

Planning & Outreach Functional Group
Joe Gibson-Chair
November 19, 2008
Meeting Minutes-DRAFT

Voting Members: Sheila Bryant, RN; Karen Broderick; Gabriel Gabriel, RN; Joe Gibson; Mickey Kovach, RN; Terry Mason, RN; Sandy Nygaard; Nancy Parks, RN; Faith Whipple, RN; and Laurie Wood, RN

Guest Members: Candace Reisinger; Kepra Jack, RN; Stephen Powles; David Gast; Nancy Hicks-Arsenault, RN; Ruben Major; Jeanie Culver, RN; Peggy Lahren; Noreen Adlin; Cathie Heyer; Vicki Upton; Rhia Whisler; Carmen Ortiz; Rick Garner; and Mary Kopp, RN

- I. Call to Order @ 10:10 am by Joe Gibson-chair
- II. Introductions: Sharon Kartosky-Mayo Clinic; Ruben Major-Forest College
- III. Approval of Previous Planning and Outreach Minutes-*Minutes accepted after correction of Rock and Roll Marathon to be held on January 18 (rather than Sept 19 as reported).*
- IV. Chair's Report-Joe Gibson
 - A. Discussion held about upcoming holiday season and impact on EMS and hospitals.
 - B. Discussions about economy and upcoming flu season
- V. EMS Odyssey:
 - A. 2009 conference: Planning has started for next year's conference. The conference will be held again at the Mesa Marriott Convention Center for May 28 and 29, 2009.
 - B. EMS Olympics will be held at conference. Planning being made on skills teams, venue and C.E.'s. Based on University of Wisconsin EMS Olympics. Everyone will be welcome, even if not attending the EMS conference. Seeking volunteers.
- VI. EMS Week:
 - A. EMS Recognition Awards-Planning has started for the 2009 EMS Recognition Awards process. The ACES of HEARTS Awards are presented to individuals with outstanding service in the central EMS region. Every agency is able to nominate individuals. The committee is hoping to get nominations by February. The AEMS Service Awards are presented to individuals with outstanding service to AEMS. |
 - Outreach Task Force:
 - A. Sandy Nygaard visited with Queen Valley and Az Regional and talked about potential for them joining AEMS.
 - B. Still have 6 hospitals needing to complete categorization list. AEMS will be contacting them.
 - C. AEMS membership drive will begin soon. Applications will be available on-line (small handling fee) and by mail.
 - D. Question was raised about offering individual memberships to AEMS.
 - Mass Casualty Report:
 - A. State Report: Joe Gibson provided an update. Alternative cares sites discussed at recent meeting. Volunteer opportunities available at www.azdhs.gov/volunteer. Palo Verde Nuclear drill December 10, 2009. Next meeting will be Jan 23, 2009.
 - B. Counties Report- Joe Gibson provided an update. Met November 14th. Discussion held on EMTRACK and mobile medical sheltering. Chief ME gave overview on ME office.
 - C. Other Reports: none
- VII. Old Business: Notification of change to AEMS website. Disclaimer strengthened. Terms of use for website added.
- VIII. New Business: A. ABC (area base coordinators) week November 18-26. B. Knights of Life are a motorcycle group that provides safety and medical aid for large motorcycle events. Is currently in 15 states and looking to start an Az. Chapter. knightssoflifeaz@yahoo.com. C. There were 2778 volunteer hours contributed to AEMS in 2008.
- IX. Call to Public-none
- X. Adjournment at 1000 by Joe Gibson.

Respectfully Submitted By: Mickey Kovach RN BDMC