

President's Update

By Mara Windsor, DO, FACEP



AzCEP,

It's 2022 and it's already been quite a year! We celebrated our 50th Anniversary as a chapter with a reception at The Orchard in Phoenix and had 18 past AzCEP Presidents attend-one of whom flew in from North Carolina for the event. There are many photos from the event on the [website](#), as well as a special [50th Anniversary Edition of the Arizona EPIC](#) newsletter.

We thank all those who made time to come celebrate with us and/or submitted some highlights from their time as AzCEP President.

Our annual ED Doc Day at the Capitol happened on March 2. We had numerous timely discussions with state leaders in their offices and at the luncheon. One of our topics was dropped by our own Representative/Dr. Amish Shah. HB 2429 Health professional wellness programs; confidentiality has since passed out of the legislature and was signed by the Governor! We're extremely glad to see this bill get bipartisan support. Here is a [summary for HB 2429](#) as signed by the Governor. Another bill that was a focus for our event was Representative Shah's [HB 2431 Emergency medical services; patient transport](#) bill. It passed unanimously out of the Senate Health & Human Resources Committee, was amended, and passed out of the Senate, where it is awaiting a final vote in the House. The final bill, SB1331 International Medical Graduates; licensure; accreditation, was successfully stopped in House, where we hope it will remain...at the legislature no bill is truly dead until "sine die".

April brought us our Annual Membership Meeting with elections for 2022-2023. I am honored to be serving as your current President and am pleased to share that I am one of three women in the leadership track. Dr. Olga Gokova was elected as the President-elect and with Dr. Nicole Hodgson transitioning to Immediate

Past President, I round out the trio. The full list of leaders can be found on the [website](#).

As many of you may know, wellness is a big focus of mine. I'm please to share that in addition to May being Mental Health Awareness Month, ACEP's Wellness Section is marking the occasion by hosting its annual [Emergency Medicine Wellness Week from May 22-28](#). The section has developed a different point of focus for each day during Wellness Week and you can learn more about other offerings at [ACEP's physician wellness support](#) page. At the local level, I am a peer counselor for [ArMA's Virtual Doctor Lounge](#), so please use these resources or pass them along to colleagues who may need them.

The last item to highlight is our upcoming summer membership retreat that will be held August 3-4, 2022, at the Amara in Sedona. The afternoon will include a panel of up to 8 EM physicians that have found joy in EM-related areas outside of the typical ED hospital shifts. All the info is on the page 2, and we hope to see many of you attend, in-person or virtually, to get inspired and find a new balance of work/life integration. **ALL** members are welcome to this event and actually **any** membership board meeting. Please reach out with any comments, concerns, or suggestions you may have.

Appreciatively,
Mara





Arizona College of Emergency Physicians

ADVANCING EMERGENCY CARE 

AzCEP Annual Summer Retreat

August 3-4, 2022, Amara Resort, Sedona, AZ

EM Work/Life Integration

The past couple of years have shown most of us that life is short and you need to find joy in everything...even in your job. We have put together a panel to talk about ways to bring joy to your career outside of your ED shifts. We hope you'll head to the beautiful red rocks of Sedona to get inspired about other EM opportunities!

- 1:00-2:30pm, EM Work/Life Panel *(Invited speakers...)*
 Mara Windsor, DO, FACEP: Concierge Medicine
 Brad Butler, MD, FACEP: Military Medicine
 Patrick Connell, MD: Medical Missions
 Steve Hopkins, DO: Rural Medicine
 Rachel Lindor, MD, JD: Academics/Research
 Paul Kozak, MD, FACEP: Race Medicine
 Steve Maher, MD, FACEP: SWAT Medicine
 Bess Stillman, MD: Narrative Medicine
- 2:30-3:00pm, Resiliency Talk; Jeanna Kozak, Mayo Chaplain
- 3:00-3:10pm Break
- 3:10-3:25pm Yoga Session
- 3:25-3:55pm Financial Independence; Todd Taylor, MD, FACEP
- 4:00-5:00pm Abbott Speaker
- 5:00pm; LLSA Review for 2022 & 2021
 Or
- 5:00pm; Resident /Medical Student Roundtable
- 6:30pm; Dinner, graciously sponsored by Abbott

Hotel Room Block Rate; \$229+\$33 resort fee. A reservation rooming list is being kept by Stephanie... DUE JULY 3! (You will present your credit card when checking in.)

Questions? Contact Stephanie @ 602-336-4599 or azacep@gmail.com



AZCEP RETREAT SCHEDULE AUG 3-4, 2022

Wednesday, Aug 3, 2022

1-2:30pm; EM Work/Life Panel

2:30-3:00pm; Resiliency Talk

3:00pm; Break

3:10-3:25pm; Yoga Session

3:25-3:55pm; Financial Independence

4:00-5:00pm; Abbott talk

5:00pm LLSA Review for 2022/2021

Or
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Thursday, Aug 4, 2022

8:00am; Breakfast

8:15-9:15; Lilly Product Showcase

9:15am-12:00noon; AzCEP Board/Membership Meeting and Committee Breakouts



ITLS

Unfortunately, due to the continuing COVID pandemic, we had to once again cancel (actually postpone) ITLS on the River this past Fall. We will be hosting the conference again at the Aquarius casino and conference center along with our Pediatric ITLS course next Fall. Dates are set for September 25th-27th. We would like to thank Phoenix Children’s Hospital, for allowing us to have a smaller version this March (Pediatric ITLS on Saturday March 26th and our provider/completer course on Sunday March 27th). It was a great course and had some great trauma training, including my nephew (a Tucson firefighter) as a moulaged patient and his wife as a pregnant trauma patient while actually pregnant at 36 weeks! We also brought back our free virtual CME courses. Last year during the pandemic we provided 8.5 hours of CME and will provide 5 hours of CME this year to over a hundred EMS providers, first responders, nurses, and physicians. See our [website](#) for more information on past courses. Thanks to all the speakers who helped make this happen!

Our new ITLS State Coordinator, Tim Freund, EMT-P, continues to provide excellent and enthusiastic leadership for ITLS in Arizona and thanks to Dr. Rachel Munn for her interest in learning the role of ITLS Medical Director.

Brad Butler, MD, FACEP
 CAPT MC (FMF), USN
 Medical Director
 Arizona ITLS

Save the Date!
ITLS on the River
Sept. 25-27, 2022

UofA-University Campus
Resident’s Corner

**By Brandon Godfrey, MD &
 Jacquelyn R. Hoffman, MD**

It’s May and we are a month away from sending off our fabulous BUMC-T Senior class and welcoming our new interns! Our seniors impressed and have secured jobs and matched to spectacular programs for fellowship near and far. Within this class, 8 grads have matched to fellowship including EMS, Palliative Care, Pain Medicine, Sports Medicine, and Ultrasound fellowships! Many will remain in Tucson and Phoenix to serve Arizona. Help us congratulate these docs:

- Alexis Smith**-*Sound Physicians, Northern Nevada Medical Center, Reno, NV*
- Ali Shihab**-*Envision Healthcare, Banner University Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ*
- Ashley Lutrick**-*Emergency Medical Services Fellowship, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC*
- Brandon Godfrey**-*Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ*
- David Shockey**- *Honor Health Medical Group, Honor Health Scottsdale (Shea, Thomp Peak, Osborn), Phx, AZ*
- David Wasiaik**-*Emergency Ultrasound Fellowship, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ*
- Derek Hatfield**-*Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ*
- Jaime French**-*Honor Health Medical Group, Honor Health Scottsdale (Shea, Thomp Peak, Osborn), Phx, AZ*
- Jay Smitt**-*Sound Physicians, Carondolet Medical Group, Tucson, AZ*
- Marty Cisneroz**-*Northwest Healthcare, Northwest Medical Centers, Tucson, AZ*
- Mary Knotts**-*Emergency Medical Services Fellowship, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ*
- Michelle Howe**-*Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship, Georgetown University, Medstar Health-Washington Hospital, Washington, D.C.*
- Paul Castle**-*Carondolet Medical Group, Tucson AZ. Willcox Medical Center, Willcox, AZ. Sells Indian Hospital, Sells, AZ.*
- Travis Martin**-*Pain Medicine, Brigham and Womens Hospital, Boston, MA*
- Tyrel Fisher**- *Emergency Medical Services Fellowship, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH*

Valleywise Resident's Column

By Ellen Dowling, MD and Shelby Hoebee, MD

Graduation is soon approaching, and Copa is incredibly proud of the Class of 2022. Here are their current plans – stay tuned to see what impact Copa has on the field of EM and beyond!

- Dr. Codee Champney - Rural EM in Mendocino county
- Dr. Crista Cabahug - Banner Estrella, BUMC, Banner Goldfield and Banner Ironwood
- Dr. Luke He - Banner Thunderbird and Banner Boswell
- Dr. Katrina Lettang - US Fellowship at Creighton/Maricopa
- Dr. Bryan Feinstein - EMS Fellowship in St. Louis
- Dr. Jim Butler - EM in St. Louis, as well as work with community partnerships in Guatemala
- Dr. Kelsey Keeling - Community and Rural EM in Springfield, MO
- Dr. Brady Tucker - Utah Valley Emergency Physicians in Provo/Spanish Fork. Will also be receiving his FAWM at the WMS at the 2022 summer conference.
- Dr. Michael Henry - IHS in Parker AZ, as well as Supai clinic in the bottom of the Grand Canyon. He will also be in charge of Quality for the Colorado River Service Unit
- Dr. Randall Beaupre - IHS at the Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital on the Gila River Reservation
- Dr. Brendan Tarzia - Maine EM
- Dr. Tamlyn Hall - Critical Care Fellowship at Maine Medical Center
- Dr. Jonathan Kelley - EM at John C. Lincoln Medical Center/ HonorHealth system
- Dr. Richard Cunningham - Critical Care Fellowship at Stanford University

With saying goodbye to the graduating seniors, we are also excited for our incoming class of 2025! This was the result of a successful interview season led by Drs. Daudfar, Schwebach, and Hanna. We can't wait to welcome them to the Copa Family!

Within the department, COVID-19 and staffing shortages continue to slow down everyone's work flow, but that doesn't stop us from making the best of the chaos. Doc box shenanigans and silly night block themes like tie-dye, pirates, and Avril Lavigne keep our spirits up. It's never a dull moment when the Copa crew gets together.



The Class of 2024 also received some incredible education at the AAEM conference in Baltimore, MD.

News & Notes

[Hurry-Docs In The Wild, June 10-12, 2022](#)

[Happy Doc Summer Camp](#) is on and will be held, June 10-12, 2022 @Glacier Rock Wellness Ranch - Packwood, WA. If you use LAC22 or AZCEP it takes 10% off registration!

[Venom Week VIII; July 18-21, 2022 in Scottsdale](#)

[Venom Week VIII symposium](#) is scheduled for July 18-21, 2022 in Scottsdale Arizona. Venom Week Symposiums are international, scientific conferences held every 2-3 years attended by leading experts on venomous animals, their venoms, and management of envenomations. These medical and scientific symposiums offer a mix of original research presentations and didactics, including topics on venom pathophysiology, comparative & translational research, venomous animal biology, venomics, and drug discovery from venom toxins.

[EM Physician Workforce of the Future Info](#)

A new analysis of the EM physician resident workforce in [Annals of Emergency Medicine](#) finds that while the number of residency programs is increasing, new programs are disproportionately located in urban areas in states with existing programs, rather than rural communities with limited access to emergency care. [Read more](#)

Building toward a better future, ACEP is moving forward on EM workforce initiatives. [Watch an update](#) from ACEP President Dr. Gillian Schmitz on ACEP's progress during this April 28 town hall webinar hosted by the EM Workforce Section.

[Other ACEP News](#)

ACEP has launched a public campaign "[Who Takes Care of You in an Emergency?](#)" that includes a series of videos outlining unique aspects of the job and explaining the significant difference in training and education required for physicians. Here are [new scope of practice talking points](#).

Problem solving: It's what we do. [Take a look at the issues we're tackling](#) and how you can join the cause.

More than 100 leaders, members and staff worked together to create [ACEP's new strategic plan!](#) **It's an important roadmap for our future.** Together we'll build a better future for emergency physicians

everywhere!

It's Emergency Medicine Wellness Week! May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and ACEP's Wellness Section is marking the occasion by kicking off its annual Emergency Medicine Wellness Week tomorrow, May 22. View more physician wellness resources by visiting [ACEP's Wellness Hub](#).

The [May issue of ACEP Now](#) features new articles focused on behavioral health, including [The Importance of System-Level Wellness](#) and [How to Approach Psychiatric Patients who Wish to Refuse Treatment in the ED](#).

[Regulatory Updates:](#)

- [NEW BLOG SERIES: Value based Care in Emergency Medicine-- an Overview](#) (5/19/22)
- [CMS Finalizes New Network Adequacy Requirements for Certain Private Health Plans](#) (5/12/22)
- [No Alternative Payment Model for Emergency Physicians and other Specialists...The AMA Has a Proposed Solution](#) (5/5/22)
- [ACEP Responds to FTC and DOJ Request for Information on Mergers and Acquisitions in Health Care](#) (4/21/22)

[Get the Support You Need](#)

Stress is high right now, on so many levels. Everyone has unique needs depending on personal circumstances, but the following free support services are available:

- [Crisis counseling/wellness sessions](#) available 24/7 and strictly confidential
- [Peer support line](#) for physicians and medical students, available 24/7
- [Let's Talk forum](#) for ACEP members, our only forum to allow anonymous posts

<https://www.acep.org/support>

[Legal and Financial Support Services](#)

For just \$15 per year, ACEP members can access Mines & Associates' [legal and financial support assistance](#). This service includes unlimited 30-minute in-person consultation for each individual legal matter, unlimited telephonic 30-minute consultation per financial matter, and 25% discount on select legal and financial services all with MINES network legal and financial professionals.

ACEP Clinical Alert: [Shortages in Iodinated Contrast Media, Baby Formula](#)

Kingman Regional Medical Center Resident's Corner

By Codey Pedersen DO, PGY1

As this is my first article taking over for Dr. Weech as the Kingman Residency Representative I just wanted to take an opportunity to introduce myself. I am a current first year in Kingman originally from Redding, CA and went to school at Western University in Oregon. I am excited to be apart of the organization and excited to get to know all of you. This first year has flown by and with it we are preparing to say goodbye to our seniors and bring in a new intern class. Our seniors are going all over the country but most are staying close to home. Dr. David Weech will be going to the Phoenix area, Dr. Chelsea Wiesner will be taking a job in Payson, AZ, Dr. Taz Brinkerhoff will be going back home to Safford, AZ while also planning to take part in the Resus leadership Academy/Fellowship with Scott Weingart, Dr. Michaela Hasenkrug has taken a job in North Dakota, Dr. Logan Bruttig will be taking a job in Klamath Falls, Oregon, and Dr. Eric Batory will be taking a job in Southern Illinois. Last month as a last wellness event together we had the opportunity to take our frustrations out in a therapeutic bruising session during paintballing. We will miss all the seniors and wish them well during their careers.



2022-2023 AZ EM Medical School Council Leaders

Below on the new leaders for the AZ EM MSC... *Congrats to them all!*

They recently organized a hybrid "Meet the AZ Residencies" event that was a tremendous success. There were 41 that attended in person including 33 students, 2 program directors and 6 residents plus 43 online participants, including 40 students and 3 program directors. I'm sure we'll be hearing about a lot of awesome accomplishments from the group as the year progresses.

Chair: **Alyssa Goodman** (Creighton)

Vice Chair: **John Michael Sherman** (UofA Phoenix)

Secretary: **Justin Blankenbaker** (AZCOM)

Website Editor: **Jamie Neal** (AZCOM)

UofA Phoenix Executive Committee Member: **Fathima Haseefa**

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ATSU Executive Committee Member: **Mallory Zembower**

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AZCOM Executive Committee Member: **Kelsey Newbold**

Creighton Executive Committee Member: **Josiah Bardwell**

Member Accomplishments

John G. Wiegenstein Leadership Award

Congrats to **Rebecca B. Parker, MD, FACEP**, on this impressive honor, which is presented to a current or past national ACEP leader - member of the Board of Directors or officer of the Council - for outstanding contributions to the College.

Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Amish Shah was chosen as the 2022 ArMA Distinguished Service Award recipient. This award is presented to an individual or organization providing outstanding service to the community. In his capacities as a public servant in the Arizona House of Representatives and emergency room physician, Dr. Amish Shah is a champion for Arizona physicians and patients. Dr. Shah's bipartisan voting record exemplifies his commitment to advancing good public policies and putting Arizona first.

Did you see the article showcasing **Dr Paul Kozak, Practicing Medicine in the Fast Lane?** Read all about his experiences of being the Phoenix International Raceway Medical Director... or come to the AzCEP Summer Retreat, Aug 3-4, 2022, at the Amara in Sedona to hear about it in person!

The ITLS High Threat for Military and Civilian Providers course manual will be released soon and one of it's authors is our very own, **Dr. Brad Butler**, who worked on the chapter entitled, Care of the Multi-purpose Canine. .



**Did you get a new job?
Get promoted?**

Get published?

Achieve a goal?

Let AzCEP know and we will include it in this new section of the Arizona EPIC. Tweet your accomplishment (@ArizonaACEP) or post it on Instagram (azacep810) and tag us... or email us at: azacep@gmail.com

THANKS ...

To the members below who have been serving on National ACEP Committees this past year!

Communications Committee:

Claudette Rodriguez, MD, MPH, FACEP

Education Committee:

Breanne M Jaqua, DO, MPH

Emergency Medicine Practice Committee:

Nicole R Hodgson, MD, FACEP

Ethics Committee:

Kenneth V Iserson, MD, FACEP

IT Committee:

Todd Brian Taylor, MD, FACEP

Medical-Legal Committee:

Matthew J. Douglas, MD, FAEP

Pediatric Emergency Medicine Committee:

Dale P Woolridge, MD, PhD, FACEP

Research Committee:

Srikar R Adhikari, MD, MS, FACEP
Charles Bennett Cairns, MD, FACEP

State Legislative/Regulatory Committee:

Nicholas F Vasquez, MD, FACEP

Well-Being Committee:

Stephanie Butler

2021 EM Research Seed Grant Winners

We presented the winners with their \$1000 EM Research Seed Grant award checks in March. 2 checks were presented to EM residents and one went to a medical school project-a first! We're excited to see their projects succeed.

\$1000 awarded to: Zachary Ginsbert and Summer Ghaith; Advisor, Dr. Rachel Lindor (Mayo Clinic College of Medicine); "Characteristics, Interventions and Outcomes for Unspecified Abdominal Pain in the Emergency Department"

\$1000 awarded to: Dr. Anisa Mughal; Advisor, Dr. Pat Connell (Valleywise); A Virtual Approach to Training New Emergency Medicine Residents in Maputo, Mozambique

\$1000 awarded to: Dr. Katrina Lettang and Dr. Ellen Dowling; Advisor, Dr. Megan McEhlinny (Valleywise); A Retrospective Review of Refugee Emergency Department Utilization and Outpatient Clinic Follow-Up in a Phoenix Safety-Net Hospital

We also want to whole-heartedly thank our Seed Grant Committee for the time they put into reviewing our 7 applications!

AzCEP Executive Members: Dr. Olga Gokova & Dr. Mara Winsor

AzCEP Board Members: Dr. Brad Butler & Dr. Jack Palmer

Kingman Regional Medical Center; Dr. Adam Dawson

UofA-South Campus; Dr. Larry DeLuca

Valleywise; Dr. Kara Geren

UofA-Tucson Campus; Dr. Art Sanders

EM Seed Grant Coordinator ; Dr. Dale Woolridge



Dr. Anisa Mughal (left) and Dr. Kat Lettang (right), accepting their checks from Dr. Palmer.

FREE! AZ CME/CEU, UA Spark Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Credit: **Advancing Racial Equity Training Series**

Session 1: Continuing the Conversation: Developing a Shared Language for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: June 30, 2022, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. (AZ Time)

Session 2: Systemic Racism & Substance Use Disorder: Anti-Racist Strategies: July 28, 2022, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. (AZ Time)

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[Register here:](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Zn2vViAbSkmMPtbQcJKEFQ) https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Zn2vViAbSkmMPtbQcJKEFQ

This webinar will be presented by the Opioid Response Network. The first session is scheduled for one-hour on June 30 at 12:00 p.m. (AZ Time). The second session is scheduled for one-hour on July 28 at 12:00 p.m. (AZ Time). Each live session will have a 65–75-minute pre-recorded training which will be distributed on or around June 15 and July 11 respectively or upon registration. The webinar is open to anyone in Arizona. We are specifically looking for people who work in emergency, primary, and behavioral healthcare in Gila, Graham, and Mohave counties. This entire series has been approved for 4.0 CME/CEU, and 1 UA Spark DEI credit for each live webinar.

Topics covered include the following:

- Explore data on the impact of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) issues on health care access, experiences, and outcomes.
- Describe how social and structural determinants of health can explain disparities in disease prevalence and inequities in the recovery continuum.
- Outline individual, leadership, and organizational strategies for addressing racial equity.

UA South Campus Residency Update

By, Patrick Mullett, MD

Hola a todos desde Tucson! The UofA, South Campus (SC) has had some exciting changes recently. As the 2021-22 academic year draws to a close and the pandemic seems to be mostly behind us, our emergency department can look back at some big changes and look forward to a new era. Our assistant program director, Dr. Waterbrook, is now accepting a position as the director of the UofA Sports Medicine program. We warmly welcome interim assistant program director, Dr. Lane, who is a long-standing SC alumni and beloved attending - we know she will do great things! Many alumni from SC continue to work at our beloved department and a proud alumni, Dr. Goldberg returned to our SC family this year, bring her leadership and expertise. Dr. Stoneking continues to serve as our esteemed program director.

Our medical director, Dr. Berkman carried our department through a very tough time during the tail-end of the pandemic. With his leadership and our awesome team of attendings, residents, and core nursing staff, we collaborated to make the most of a time of trials fraught with long-term boarding patients, low to no bed availability, prolonged wait times, and high turnover of department staff, due to the pressed job market of the pandemic and travel RN's coming and going. Through the tough times, SC found it's niche again as a great place to work and train and our core members moved with resiliency to welcome a new era for SC. We now welcome a new wave of leadership, techs and nurses. We congratulate Dr. Berkman for also being named Chief of Staff for Banner University Medical Center - South Campus this upcoming year.

As we welcome, we are also saying "adios y buen suerte" to our senior class. Our amazing seniors this year are set to begin work in fellowships and emergency departments across the United States:

Dan Choi: St. David's Hospital - Austin, TX
 Jennifer Magnuson: Northwest Hospital - Tucson, AZ
 Martin Demant: Ultrasound Fellowship - UofA/Banner University Medical Center, Tucson AZ
 Lindsay Keller: St. Joseph's Hospital - Phoenix, AZ
 Kym Ross: Tenum Locums -Lander, WY
 Angela Tegethoff: Tenum Locums - Missoula area, Montana
 Andrew "Jackson" Wyers: Palliative Care Fellowship - Baylor Scott and White, Temple TX



We work together and play together, we get outdoors, and support each other which keeps our program strong. This year, many of our residents even competed in a mountain biking race together! Our program continues top-notch education with high quality lectures, rural and boarder health, bi-weekly conference in Spanish, a resident research forum, and a curriculum with longitudinal EMS training. We are bringing back our global health program, and some of our seniors are setting their sights on traveling to other countries to practice medicine. We just had our residency retreat, camping overnight at the gorgeous Catalina State Park together, and we are ready to jump into 202-23 with vigor. Our Junior class is ready to step-up and become leaders and senior residents. Our current interns have been proven to be excellent clinicians and are ready

to be Juniors. We look forward to meeting the bright new intern class. Our department continues to evolve and we are

excited for what the new academic year will bring as we look forward to new horizons.



Legislative Update

By John Thomas, AzCEP Legislative Counsel

As I write this column it is now May, the heat of Summer is on the near horizon and the legislature is STILL IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION. Last year, they were in the legislative session until June 30th. This year, they would have been on track to adjourn by late April or early May if not for one issue....They have much more revenue coming in than they projected even a year ago. Over a 3 billion dollar budget surplus on an 12 billion + budget. With the budget surplus comes a host of new issues including what money should be spent and where along with how much should be given back to the residents of Arizona.

Add in the fact that it is an election year for all 90 legislative seats along with major state offices and it could be awhile before they adjourn the 2022 Legislative Session. Traditionally, the legislature tries to adjourn in 100 days or less as they are a citizen legislature and the original intent of having a part-time legislature was for the legislators to hold other jobs in their communities. When the legislative session runs for six months as it did last year, it makes it more difficult for the legislators to work outside of their time at the legislature. Hopefully by the time I write our next quarterly AzCEP update, the legislature will have long adjourned.

On Wednesday, March 2d, AzCEP held their ED Doctor Day at the Capitol and it was a SUCCESS!! The morning started at 8 up in the Senate Gallery with an overview of the legislature followed by a welcoming speech by House & Human Services Chair Representative Joanne Osborne. Our AzCEP Board Member Representative Shah then made a presentation on legislation of importance to the AzCEP membership including a number of his own introduced bills.

From 9 until noon, attendees met with House & Senate members and the day was capped off with a Barbeque lunch on the House lawn attended by 44 of the 90 legislators. This event could not have been pulled off without our very own Executive Director Stephanie Butler who reserved the date (not an easy task as that date is in very high demand by other organizations) arranged for the food, drinks, tent, tables & chairs and in addition, set up all of the meeting times with the legislators including preparing a packet for our attendees to present to the legislators during their meetings.

I heard nothing but positive feedback from legislators about AzCEP's ED Doctor Day activities so it was once again, a successful day at the Capitol!

John Thomas



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11AzCEP members represented you (9 in-person and 2 virtually) during the Leadership & Advocacy Conference that was held in Washington, D.C., May 1-3, 2022. There was a mixture of in-person and virtual meetings with federally elected members and/or their staff. The topics covered were ED Violence, Due Process Rights and Fair Medicare Payments. It is always an outstanding conference and everyone is encouraged to attend at some point.



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