

## AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

Toxicology Section Annual Meeting  
Monday, September 30, 2024  
ACEP'24 Las Vegas, NV  
Mandalay Bay Hotel Convention Center  
Level 3, Room - Palm C  
1:00– 3:00 PM

### MINUTES

#### **Section officers participating in the meeting included:**

**Chair:** Stella Wong, DO

**Chair-elect:** Richard Chen, MD

**Councillor:** Jennifer Hannum, MD, FACEP

**Temp ACEP Staff Liaison:** Liz Muth

**Secretary/Newsletter Editor:** Patrick Murray, DO (called in)

**Attendees:** Ashlyn Cooper, Colin Danko, Avivale Sharma, Anthony Han, Joby Thoppil, Prayag Mehta, Mike Reilly, Adam Maners, Steven Redford, Shaniece Bond, Roger Tillotson, Mazifa Ibrahim, Alexander Robinson, Ryan Ward, Devin Morris, Brett Roth, Seth Bohman, Eshwar Kishor, Andre Tadyeh, Hailey Sinofre, Maricel Dela Cruz, Jackie Nguyen, Maria Carvajal

#### **Call to Order**

Dr. Wong called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM. Introductions of attendees were made.

#### **Educational Program:**

Joshua Kern, MD Assistant Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, Perinatal Intervention Program/Addiction Medicine, University of Texas, Southwestern, Parkland Health and Hospital System presented “Buprenorphine in the Age of Fentanyl”. Questions were answered after the presentation.

Following the presentation, Dr. Kern presented information on addiction medicine training and board certification. Questions were asked and answered.

#### **Old Business:**

Section Minutes of October 11, 2023, were reviewed and approved.

#### **New Business / Open Floor:**

##### Councillor and Board Liaison Reports

Dr. Jen Hannum reported:

- There were no resolutions directly related to toxicology for this year's council
- Resolutions on boarding were prevalent due to current issues/climate
- Board officers were elected
- No questions were raised from the group

### AACT Antidote Collective

- Dr. Richard Chen provided information on the AACT Antidote Collective. They are still early in the process. The eventual goal is to produce a manuscript on current state of antidote shortage. Question was raised on how to leverage ACEP and put out a statement in support of the guidelines/approvals needed. Would it be appropriate to put out a resolution on the shortage? A resolution needs to be made for next year.
- Dr. Hannum raised the question that this could be an addition to the antidote app. Would there be some sort of funding such as a section grant available for that? Is it possible to migrate the antidote app to the ACEP Mobile app?

### Other New Business/Open Floor - Members

#### - Billing and Coding Questions, Support

- The section would appreciate a statement from ACEP regarding the value of supporting active medical toxicology practice in emergency medicine.
- Need more support from the college on billing and coding
- Discussed submitting a new resolution to ask ACEP to support the billing and coding issues that current EM toxicologists face

#### - Generation of Position Statements (mifepristone in the state of Louisiana)

- Mifepristone is listed as a schedule IV drug in the state of Louisiana, which classifies it as a “controlled dangerous substance” due to “potential for misuse”
- Is there an avenue for ACEP to make a policy statement on this?

#### Board report:

Chadd Kraus, Toxicology Section Board Liaison, gave a brief report

- Sandy Schneider is currently interim ED. There is an executive search for the next ED
- Policy statements approved: thrombolytics, digital and print advertising in the exhibit hall, affirmed the DEI statement for the college
- All member survey will be sent out
- Update on the ED accreditation program that would mirror the successful Geriatric Accreditation program. 180 sites have expressed interest in the program.
- Tony Cirillo is president-elect, 3 new board members and 1 incumbent were elected
- We surpassed our budgeted 6,000 attendees. Vegas is always a slightly higher meeting number due to the attractive location.

#### Off-topic:

- Dr. Hannum brought up the issue of the new Alzheimer's drug and the ARIA effects. She was asking if anyone had experienced this issue yet and concerns that this is going to become an increasing problem.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 PM