

**Maine ACEP Lobster Bake
Cabbage Island, Maine
June 28, 2018**

Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introductions:

Dr. Garreth Debiegun, President, Maine ACEP welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming (7:30 pm).

Consent Agenda:

The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

Leadership and Advocacy:

Dr. Garreth Debiegun talked the 2019 Leadership & Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC and the primary legislation that was the focus of all chapter representatives attending the conference.

- ED Information Exchange (EDIE) – the benefits of information sharing in real time and the potential for cost savings. Dr. Jay Mullen is talking with the Maine Hospital Association to assess whether Maine Medicaid will pay for their products.
- Improved access to behavioral health, psych boarding in the ED, inpatient beds and novel ways of finding beds for patients were discussed at the L&A meeting.
- Surprise billing was a top issue, solutions to both out of network billing and unexpected high deductibles were discussed.
- Changes at ACEP were also discussed, both financially and potentially in national membership configuration.

Legislative Update:

Maine Medical Association attorney, Peter Michaud, Esq., talked about the legislative issues potentially impacting Maine ACEP members.

- Gun Bill – the ‘Yellow Paper Bill’ looked for “medical practitioner” to evaluate safety issues. He anticipated that the evaluation would be mental illness-related – the likelihood of being a risk to self or others and the assessment could be performed remotely via telemedicine professional.
- Vaccine Bill – this legislation to require vaccination for attendance in school with fewer exceptions. A citizen’s initiative is underway to try to override the new law.

Roundtable Discussion Highlights: (limited list)

- Members were encouraged to check out the Maine EMS website <https://www.maine.gov/ems/>
- There was discussion about keeping patients in rural healthcare hospitals and not overloading the tertiary centers.
- Mentorship among members

Upcoming Meetings:

September 7	Harborside Hotel, Bar Harbor, Maine
December 11	Portland Regency Hotel, Portland, Maine
October 25-26	ACEP 2019 Council Meeting, Denver, Colorado
October 27-30	Scientific Assembly, Denver, Colorado

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm