

AEMS Functional Group Meeting

Minutes

May 19, 2010

Voting Members Present: Jim Boise; Gail Bradley; Kathy Brown, RN; Karen Broderick, RN; Nicola Crim; Jeanie Culver; Jill Ellett, RN; John Gallagher, MD; David Gast; Garth Gemar, MD; Joe Gibson; Debbie Johnston; Kepra Jack, RN; Mickey Kovach, RN; Robert Londeree, MD; Terry Mason, RN; Sandy Nygaard; Tracey Scholsser, RN; Linda Scroggin; Mary White, RN; Laurie Wood, RN;

Distinguished Guests Present: Alyson Welch; Justin Lawrence; Janet McInnes; Tracy Moroney RN; Peggy Lahren; Laurel Molloy; Corey Usher; Bruce Van Scyoc; Dawn Polkabila; Vicki Conditt; Nancy Hicks-Arsenault, RN; Sheila Bryant, RN; Keith Pyers; and Janet Backers, RN

I. Meeting called to order at 10:00 am by Joe Gibson

Introductions: Kathy Bram JCL; Ron Loomis, West Valley/Phoenix Baptist-Director Neuro Sciences; Dawn Pablo, Globe/ Laura Malloy-Gilbert Hospital

II. Administrative Affairs

A. General Report—Joe Gibson

1. Approval of meeting minutes accepted.
2. AEMS Report:
 - a. Thank you to all persons for EMS Week.
3. State Activities:
 - a. Committee meeting planned for strategy planning for the Executive Committee on June 17, 2010 to be held at the State Lab building at 12 noon.
4. Announcements:
 - a. Maricopa Medical Center having C.E. on May 24, 2010. Topic is trauma.
 - b. Scottsdale Healthcare Osborn will have an EMS Luncheon for all EMS May 21, 2010 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - c. West Valley Emergency will have a EMS celebration luncheon on May 19, 2010.
5. Old Business: none

B. New Business: Noted that ACLS is not a requirement for Arizona State paramedic recertification per state rules. Discussion held. Reported that most employers of paramedics do require ACLS. Also discussed having a pediatric course and trauma course required. Recommendation made to take further discussion to AEMS Executive Committee.

C. Planning and Outreach Report---Joe Gibson.

1. 2010 AEMS Odyssey Conference:
 - a. Announcement of RN Scholarship winners for the AEMS Odyssey:

Micaela Delaforce, MMC; Laurie Frechette, MMC; Gretchen Lefler, MMC; Joel Lucero, Air Evac; and Virginia Orcutt, AH. Congratulations to all winners!

- b. Conference ready to go June 3 and 4, 2010 at the Mesa Marriott.
 2. 2010 AEMS Recognition Awards: Nominations will continue for the Aces of Hearts and AEMS Recognition awards at the 2010 conference. Aces of Hearts Awards will be at the lunch. Recognition will be open to more than 1 person per agency.

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D. Patient Management Report-John Gallagher, MD, Chair

1. Transfer of Care:

- a. Sector Updates: nothing new reported.
- b. Oversight Committee Update: Dr Gemar gave report. Oversight meeting was held May 11, 2010. Report given about looking at the hospital midnight census at time of Divert Facility. All hospitals reporting showed a 95% capacity at midnight census. Emergency Incident Command continues to be encouraged for all hospitals using Divert Facility. Offload times will now be reported at 15 minute intervals rather than 30 minutes. Next meeting to be held June 13, 2010 at 0900 at Mesa Fire Administration Building.

2. Categorization—Dr Londeree—Cardiac Arrest Meeting was held recently.

3. Operation Stroke-Dr Londeree ---Arizona Stroke Consortium meeting to be held May 24, 2010.

West Valley Emergency and Phoenix Baptist have met criteria for Pending Stroke Center Status and will be receiving stroke patients. Encouraging all parties involved to be sure to send correct paperwork or family phone numbers to receiving facility.

4. REDbook: Alyson Welch: recent updates approved by Medical Directors. Will be sent to AEMS Board of Governors Meeting for final approval.

5. Pediatric: nothing new

6. Trauma: Trauma Pocket Card distributed by the Az State.

E. Other

1. Committee and Other Program Updates

a. EMS council-Joe Gibson: future will be decided next month at state meeting.

b. STAB: Nothing new reported.

c. PACES-nothing new reported.

d. PMD-Dr Gallagher: Recommending adding rocuronium, fentanyl and nasal narcan for paramedic drug box.

e. Mass Casualty Management-Joe Gibson: Alternate Triage, Treatment, and Transfer Committee met and mostly focused on pediatric issues. Next meeting will be June 21, 2010.

III. Topical Focus: Arizona Coalition for Healthcare Emergency Response (AzCher-Central) presented by Alisa Diggs, Co-Chair of Committee and Program Manager from Office of Preparedness & Response, Maricopa county Department of Public Health.

IV. Central Agency/ Hospital Profile and Program Sharing-presentations given by:

A. Arizona Hospital &Healthcare Association presented by Debbie Johnston.

V. Lunch and Learn-presentation given by Dr Heidi J. Dalton MD, FCCM Medical Director, PICU PCH on Therapeutic Hypothermia following Pediatric Cardiac Arrest.

Next Functional Group Meeting to be July 21, 2010 at PMT, 2495 S. Industrial Boulevard, Tempe, Az. at 10:00 am.

Next Board of Governors Meeting to be June 16, 2010 at SWA, 708 W. Baseline Road, Mesa, Az. at 12 noon.

VI. Meeting was adjourned.