



ASCO was represented at the Summer Council Meeting of the Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC) by Dawn Mancuso, Executive Director, and Linda Casser, Chair of ASCO's Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice Committee.

IPEC's mission is to ensure that new and current health professionals are proficient in the competencies essential for patient-centered, community- and population-oriented interprofessional collaborative practice. Eligible IPEC ([www.ipecollaborative.org](http://www.ipecollaborative.org)) members must be associations that represent and serve academic units at institutions of higher education that provide an educational program leading to the awarding of academic degrees to students in one or more of the health professions that provide direct care to patients. ASCO has been an institutional member of IPEC since February 2016.

The Summer 2018 IPEC Council meeting was conducted in June at the Association of American Medical Colleges Learning Center in Washington, DC. Highlights are:

- Following opening comments and introductions by the Chair of the IPEC Board of Directors, Richard Valachovic, DMD, MPH, the President of IPEC, Lucinda Maine, PhD, RPh, provided updates on IPEC programs, webinars, and leadership development institutes. In addition, Dr. Maine discussed:
  1. The Interprofessional Addiction Education Workshop conducted by the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration](#).
  2. A workshop on assessment in interprofessional education, which is anticipated to take place in spring/summer 2019.
  3. Revisions to the IPEC Bylaws that are anticipated in January 2019 in the areas of membership, leadership, meetings, elections, and committees.
  4. Susan Dentzer, President and Chief Executive Officer, Network for Excellence in Health Innovation (NEHI), provided the Opening Session. She gave an excellent presentation, entitled *Health Care without Walls*, about the current and emerging role of technology in health care. NEHI, comprised of a network of nearly 100 health organizations, is dedicated to identifying innovations that improve the quality and lower the costs of health care.
  5. Alison Whelan, MD, member of the IPEC Board of Directors, provided an update on the National Academy of Medicine Action Collaborative on Clinician Well-Being and Resilience, which recently launched the **Clinician Well-Being Knowledge Hub**, a comprehensive resource repository to

help organizations learn more about clinician burnout and the solutions that promise a brighter, healthier future. The [Knowledge Hub](#) includes research articles, news articles, blog posts, toolkits, reports, and briefs that provide further insight into the causes of clinician burnout; its consequences for health care professionals, patients, and their families; and, innovative approaches that organizations can take to promote clinician well-being.

6. A member strategic discussion took place regarding opioid activities. Each IPEC member was asked to submit a written statement on its association/discipline response to the opioid epidemic for inclusion in the IPEC Council Meeting booklet. ASCO submitted a statement, which was printed in the meeting materials.
7. The joint IPEC and US Public Health Service 2018 Public Health Excellence in Interprofessional Education Collaboration Award recipients were recognized and provided a presentation of their work. The recipients from East Tennessee State University were selected for their exceptional achievements related to their project *East Tennessee State University Responds to the Opioid Epidemic Through Interprofessional Education, Community Engagement, Research, and Clinical Care*. The Award recipients were recognized for their innovative and collaborative approach to community health and public practice in addressing illicit drug abuse within the Central Appalachian region.

The next IPEC Council Meeting is scheduled for Jan. 30, 2019, in Washington, DC.

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