MACEP PRESIDENT
BRIAN SUTTON, MD, FACEP
PRE-PANDEMIC MAY 2019-FEB 2020
MAY 2019

• ANNUAL MEETING

• OUT OF NETWORK (SURPRISE) BILLING TESTIMONY AT THE STATE HOUSE
  • 1. TAKE THE PATIENT OUT OF THE MIDDLE.
  • 2. INCREASE TRANSPARENCY OF THE LIMITATIONS OF INSURANCE COVERAGE. “SURPRISE BILLING” VS “SURPRISE LACK OF COVERAGE” DUE TO THE GROWTH OF LIMITED OR NARROW NETWORK INSURANCE PLANS.
  • 3. ENSURE FAIR REIMBURSEMENT FOR PHYSICIAN SERVICES, BASED ON A TRANSPARENT, NATIONAL, AND WHOLLY INDEPENDENT MEDICAL CLAIMS DATABASE.
  • 4. IMPLEMENT A TIMELY DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS FOR RESOLVING PAYMENT DISPUTES WHEN THE INSURER AND PROVIDER DISAGREE.
JUNE 2020

- PARTNERED WITH RIZE MASSACHUSETTS TO HELP EDIT AND DISTRIBUTE THEIR WHITE PAPER FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS ON OPIATE USE DISORDER (THANKS SCOTT!)
- JOINED THE NATIONAL RANKS FOR “A CALL TO ACTION” TO SENATORS WARREN AND MARKEY AS THE U.S. SENATE TOOK UP THE DEBATE ON OON “SURPRISE” BILLING.
- HOSTED DR. CHRIS SHANAHAN FROM MCSTAP AT OUR JUNE MEETING WHO OFFERED THEIR SERVICED TO ALL MASS ED DOCS IN TREATING PATIENTS WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS
- MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTED OUR MEMBERSHIP AT 993 FOR THIS MONTH (THANKS, SUNNY)
SUMMER 2020: JULY AND AUGUST

• SUBMITTED WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO MA DPH REGARDING E-PRESCRIBING PROPOSED REGULATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS

• SUBMITTED “PROMOTION OF MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH” (AUTHORED BY KATHLEEN KERRIGAN) AS A RESOLUTION FOR ACEP 2019 COUNCIL MEETING

• GATHERED AND PUBLISHED JULY 2019 “POINT-IN-TIME” ED BOARDING DATA FROM MASS EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS ON JULY 15TH: (NOT A PRETTY PICTURE)

• HELD AUGUST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING/RETREAT AT TREE HOUSE IN CHARLTON.
SEPTEMBER 2019

• RESPONDING TO INCOMING FIRE FROM A NUMBER OF FRONTS
  • MA BORIM NEW REGS AND FAQ.
  • BOSTON MUNICIPAL COURT SECTION 12 RULING
  • MA HPC FINDINGS ON OON BILLING
  • MA DPH – E-PRESCRIBING REGS.
  • STATEHOUSE: MACEP GAVE VERBAL TESTIMONY (THANKS HEIK) AGAINST THREE BILLS THAT WOULD ENFORCE INVOLUNTARY ED HOLDS FOR SUBSTANCE USE PATIENTS.
SEPTEMBER 2019

- MACEP ANNOUNCES ITS RESIDENT REPS FOR 2019-2020
  **BMC** – ERIN OAKLEY, MD; SINA MOSTAGHIMI, MD
  **BIDMC** – ALEC KOFFER, MD; DAN LAPIDUS, MD
  **BW/MGH** – LUCINDA LAI, MD (LEAD REP); FARAH DADABHOY, MD
  **UMASS** – ANDREW KAMILARIS, MD; ALEXANDIRA GREGORY, MD
  **BAYSTATE** – NATALIE STROKES, DO; MICHAEL MUNGER, DO
OCTOBER 2019

MACEP PEDIATRICS COMMITTEE RELEASES FALL NEWSLETTER
• (THANKS EMOY AND ASHLEY)

MACEP LAUNCHES ANTI-BOARDING TASK FORCE
• (THANKS GREG AND STEVE)

COUNCIL MEETING IN DENVER:
• MACEP’S AMENDED RESOLUTION PASSES
• MACEP MAKES ROUNDS AT RESIDENT RECEPTIONS
NOVEMBER 2019

- LOBBY DAY ON BEACON HILL : NOVEMBER 13TH
  - "COACH" RONNA WALLACE
  - AWARDS TO SEN. FRIEDMAN, REP. SANTIAGO
  - MEETINGS WITH OUR REPS AND SENATORS
    - MENTAL HEALTH PARITY
    - FAIR OON LEGISLATION
  - MACEP’S 50TH ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION AT CARRIE NATION
MACEP LOBBY DAY 2019
DECEMBER 2019

• ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ULTRASOUND COURSE ON DECEMBER 7 (THANKS SAM AND MICHELLE)

• REPRESENTATIVE SANTIAGO FUNDRAISER

• 2020 LEADERSHIP & ADVOCACY FELLOWS

MACEP’S BOARD OF DIRECTORS SELECTED THE FOLLOWING AS 2020 FELLOWS

• LAURA DEAN, MD; DANIEL HEGG, MD; VINCENT KAN, MD; ONYEKA OTUGO, MD
JANUARY 2020

- FILING OF AMICUS BRIEF TO APPELLATE COURT ALONG WITH MHA, MABH, AND MPS.
- MACEP ENDORSES MHA’S BILL TO PREVENT WORKPLACE VIOLENCE
- MACEP FILES WRITTEN TESTIMONY AGAINST GOVERNOR BAKER’S RATE SETTING PROVISIONS FOR OON RATES IN HIS HEALTH CARE BILL FOR THE HEARING OF THE HEALTH CARE FINANCE COMMITTEE
- MACEP HOLDS ITS JANUARY BOD MEETING IN CONJUNCTION WITH A SPONSORED EDUCATIONAL LECTURE FOR OUR MEMBERS. VIRTUAL REALITY AND A FREE DINNER.
- FIRST MEETING OF MACEP’S ANTI-BOARDING TASK FORCE TAKES PLACE AT MMS ON 1/29.
MACEP PUBLISHES JANUARY POINT-IN-TIME ED BOARDING NUMBERS: CRISIS LEVEL

| MACEP POINT IN TIME DATA COLLECTION SUMMARY |  |
| Data collected summary | Date of Data Collection 1.20.20 | Date of Data Collection 1.29.20 | Date of Data Collection 2.10.20 | Date of Data Collection 2.18.20 |
| # of Hospitals Responded | 75% | 75% | 69% | 72% | 77% | 82% | 82% | 69% | 76% | 76% | 75% | 90% | 98% |
| # of Total SH Boarders | 216 | 183 | 128 | 137 | 125 | 221 | 239 | 103 | 197 | 111 | 160 | 149 |
| Mean of SH Boarders | 7.8 | 8.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 3.75 |
| Median of SH Boarders | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3.75 |
| # of Total BH Boarding Hours | 1096 | 835 | 599 | 604 | 654 | 680 | 782 | 628 | 567 | 372 | 535 | 525 |
| Mean of BH Boarding Hours | 58.0 | 28.2 | 31 | 30.6 | 33.8 | 36.7 | 31.1 | 29.3 | 26.1 | 29.1 | 26.8 | 34.2 |
| Median of BH Boarding Hours | 50.3 | 25.7 | 21.7 | 21.7 | 21.7 | 21.7 | 20.0 | 20.4 | 15.8 | 18.1 | 18.1 | 12.5 |
| Maximum length of stay by BH | 10 days | 15 hours | 9 days | 14 hours | 8 days | 10 hours | 9 days | 15 hours | 8 days | 9 hours | 8 days | 12 hours |
| Mean % of ED Beds Used by BH | 24.4% | 16.1% | 15.0% | 7% | 6% | 10% | 10% | 10% | 10% | 10% | 10% | 10% |
| Maximum % of ED Beds Used by BH at 1 Hospital | 59% | 59% | 59% | 41% | 29% | 50% | 50% | 50% | 47% | 47% | 47% | 47% |
| # of Peds Patient BH Boarders | 41 | 13 | 18 | 15 | 22 | 26 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 4 | 7 | n/a |
| Mean of Peds Patient Boarding hours | 67.6 | 28.4 | 19.7 | 15.3 | 68.7 | 48.5 | 36.7 | 50.6 | 53 | 46.6 | 27.8 | 62 |
| Median of Peds Patient Boarding Hours | 62 | 37 | 35 | 57 | 53 | 54 | 34 | 47 | 37 | 16.5 | 25 | 54 |
| # of Peds Patient Total BH Boarding hours | 117.7 | 41.5 | 52 | 45.7 | 52.3 | 51.7 | 104 | 436 | 897 | 897 | 129 | 203 |
| Maximum length of stay by Peds Patient/BH | 10 days | 17 hours | 8 days | 10 hours | 5 days | 7 days | 5 days | 17 hours | 5 days | 17 hours | 8 days | 11.5 hours |

**COMPARISON TO MED SURGE BOARDERS**

| Data collected summary | Date of Data Collection 1.20.20 | Date of Data Collection 1.29.20 | Date of Data Collection 2.10.20 | Date of Data Collection 2.18.20 |
| # of Total Med Surge Boarders | 162 | 78 | 102 | 46 | 111 | 108 | 60 | 57 | 134 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Mean of Med Surge Boarders | 8 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.7 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Median of Med Surge Boarders | 3.5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| # of Total Med Surge Boarding Hours | 1385 | 473 | 1915 | 104 | 258 | 1996 | 342 | 377 | 1158 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Mean of Med Surge Boarding hours | 7.0 | 6 | 6.4 | 7 | 13.8 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Median of Med Surge Boarding Hours | 6.3 | 2.9 | 4 | 6.8 | 9.4 | 8.8 | 4 | 3.25 | 7 | n/a | n/a | n/a |

*Compiled by 10 hospitals and 21 Ambulance transports

Data collected by Massachusetts College of Emergency Physicians
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FEBRUARY 2020

- ED DIRECTORS’ ROUND TABLE AT WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN: ED BOARDING CRISIS IN MASSACHUSETTS
- MASSACHUSETTS SENATE PASSES THE MENTAL HEALTH ABC ACT
  - STRENGTHENS MASSACHUSETTS PARITY LAWS AND GIVE THE DIVISION OF INSURANCE THE AUTHORITY TO MORE STRICTLY ENFORCE PARITY
- AG HEALY REACHES A SETTLEMENT WITH INSURANCE COMPANIES
  - MORE $$ FOR BH PAYMENTS FOR ALL PROVIDERS
  - REMOVES PRIOR AUTH FOR SUDE AND BH PATIENTS WHO SEEK ED AND INPATIENT BH TREATMENT
  - MANDATES UP TO DATE MH DIRECTORIES BY INSURANCE COMPANIES
MARCH 2020: PRE-COVID 19

• ED BOARDING INITIATIVES: GAINING MOMENTUM

• MENTAL HEALTH PARITY INITIATIVES: GAINING MOMENTUM

• MACEP ANNUAL MEETING PLANS: GAINING MOMENTUM
MARCH-MAY 2020: COVID 19 REALITY

- MACEP OFFICES AT MMS SHUT DOWN
- MA STATE HOUSE SHUTS DOWN FOR LIVE DEBATE/TESTIMONY
- MACEP ANNUAL MEETING CANCELLED/CONVERTED
- ACEP LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY IN WASHINGTON DC CANCELLED
- ALL FUTURE MACEP BOD MEETINGS NOW VIA ZOOM
MARCH-MAY 2020: COVID 19 REALITY
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• WHAT ARE WE DOING TO SUPPORT OUR MEMBERS DURING THIS? WHAT ELSE SHOULD WE BE DOING?
  • INFORMATION, INFORMATION, AND MORE INFORMATION: MACEP COVID 19 WEBPAGE WITH UP TO DATE LINKS
  • PPE, PPE, AND MORE PPE.
  • A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR AND STATE HOUSE LEADERSHIP
    • MORE PPE
    • STRENGTHEN “STAY AT HOME” AND “SOCIAL DISTANCING”; A CALL FOR FACE-MASKS IN PUBLIC.
    • LIABILITY PROTECTION (ABSENT GROSS NEGLIGENCE) FOR THE DURATION OF THE PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY
• MACEP VIRTUAL TOWN HALLS: APRIL 21 AND MAY 5
• ACEP VIRTUAL DAY ON CAPITOL HILL
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE CHAIR – MICHELE SCHROEDER, MD

• 2019 ULTRASOUND COURSE – 59 ATTENDEES, HIGHEST REGISTRATION FOR THIS EVENT.


• THE COMMITTEE WILL LOOK INTO DEVELOPING/DELIVERING VIRTUAL CONTENT IN 2020/21
EMS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE CHAIR – IRA NEMETH, MD, FACEP

• MONITOR STATE EMS LEGISLATION & REGULATIONS
• PROVIDE INPUT ON EMS STATEWIDE TREATMENT PROTOCOLS
• ATTEND STATE OEMS MEETINGS
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE CHAIR - SUNNY SHUKLA, MD, FACEP

AS OF APRIL 30, 2020  TOTAL MEMBERSHIP IS 1,015

CANDIDATE MEMBERS: FELLOW - 31
RESIDENT - 237
MED STUDENT - 137

REGULAR MEMBERS:  REGULAR/NEW – 507
LIFE - 90
RETIR ED - 13
PEDIATRIC COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS: EMORY PETRACK, MD, FAAP, FACEP & ASHLEY FOSTER, MD

- EXPANSION OF MACEP PEDIATRIC COMMITTEE TO 13 MEMBERS- COLLABORATION WITH MA ENA
  PEDIATRIC COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH BOTH RN + MD/APP PECC IN EVERY ED IN THE STATE
- DISSEMINATION OF MONTHLY EMAILS TO ALL PECCS WITH RESOURCES/ UPDATES
- DEVELOPMENT OF MASSPEDIATRICTOOLKIT.COM WEBSITE
- PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ENGLAND PECC NETWORK
- PUBLICATION OF ARTICLE IN AM J EMERG MED: A WEIGHTY MATTER: OBTAINING AND DOCUMENTING PEDIATRIC
  WEIGHT IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT
- PARTICIPATION IN NEW ENGLAND PEDIATRIC PREPAREDNESS FORUM (CANCELLED DUE TO COVID PANDEMIC)
- INVOLVEMENT IN FIRST NEW ENGLAND PECC NETWORK PROJECT- PEDIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH TOOLKIT (DELAYED
  DUE TO COVID PANDEMIC)
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS: ANDREW MILSTEN, MD, FACEP & MELISA LAI-BECKER, MD, FACEP

• MACEP RELATIONSHIP WITH MA COALITION TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE
• COMMUNITY BASED PRESCRIPTION CPR
• FIXING MA 911 SYSTEM BILL H.1938/S.1313
• ONLINE FACT SHEET: MASSACHUSETTS REPORTABLE CONDITIONS
• ACEP POLICY ON MEDICAL & RECREATIONAL CANNABIS USE
• GUIDANCE ON MGL CHAPTER 123 SEC 12 PARAGRAPH (A)
• DEVELOP RESOURCES ON VAPING
REIMBURSEMENT COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE CHAIR - ELI BERG, MD, FACEP

• OUT OF NETWORK BILLING: ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS AND PATIENTS
OK, LETS PULL THE PLUG ON THIS GUY

- ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
- YOUR NEXT MACEP PRESIDENT