

**Planning & Outreach Functional Group - Joe Gibson, Chair**  
**Meeting Minutes - March 21, 2007**

Voting Members in Attendance: Jill Ellett; Joe Gibson; Terry Mason, RN; Nancy Parks, RN; Charlann Staab, RN; Brenda Sutton, RN; David McCarthy; and Faith Whipple, RN

Guest Members in Attendance: Aaron Dorcy; Sheila Bryant; Paula Strickland, RN; Daral Jolson; Ann Hoover; Ron Cohen, DO; Laurie Wood, RN; Gabe Gabriel; Aaron Novack; Michael Baros, RN; Debbie Johnston; Roy Ryals; Brian Witzeman; Barbara Schaffer, RN; Mickey Kovach, RN; Tim Wayne; Linda Scroggin; and David Bank, MD

- I. Call to Order@1015 by Joe Gibson, Chair
- II. Introductions- guest Tim Wayne CEP- Glendale fire; Sara Johnson- ASU RN student, Wayne ....- ASU RN student.
- III. Approval of Previous Planning & Outreach Minutes –motion to accept as amended for one typo on section VII and addition of VII from two VI sections. Unanimous approval
- IV. Chair's Report- Joe advised April event is Country Thunder in the Florence area. AEMS Patient Alternative Destination Oversight Committee meet yesterday for the first time. This committee will initially meet quarterly to evaluate trends. The next meeting will meet April 24 to begin evaluating data from the southeast sector. Roy gave a brief update on the state diversion committee meeting this am—consolidates diversion committees, follow up on southeast sector committee information and revise the recommendations of collection data points (Deb Johnston shared insight on data points to be collected) Joe reported that other locations are looking for outcomes of the pilot project to assist them in resolving surge capacity issues that are becoming more wide-spread.
- V. EMS Odyssey
  - A. 2007 Conference Planning – Joe reported conference meeting meet today prior to the functional group—David McCarthy reported that the curriculum is lined up—post cards available to take – brochures available within the next month. Still looking for vendors and sponsors. This year's conference is at the Mesa Marriott. Joe advised that strategic planning for 2008 will begin. Volunteers are encouraged and appreciated. Joe thanked the committee members and acknowledged Peggy's increased role in this years conference.
- VI. EMS Week
  - A. Regional / State Activities - Ed Armejo reported that Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> will be a governors proclamation for EMS week—Wednesday will be a paramedic competition for sign up with at least 12 physiological manikins- also working on a Bar-B-Q.
  - B. EMS Recognition Awards-- Peggy advised that the EMS recognition award submission due date is April 30. Joe encouraged everyone to nominate someone from their agency- nominees will be recognized at the Odyssey luncheon.
- VI. Mass Casualty Management
  - A. State Report- next meeting May 24<sup>th</sup>
  - B. Counties Report- last meeting Feb 6. No new information.
  - C. Other Reports- David M reported next Mass casualty drill April 24<sup>th</sup>. Deb Johnston reported that there is a pharmaceutical work group in progress.
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Call to Public- Brenda Sutton reported some changes recently in Phoenix fire-New EMS Chief at Phoenix Fire—Don Hildebrand. From Mesa Fire, Bill Hayes reported —since no stroke center in East Valley – fire departments will be shipping patient presenting with stroke symptoms to the nearest stroke center. The paramedics will be required to patch to verify the stroke criteria before transport. Operational personnel in the SE Valley (Gateway) may use a RW to transport that patient due to geographic location. Deb Johnston reported that Mercy Gilbert may apply for stroke center designation. Joe called participants attentionto handouts- Air Evac's flyer for EMS night recognition and canned food drive.
- XI. Adjournment@ 1046

*Respectfully Submitted By: Charlann Staab, RN*

