

Date: November 11, 2009
Place: Orlando, FL
Time: 12:00PM



**Florida College of Emergency Physicians
Government Affairs Committee**

Members Present: Miguel Acevedo, MD, FACEP; Ademola Adawale; Wayne Barry, MD, FACEP; Ashley Booth, MD, FACEP; Amy Conley, MD, FACEP; Dagan Dalton, MD; Vidor Friedman, MD, FACEP; Brent Gardner; Mylissa Graber, MD, FACEP; Kelly Gray-Eurom, MD, FACEP; Steven Kailes, MD; Toni Large; Michael Lozano, MD, FACEP; James Meade, MD; Joe Nelson, DO, FACEP, FACOEP; David Orban, MD; Ernest Page II, MD FACEP; Leila Posaw, MD; Lynn Reedy; Cheryl Reynolds; Alfredo Tirado-gontalet; Steven Uhlfelder;

FCEP staff present: Beth Brunner, Michael Citro, Delaina Bomhoff

| | Topic | Discussion | Decision/ Action |
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| 1.0 | Welcome and Introductions: | The meeting was called to order at noon by chair Dr. Vidor Friedman | |
| 2.0 | Review & Approve Minutes | Minutes from August 2009 were reviewed and approved. | <i>Accepted</i> |
| 3.0 | Campaign Reports/activity - EPF and PAEC | Dr. Friedman reviewed contributions to date and expenditures for the two CCE's. He recognized individual groups that have contributed and asked that going into 2010 and the elections, FCEP continue efforts to secure additional group support. | |
| 4.0 | Joint FHA/FCEP Access to Emergency Care Program | <p>Members participating on the FHA/FCEP Task Force on Access to care reported on the significant action of the four subgroups. It has come to the attention of the committee that some law enforcement personnel are using Baker Act to drop off Psychiatric patients at Emergency Departments and leave. There is currently no stipulation to have law enforcement stay with a patient, which leaves dangerous individuals in the ED. There have been occurrences where these individuals have attacked healthcare workers. The current situation creates a dangerous environment for both Emergency Care providers and Emergency Department patients, and generates additional overcrowding.</p> <p>Motion to draft legislation for this session to deal with issues regarding baker act.</p> <p>The committee discussed that it would be prudent to create a Task Force to come up with verbiage without alienating Law Enforcement groups. – Legislation would need to have verbiage that states law enforcement is to remain with patients they bring in that have been arrested, or baker act-ed.</p> <p>Organizations to include would be: Sheriffs Association, Law Enforcement Association, FHA, FDLE, DCF, PDA, Florida Psychiatric Association, and Police Chief Association.</p> <p>This legislation may find some push back due to funding issues. This would take law enforcement personnel off the streets and place them in the Emergency Department with these patients.</p> <p>Motion to create task force to draft legislation for this session to deal</p> | <p><i>Motion</i></p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p><i>Amendment</i></p> <p><i>Accepted</i></p> |

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| | | <p>expert witness. Motion Accepted Motion to support prohibition of texting while driving. Motion Accepted Motion to support booster seat legislation. Motion Accepted Motion to support opposition of balanced billing. Motion Accepted Motion to work with Renuart to craft legislation regarding STEMI that FCEP can support Motion Accepted</p> | <p><i>Accepted Motion Accepted Motion Accepted Motion Accepted Motion Accepted</i></p> |
| 9.0 | Other | <p>FCEP has established a new Free Standing ED's Committee. The FMA is opposing free standing ED's. On-call specialists are saying Free Standing ED's need to have separate oncall agreements. Liability insurance also may not cover separate facilities. Dr. Conley will serve as Board representative to the Free Standing ED Committee.</p> <p>FCEP needs to schedule a follow up meeting with Trial Lawyers from the March meeting at EM Days.</p> | <p><i>Action</i></p> |
| 10.0 | Adjournment | The meeting was adjourned at 2:45PM | |