

IMG Assistance Workgroup Minutes

July 8, 2019

1. Introductions

a. Workgroup members in attendance introduced themselves:

- i. Siobhan Brown
- ii. Yulia Sledneva
- iii. Gabrielle Pett
- iv. Mike Maples (by Phone)
- v. Jonathan Espenschied
- vi. Mohamed Khalif
- vii. Mouammar Abouagila
- viii. Cherly Carino-Burr
- ix. Marisol Sanchez y Lucero
- x. Alden Roberts
- xi. Renee Fullerton
- xii. Hala Al-yasiri
- xiii. Ricardo Jimenez (By Phone)

b. Staff

- i. Micah Matthews
- ii. Stephanie McManus
- iii. Rebecca King
- iv. Sarah Chenvert

c. Others

i. Glen Davis

2. Workgroup Operations

a. Meeting format, schedule, and topics

i. Rebecca King told the group of the planned schedule, meeting format, and assignment expectations of the group.

b. Work plan presentation

i. Micah Matthews shared with the group what they were expected to accomplish and the methods they would use to work with in the tight timeline allowed including a review of each part of the report as it is completed.

c. Group norms

i. Micah reviewed the Group Norms and expectations by which the group will operate.

d. Agreements

i. Workgroup members voted on accepting the Group Norms. Vote was unanimous to accept.

3. IMG access issues

a. Dr. Khalif gave a presentation on barriers that are faced by IMG's as they navigate through the process of taking tests, attaining clinical experience and being accepted into residency programs. Discussion was had between the

workgroup members on difficulty experienced by varying visa types, slot availability for residencies, programs in place to help refugees and immigrants, and what schools and programs assess about an IMG before acceptance.

4. Other business

- a. Dr. Khalif, Hala Yasiri, Dr. Sledneva, Gabrielle Pett, and Cheryl Carino-Burr will work together to create a report on the facts of what is happening in regards to J1 vs other IMG visas. Once the report is submitted and reviewed the group will vote on what approach they will take towards the Workgroups end goal.

5. Next steps/adjourn

- a. The meeting adjourned at 11:24 am