

American College of Emergency Physicians
Dual Training Section Meeting
ACEP23
October 11, 2023
MINUTES

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE SECTION CHAIR AND ARE PENDING APPROVAL BY THE DUAL TRAINING SECTION AT THE ACEP24 MEETING. ANY CHANGES WILL APPEAR IN THE MINUTES OF THAT MEETING.

Participants

Section members participating for all or part of the meeting included: Alan You, MD, chair; Vinay Mikkilineni, MD, chair-elect; James Humble, MD, secretary; Carissa Tyo, MD, FACEP, councilor; Katherine Ren, DO, alternate councilor; Vaishal Tolia, MD, FACEP, immediate past-chair; Joe Lykins, MD; Dan Martin, MD, MBA, FACEP.

Others participating for all or part of the meeting included: JT Finnell, MD, FACEP, Board liaison; Sandra M. Schneider, MD, FACEP, ACEP staff liaison; Julie Wassom, ACEP staff; Dietrich Jehle, MD, FACEP; four other individuals who did not sign in.

Agenda

Welcome, Introductions

Report from Council

Report from Board

Report from Staff Liaison

Discussions:

- Recent Trends in EM Match Performance, Impact on Dual Training Programs
- Creative Telemedicine Uses by Dual Training Providers

Open Forum

Advertisement of Open Positions and Those Seeking New Positions

Closing Remarks

Major Points Discussed

Dr. You welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Council report from Dr. Tyo:

- Discussion of challenging resolutions, several regarding interface of attendings and residents
- ACEP to work to advocate that residents have first right of refusal to all procedures
- Enshrined definition of “supervised vs. unsupervised” practice for advanced practice providers (APPs)
- Stated gold standard is a board-certified/board-eligible emergency physician (EP) for emergency department (ED) or at least a physician on staff physically to be called an ED
- Several resolutions regarding early pregnancy loss, substance use disorder (SUD), provisions of medications in this setting
- Removal of term of “excited delirium” for verbiage to prevent misuse by law enforcement
- Resolution addressed certificate of merit for malpractice prosecutions to be from board-certified EP practicing and licensed in same state as defendant

- Advocated for removal of “public metric shaming”
- Advocated for ensuring transferring physician has power over determining medical stability to ensure unstable patients are not bullied into transferring to facilities
- Work to make transfers easier
- Advocated against unpaid outside work for training
- Declared firearms a national emergency
- Advocated for increased geriatric ED payments without sacrificing others
- Affirmed support for three and four year residencies

Board liaison report from Dr. Finnell:

- Reiterated interesting Council discussion. Mentioned no branding on lanyard this year as one ACEP effort to remove any perception of corporate influence.
- 8206 attendees at conference this year
- 466 GEDA sites accredited per his latest report, accreditation line growing, plan for ED accreditation
- Mentioned ACEP SUD training available
- EMRA Practice Essentials include “hidden curriculum”, meaning topics not traditionally covered in residency training available on ACEP site. Multiple modules available.
- Pushed for LAC coming in April this year. Mentioned previous year’s work including 46 regulator letters. 138 congressional meetings, 8 amicus briefs in last year for fair payment
- 37K members of ACEP, trying to minimize member requirements. Working on efficient meetings, Dr. Allison Haddock working on this with task force.
- ACEP Anytime will be delivering content in a streaming model
- New ACEP app now out, E-QUAL program, remember MIPS for department
- Discussed submitting multiple resolutions on insurance limitations to care including:
 - Lobbying for restoring and making permanent the Medicare waiver
 - Extending it to all payors to unburden the payment structure for DME;
 - Helping with pre-authorization to allow hospitals to have more ability to staff.

Staff liaison report from Dr. Schneider:

- Discussed Society of Hospital Medicine meetings with ACEP. Dr. Tyo advocated for section involvement in these meetings. Talking about making subcommittee to help bring expertise to bear on these issues. Dr. Martin mentioning having us in the right place to be able to help.
- Mentioned vaccination info on ACEP website
- Mentioned ED accreditation again as a new mechanism incorporating pre-existing ACEP policies.

Match trends:

- Dr. You mentioned increased unfilled positions and decreased applications. The question was raised about whether we have a Halo effect or if these decreased applications will affect us.
- Talked about virtual residency fair on May 6, 2024 for next year. Plan to update FAQ. Making sure to remain neutral. Use sponsorship to pay for tables. Advertise fair at the match.
- Concern from residents and students for combined programs. Mentioned that this could be another good resolution. Work with EMRA to partner in this effort. Medical students and others being actively pushed away from combined programs. Another option would be getting on EMRA podcast to talk about the role of combined residencies
- Talked about incorporating social media. Need to have consistent messaging. #dualtraining
- Dr. Jehle mentioned new EM/aerospace medicine program. Probably looking for residents for July, but waiting on final approval

Role of telemedicine:

- ED follow up clinic
- Tele-obs

- Hospital at home (UCSD at home offered services at home with community health partners), OHSU contract group, UIC through family medicine, but hard to staff. Question of revenue streams. In Buffalo, question of resident only staffing. Decrease prison needs, question from Dr. Tyo about preventative health/urgent care in the space. Virtual or in-person screening.
- Grant question on this plus question about medical malpractice
- Bring back teleconference nationally for combined programs

Open forum discussion:

- Dr. Martin brought up that the CORD Board mentioned that, overall, emergency medicine has had an increase in applications. Majority coming from international medical graduates, with allopathic programs having the smallest increase.
- Question about ABEM response on parental leave. Hoping to get more clarification, and consider attempting to enshrine this as we are not protected in the same way as independent ACGME accredited programs.
- Question about resolution on residency parental leave in combined programs

Actionable items summary:

- Council: Plan for waiver advocacy - James Humble
- Accelerate discharges – Carissa Tyo/Katherine Ren
- Virtual residency fair (Dr. Humble will update FAQ) – Vinay Mikkilineni
- National virtual combined residency conferences – Alan You

With no more business to discuss, the business meeting was adjourned.