

**AEMS Board of Governors Meeting
February 17, 2010
Southwest Ambulance, Mesa
Minutes**

Board of Governors in Attendance: Coy Amerson; Marcia Barry, RN; Dan Bramble; Martin deMasi; Robert French, MD; John Gallagher, MD; Garth Gemar, MD; Joe Gibson; Debbie Johnston; Robert Londeree, MD; Terry Mason, RN; Roy Ryals; Tracey Schlosser, RN; and Laurie Wood, RN

Distinguished Guests in Attendance: Sandy Nygaard; Candace Reisinger; Carolyn Smith, RN; Mickey Kovach, RN; Linda Scroggin; Vicki Conditt; Kepra Jack, RN; Sheila Bryant, RN; Barb McDonald; Tom Cole; Alyson Welch; Dave Slides; John Ford; Brenda Sutton, RN; and Cathie Heyer.

- I. Call to order: 12:10pm
- II. Approval of minutes
 - a. MOTION: Approve with typo corrections (III.a.iii.2 – PEPP; IC.a.i.1. – Drive; IV.b.i.1 – Divert; V.a. – BEMS)
 - b. ACTION: Passed unanimously
- III. Executive Director's report
 - a. Monthly activities
 - i. Membership Drive – note “thermometer” documentation of progress
 - ii. Completion of tax reports
 - iii. Conference: working on brochure – distribution via email and limited ground mail
 1. Discussion of need for vendor support
 - iv. Organization of pediatric education reimbursement
 - v. Continued functional group education focus
 - vi. Regional meeting with AzDHS scheduled – will be attended by Dr. Londeree and Peggy
- IV. Board Officers' Reports
 - a. Treasure's Report
 - i. Financial Reports
 1. MOTION: Accept as presented
 2. ACTION: Passed unanimously
 - ii. Revised Budget: Revisions are necessary due to significant changes in state contract amount.
NOTE: \$11K in earnings are from prior fiscal year.
 1. MOTION: Accept as presented
 2. ACTION: Passed unanimously
 3. State of the State Budget: Continued work on state budget including formulation of committees.
 - b. Chair's Report
 - i. Regional Council meeting as noted above with expectation to discuss funding issues
 - ii. Follow-up
 1. Operation Stroke: Continue to meet/plan for site visits. Focus on promotion of quality and clinical measures.
 2. Cardiac arrest centers: Role of AEMS will be discussed at functional group meeting.
 - c. Elections
 - i. Representative from Public Employers of EMTs (population 50,000 to 500,000)
 1. Nominees:
 - a. Terry Mason, Mesa Fire Department
 - b. Tom Cole, Glendale Fire Department
 2. Results: Tom Cole
- V. State Report
 - a. Trauma Triage and Transport related guidelines – discussion: Document reflects inclusion of footnotes and statements regarding transport guidelines. This document reflects guidelines and is not in rules.
- VI. Functional Group Review
 - a. Planning & Outreach
 - i. EMS Odyssey: Continued work on development of cost-efficiency through use of local talent and expertise
 - ii. EMS Recognition Awards: reminder to nominate
 - iii. EMSC reimbursement opportunities: funding available to support pediatric focused education – guidelines for reimbursement available (discuss with Peggy)

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- iv. Disaster Preparedness:
 - 1. State: Public Health preparedness working to coordinate efforts with AzCHER
 - 2. Az Triage, Treatment & Transportation for Pandemic Influenza: continues to meet as part of grant funding deliverable.
 - 3. Arizona Central Healthcare Emergency Response Committee (AzCHER): reconfigured from county to regional focus to better meet needs of population. Continued meetings.
 - b. Patient Management
 - i. Transfer of Care (formerly known as [FKA] Diversion) Activities and EMS System Update
 - 1. Sector updates: Each sector presented a brief report of continued meetings and challenges with volume.
 - 2. Off load times: continued to be evaluated
 - 3. Administrative Oversight Committee
 - a. "Community Call Plan": presentation by Donald Maloney, Regional Vice President, Physician Resources, Arizona Region, Banner Health
 - i. Background: The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services has published a summary of regulations that includes establishment of a Community Call Plan to allow multiple hospitals to jointly meet their obligations to make services available within a community. Banner Health is utilizing this plan to allow the east valley Banner Hospitals to coordinate availability of certain specialists to best meet the needs of the community. Mr. Maloney provided a brief overview of Banner's effort to efficiently manage patient placement with the needed specialty through the Regional Patient Placement office.
 - ii. Banner Health is providing the required notification as outlined by CMMS to AEMS as the regional EMS coordinating agency. Documents provided
 - iii. Any questions can be directed to Mr. Maloney or to the involved facilities.
 - 4. Categorization Update: No report
 - 5. RED Book Update: Valley Medical Directors met to review document. Any recommended changes will be taken to functional group for review/discussion.
- VII. Program and Committee Reports
 - a. EMS Council: Enabling legislation "sunset" discussed. Committee reconfiguration as proposed by BEMS was discussed. Legislation in process to reconstitute committees with further discussion needed regarding appointment process.
 - b. STAB: Draft minutes provided (have not been approved by STAB)
 - c. EMSC: Pediatric ED designation to be finalized soon.
 - d. PMD: No meeting
 - e. REMS: Continued work on dual tract certification process. Additional ongoing work with presentations to nursing homes.
 - f. Other: NONE
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. Paramedic Training Program Accreditation: Update
 - i. As noted above, continued discussion on dual tract
- IX. New Business: NONE
- X. Call to Public: NONE
- XI. Adjournment:
 - a. MOTION: adjourn the meeting at 1356
 - b. ACTION: passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Marcia Barry