

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

Emergency Medicine Practice Management and Health Policy Section Meeting
October 16, 2016
Las Vegas, NV

MINUTES

Attendees

Nicholas F. Vasquez, MD, FACEP, Chair; Pooja Agrawal, MD, FACEP; Misti Benson; Kevin Conn, MD, FACEP; John Elliott, MD, MBA, FACEP; Ugo Ezenkwele, MD; William Felegi, DO, FACEP; Sonali Ganguly, MD; Dan Gingold, MD; Melissa Gomez, MD; Michael Granovsky, MD, CPC, FACEP; Tamara Green, MD; Heather A. Heaton, MD, FACEP; Jon Mark Hirshon, MD, MPH, PhD, FACEP; Carlos Holden, MD, FACEP; Paul Hudson, EMT; Amitagh Ilango, MD; Ryan Keay, MD, FACEP; Eric Ketcham, MD, FACEP; Thurston King; Kelly Ko, MD; Wendy Macias-Konstantopoulos, MD, MPH; Harry Monroe, ACEP; Larissa Mueller, MD; Jay Mullen, MD, FACEP; John Proctor, MD, MBA, FACEP; John Sverha, MD; Jonathan Thomas, MD; and Arjun K Venkatesh, MD, MBA.

Other Participants: Margaret Montgomery, RN, MSN, staff liaison.

Agenda

1. Call to Order/Welcome
2. Section Business
3. Panel Presentations and Discussion
4. Adjourn

Major Points Discussed

1. Dr. Vasquez welcomed those in attendance and introductions were made.
2. Dr. Vasquez initiated the business portion of the section meeting. It was reported that the section currently has 403 members.

Dr. Hirshon as Board liaison to the section provided an overview on a number of issues the College is focusing on including: the data registry (CEDR), Dr. Parker's focus on diversity in practice, ACEP's lawsuit with CMS and the ACA requirement that a reasonable amount be paid to providers based on an objective standard.

Dr. Vasquez asked section members for topics that they would like to see the section address through section grants, newsletters or at the section meeting. Section members were encouraged to submit topics to any of the section leaders.

Dr. Thomas provided a report on the council meeting. It was noted that Dr. Kivela is now president-elect and then reported that a number of resolutions focused on advocacy issues. It was reported that there were a number of resolutions on opioid misuse and access to long term treatment.

Section elections were then held. The following officers were elected for a 2 year term:

Sundeep "Sunny" Shukla, MD- chair-elect
Jonathan F. Thomas, MD, Secretary/Newsletter Editor
Liudvikas Jagminas, MD, FACEP, Alternate Councillor

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Dr. Vasquez will now serve as Immediate Past Chair and Dr. Heaton will serve as chair.

Dr. Hirshon presented Dr. Vasquez with a certificate of appreciation for his service as chair for the section for the last two years.

3. Dr. Vasquez then introduced Dr. Granovsky who provided an overview of the changing financial landscape for medical care. His presentation was titled: “2016 MACRA: MIPS and APMs- Fall Reimbursement Update.”

Following Dr. Granosky’s presentation three panelist discussed: “The Changing Business of EM.” Panelists were:

- Jon Mark Hirshon, MD, MPH, PhD, FACEP
- John Proctor, MD, MBA, FACEP
- Arjun Venkatesh, MD, MBA, MHS

Each panelist shared information about their practice and the changes that they are seeing. All agreed that the business model is changing practice and it is imperative for practice to evolve and that there are both threats and opportunities. There was discussion about the need to focus on post care and networking with nursing homes that utilize APRNs and community resources for continuing patient care. Some noted that hospitals are more willing to invest in the ED, improve operational efficiencies, increased use of rapid assessment areas and see more individual accountability. Others noted that there is more alignment of incentives and regulations, more information is available to consumers including rating of systems of care, patients admitted to the hospital are often sicker. There was agreement that there are now more venues to practice emergency medicine and the provider can choose what part of that continuum they wish to practice in. It was noted that there is a greater need to integrate with community resources as housing instability and social issues impact health care resources.

Following an overview by each panelist open discussion with attendees on the issues was held.

4. With no further business at this time, Dr. Vasquez thanked the panelists and the attendees and the meeting was adjourned.