American College of Emergency Physicians

**Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section Conference Call MINUTES**

March 19, 2018

**Participants**

Section members participating for all or part of the meeting included:Ula Hwang, MD, FACEP, Chair-Elect; Christopher R. Carpenter, MD, FACEP, Alternate Councilor; Carrie Cregar, MD, FACEP; Secretary/Newsletter Editor; Philip D. Magidson, MD, FACEP; Teresita M. Hogan, MD, FACEP.

ACEP Staff member participants: Sandra M. Schneider, MD, FACEP; Nicole Tidwell, and Julie Rispoli.

**Agenda**

1. Newsletter

2. Geriatric ED Accreditation Program update

3. ACEP18

4. ACEP Section Grants

**Major Points Discussed**

Dr. Hwang welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that everyone introduce themselves.

Dr. Schneider announced that due to the generosity of WestHealth – ACEP has hired a full time Geriatric ED Accreditation Manager who is also be in charge of the Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section; Nicole Tidwell.

**Newsletters:**

1. Series of three newsletters remain for the year— Lead by an Executive Board Member; (Dr. Hwang) to create the April newsletter, Dr. Biese will create the summer newsletter, Dr. Karounos, will create the fall September/October issue.
   1. Ideas on newsletter content- what’s hot in EM, update on what section is doing.
   2. Another idea is a GEM fellows corner UMC, Cornell, UC Davis (has no fellows,) and William Beaumont hospital.
   3. April piece: Dr. Magidson training is unique and he has created a nice piece that Dr. Hwang would like to use as a focus. Dr. Magidson involved in a pilot study--arranging and setting up geriatric accommodations, consult staffed by a geriatrician – with the goal of coming up with the plan for these patients that answers the question of do they need to come in, or stay home? Geriatric viewpoint- big activity of these groups. Setting up home health, medications— outcome is (hopefully) less mortality and maximized transitions of care. So far, its functioning well. Dr. Magidson’s Hospital sees 1-2 consults a day. Dr. Hogan question- have you identified the aspect of the patient to whom this is most useful? Dr. Magidson –useful to those patients that come in with a laundry list of medications. We’re finding a lot of medication recommendations 75% of the consults they’ve seen they’ve made medication recommendations.
   4. Christina Shenvi (GEM Cast) has a podcast – will use as a placeholder in the summer issue. Benefit is two-fold:
      1. GEMCast podcast content is really great
      2. Nice to get the word out about a member's program to our community and info on resources like this
   5. Need area to keep stats- how many apps and how many ED’s can update within the newsletter – Dr. Cregar to keep track of the fellows and EDs and Nicole to add the data to the newsletters.
   6. Dr. Hwang to send the April newsletter content to Nicole by March 30, 2018. Julie to send copywrite and COI forms to Dr. Hwang and Dr. Cregar.
   7. Dr. Carpenter - Four ACEP geriatric EM section members nominated for geriatric EM award—idea to add in to the newsletter. Add a column that describes who was nominated and why. Dr. Hwang to reach out to Stu Kessler (New York state.) Letter has to be submitted by April 2nd.

**Geriatric ED Accreditation:**

Dr. Schneider-provided an ACEP update: 5 applications at a level 3 out for review, three at level 1, (with a 4th one the that is just about complete and that will complete our demo.) Soft launch takes place in early April, 25 more people interested in the program. The formal launch will take place in June and we will begin to promote/market the launch and go forward with the larger launch of the program. VA continues to have interest and the NY Governor has issued a proclamation and stated that all ED’s should be age friendly and have geriatric ED accreditation. NYS has 167 hospitals with potential for GED accreditation.

Next piece of business: we may need to enlarge the GED site application reviewer pool dependant upon how many applications come in. Perhaps have an application for reviewers. Dr. Hogan question- in regards to the BOG review activities, upon reading through the app—there was not a due date ask. Please determine a due date. Dr. Schneider: The BOG needs to help us determine a timeframe that these apps need to be completed by. Official accreditation announcement will happen when the first batch is complete.

**ACEP 2018:**

ACEP18—marks ACEPs 50th year- lots of potential with geriatric emergency care. Dr. Hwang asked does the section need to be focusing on anything currently--requests for food or sponsors, meeting time?

Dr. Schneider— Issue to think about is the type of educational content, what kind of program do you want to do during the time allotted? Food and beverage comes later. Food will be determined on level of sponsor. Meeting Monday October 1st from 2-3:30 pm. This year’s meeting will include an election for Chair-elect, Secretary/Newsletter Editor and Alternate Councilor.

Knowing this new date ACEP18 date, third newsletter to come out in September.

Question--Will any time be put towards the accreditation program at ACEP meeting? Where will it be featured? There is a GEDA board meeting (not open to public)—Julie mentioned that they have a second meeting for ultrasound, can visit doing the same for GEMS. Will need to add a separate session – Nicole to talk to Kevin about whether or not he wants a separate session. We need a speaker on the evolution of geriatric EM care.

Speakers requests? Dr. Carpenter - The Irish Assoc. in EM the meeting was themed for the aging population. Opened with Simon Harris, meeting closed with their Bruce Janic equivalent talking about the historical background. Send a list of potentials? Would be interesting to have a panel. The last of the 8 foudning partners passed away, John Rupke. Sandy mentioned Ron Stewart is the founder of EMS and is inteesting and theminister of health for Nova Scotia; he may be willing to talk about geriatric. Nicole to check with 50th anniversary group to see who all is coming as invited speakers. Ula to plot out 90 minutes of blocks for a sense of timing on speakers, elections, GEDA, Sponsors, etc.

Reach out to Christopher Alban at Epic; EM physician who is an Epic VP. Dr. Hwang to send contact to Nicole so we can reach out and coordinate the request to the potential sponsor.

**Section Grants:**

Section application was put in to develep and App, we should hear by April 4th if letter of intent was selected to move forward.

* 1. Current section grant for podcasts- Dr. Biese to update us on the three podcasts
  2. Focus on why geriatric em is important, evolution about the GEDA program, how to move forward with Geriartic care and how to beocme innovators in geriatric care.

The next monthly call will be:

Monday, April,16, 2018

12:00 Eastern; 11:00 Central; 10:00 Mountain; 9:00 Pacific

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The meeting was adjourned.