2020-21

Year-In-Review
May 5, 2021

Jesse Rideout, MD, FACEP
May & June

- ED volumes down by 45% but OON legislation efforts on Beacon Hill are heating up
- Wrote a letter to the Health Policy Commission objecting to their ED data on OON billing in MA
- Met with key state Senate health care leaders and staff in anticipation of OON Bill
- Opposed the Senate’s health care bill: many calls, letters and a Call to Action
- Wrote a letter to the Health Care Financing Committee in support of bill that ensures males subject to Section 35 be treated in SUD facilities rather than correctional facilities
- Met with Mass. Emergency Nurses Association
July & August

• MACEP ED Directors Town Hall

• Worked with MHA and others to oppose MassHealth’s proposed changes to ESPs and successfully delayed this

• OON legislation now taken up with MA House (OON rate 135% Medicare). Amendment drafted to improve OON provisions.

• Another MACEP Call to Action to all members in support of the amendment, coming down to a nail biter of a House vote that passed.

• Released new Point in Time data collection summary: BH boarding up 80% from prior July. Sent to key House and Senate leaders.

• Zoom fundraiser Rep Jon Santiago, sponsor of the successful OON amendment
Proposals For Presentations at MACEP’s Monthly Meetings (2020-21)

MACEP’s virtual monthly meetings are open to general membership and an excellent opportunity to present your work and interests in areas of research, advocacy and various topics in emergency medicine education. We are interested in brief 10 minute presentations that are targeted to enrich our meetings and allow you to present your work in a regional invited talk. You can submit this proposal for yourself or someone you are mentoring who would be interested. We welcome fellows and residents and will consider senior students going into emergency medicine.

* Required

Name of Speaker *

Your answer

Email Contact of Speaker *

Your answer

Submit
MACEP – MA ED Map Project

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BOSTON, MA

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Physician Group Size
20-29

ED Beds
30-39

Annual Volume
40,000-49,999 visits

Number of Physicians in Group
40 responses

Emergency Physician Practice Model
40 responses

- Hospital Physician Organisation
- Private Emergency Physician Group
- Full-fee emergency Physician Group
- Corporate Emergency Physician Group
- Employer medical group
- Hospital-employed
- System-owned Group
- Multispecialty Group
September

- Promising OON federal legislation shaping after years of advocacy by ACEP
- MA OON bills from Senate and House now in Health Care Conference Committee: MACEP ultimately recommends no action.
- Another Call to Action and many calls, letters, materials, etc
- Joined with the MMS and others in letter to Gov. Baker regarding the impact that the lack of child-care is having on health care workers.
- MACEP hosts “No Mask. No Problem – NIV in ED by Vapotherm”
October

• Continued communications with HC Conferees, including new members

• Provided oral and written testimony to the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery on Behavioral Health and SUD strains on EDs during COVID-19

• MassHealth BH Boarding time up 300% (274 beds taken off-line for COVID)

• Wrote a letter to House and Senate Conferees on the Policing bill, asking that MACEP be represented on Study Commission on Section 12 emergency hospitalizations

• 2020 ACEP Council Meeting and Education Conference.
November

• US Election vote counts and COVID-19 case counts.

• MACEP monitored passage of the House and Senate FY’21 state budget, noting proposed cutbacks to the Department of Public Health and Bureau of Substance Addiction Services.

• Wrote another round of letters to HC Conferees on OON

• Peds Committee Newsletter

• MACEP awards 3 Resident Grants for 20-21 to the following recipients:

  Timothy Boardman, MD & Andrew Dowd, MD
  Todd Jaffe, MD
  Nicole Duggan, MD
December

- US awash in crimson red (every state) now in uncontrolled COVID spread.
- First COVID-19 Vaccine delivered!
- Federal **No Surprises Act** passes with key victories for OON advocacy by ACEP (“baseball style” IDR; Patients out-of-the-middle).
- MACEP continues advocacy on OON with HC Conferees including another **Call to Action** to members.
- Ultrasound Course delivered! (Tufts Sim Center)
  - Thank-you Drs. Michele Schroeder and Andrew Goldsmith
January

• Work with ACEP to process the federal OON law and reflect positives in legislation to be filed for consideration in the 2021/22 state legislative session.

• Sent letter to Gov. Baker, EOHHS Sec. and DPH Commissioner urging increased reporting of ED boarding – DPH Dashboard!

• Released new Point in Time data collection summary for Behavioral Health boarding times: average 53 hrs (59 hrs for Peds!)
February

- **WBUR interview** on MACEP’s point-in-time data on ED BH Boarding crisis – and pressure for State to do something about it!

- Discussed role of EDs in state vaccination plan with Drs Bernstein & Perkins.

- Review and support **An Act relative to medical necessity for mental health acute treatment**

- Participated in stakeholder call to discuss Massachusetts’ Roadmap for Behavioral Health Reform: MA committing to improvements

- **Letter to DPH Commissioner Monica Bharel** asking to be involved in the working group on Laura’s Law.
March

• MACEP’s Virtual Wine Tasting social and Wellness Event
  • Thank you Nuance for support and Dr. Nadine Youssef for wellness talk.

• “Town Hall” style meeting with ACEP President Mark Rosenberg joining MACEP monthly meeting.

• Pediatric Committee Spring Newsletter – Thank you Dr. Emory Petrack for your commitment to MACEP!

• Review and support new legislation by Rep Decker on a state mandate to **build a real-time dashboard** for peds BH boarding times and the current crisis.

• Met with Rep Adrian Madaro, new Chair of Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery (Parity, BH Boarding transparency, SUD)
  • Dr. Joe Kopp, Chair Gov Affairs Committee
April

- MACEP’s Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity pledge
- Revisited MHA and MNA workplace violence bills
  - Dr. Lai-Becker, Chair of the Public Health Committee.
- Telecommunications-CPR bill: An Act Relative to Improving Outcomes of Sudden Cardiac Arrest
  - Dr. Joe Sabato, Chair of EMS Committee
- Annual Meeting Planning in high gear
  - Dr. Michele Schroder, Chair of Education Committee.
Thank you!

• To Membership for your support – we do this for you and serving as MACEP president has been my privilege and honor.

• Ground Support: To the Board of Directors and past Presidents for your guidance and council.

• Air Support: To my fellow Executive Committee members and the Committee Chairs for all your tireless efforts on behalf of MACEP.

• Life Support: To Ronna Wallace (legislative consultant) and Tanya Pearson (Executive Director). Truly remarkable!