSA to the MOC Part 2 requirement as allowed by the primary board. He also reported that ABFM is ready to accept ABEM LLSA for its Part 2 requirements. He stated that ABFM MOC department also communicated that ABFM would accept CEDR PI Program to satisfy its MOC Part 4 via a process of Certificate of Completion from this external PI activity. Dialogue is ongoing with ACEP CEDR program regarding options and cost to attest to this activity. An earlier request was made to Dr. Mitchell to clarify ABIM's acceptance of LLSA for its own Part 2 requirement and CEDR participation for Part 4.

Dr. Kivela stated that he is allocating money for a workforce study by the EM Workforce Task Force. He described the current workforce ratios, the needs of the workforce, and finding a balance. He asked that the section think forward regarding what the future EM workforce will look like, even though we don't know what it holds. He stated that we want to avoid having to train again as new methods become the norm, such as telemedicine and virtual medicine.

Dr. Nuki gave an overview of the Emergency Medicine Clinician Classification system. He described the development of a classification system that allows for emergency medicine clinicians to identify into one of a limited number of groups. This classification system can then be used for research, to demonstrate the heterogeneity of the workforce and to help direct workforce policy decisions. The section was asked to help finalize the classifications. It was determined that the extent of the project could not be completed during the section meeting. A section committee was created to meet in person and finalize the classifications and survey. The section committee members include: Dr. Mukau, Dr. Nuki, Dr. Mitchell, Dr. Beuning, Dr. Camargo, Dr. Palma, and Dr. Radtke. Dr. Parker will also be invited to participate.

With no further issues to discuss the meeting was adjourned.