

Patient Management Functional Group  
John Gallagher, MD - Chair

May 21, 2008

Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Voting Members in Attendance: John Ford; John Gallagher, MD; Joe Gibson; Nancy Hicks-Arsenault, RN; Kepra Jack, RN; Debbie Johnston; Mary Kopp, RN; Mickey Kovach, RN; Robert Londeree, MD; Terry Mason, RN; Nancy Parks, RN; Roy Ryals; Faith Whipple, RN; Linda Worthy; and Laurie Wood, RN.

Guest Members in Attendance: Mike Baros, RN

- I. Call to Order @1100 am by Dr. Gallagher
- II. Introductions – New participants and guests were introduced.
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – *unanimous approval as presented.*
- IV. Task Force Updates
  - A. Transfer of Care (formerly known as Diversion) - *Mary Kopp, RN, John Ford, and Paul Nies*
    1. Sector Updates - Mary Kopp reported that the sector recently met. An update was provided on EPCR. Committee also explore issues involving the application of the “no divert” policy to entire valley including: defining the safety valve; standards and expanding guidelines; and transfer date to be shared. EMS system update provided by Tim Singleton including the discussion of Peds ICU table screen expansion. Next Transfer of Care meeting will be held July 18 – sectors will meet before.
    2. SE Sector Pilot Project – no report.
    3. Administrative Oversight: Dr Gemar reported that the Oversight Committee met on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Committee is responding to requests of the Transfer of Care Committee. Data collection remains an activity in progress. Committee is also confronting issues involved with the closure of Mesa General. The Committee remains is also confronting the challenge of securing representation of hospitals on Committee. The next meeting will be held June 17.
  - B. Categorization - *Robert Londeree, MD* Dr. Londeree submitted recommendation to approve Arizona Heart Hospital to be a Cardiac Interventional Facility. Motion was made and seconded. Motion passed and this recommendation will now be forwarded to the Board. Dr. Londeree reported that the State is organizing a consortium on the Cardiac Arrest Center Initiative – AEMS needs to be kept aware.
  - C. Operation Stroke / Primary Stroke Centers Dr. Londeree presented that there was nothing new to report. Dr. John Gallagher addressed issue of confusion out there with the public on what hospitals to take a stroke victim – most appropriate for stroke victim is stroke center.
  - D. Pediatric – *Nothing to report.*
  - E. Maricopa County Hospital Disaster Preparedness Council Update - Joe Gibson provided an update. State met on April 25 and had a full agenda. There was an emphasis placed on working with the systems. The grant process was updated. Updates were provided on radio communication – although no news on satellite which is broken in space. Update provided on exercise schedules. Issues involved with alternative care sites and planning and alternative destinations for disaster were discussed. The planning has begun for Coyote Crisis 09 which will involve a major ballistics event. The next meeting is July 25.  
Counties Report – Joe Gibson provided an update. The meeting was held in April. The name has been changed to Maricopa County Healthcare and Hospital Disaster Program. The AEMS conference was promoted. A mass vaccination exercise is planned for the end of August. Bed polling of hospitals was discussed.
  - F. RED Book – Alyson Welch – Alyson Welch reported that changes have been made and will now be reviewed by Dr. Londeree.
- V. Trauma – Trauma bill did not survive. Bill 2365 was amended to include expansion of STAB with specialties. State working with many hospitals, including Phoenix Childrens, on designation.

**VI. Committee Updates**

**A. EMS Council – Joe Gibson is new Central Arizona representative to EMS Council and presented report. EMS Council met on April 18 and address national incentives for EMS. An Ad Hoc Committee will be reviewing accreditation programs. Next meeting to be announced.**

**B. STAB - Roy Ryals presented report on STAB which met April 17 and reiterated much of Trauma information as noted above.**

**C. PACES – Tomi St. Mar- reported last meeting was in April.**

**VII. Old Business- none**

**VIII. New Business - position is vacant and nominations were accepted. Mickey Kovach, RN volunteered to serve as Secretary of the Planning and Outreach Functional Group. A motion was made and seconded to accept Mickey Kovach's nomination as Secretary. Motion was unanimously approved..**

**IX. Call to Public- none**

**X. Adjournment@12:05 pm**

**Next Functional Group Meeting: July 16, 2008  
@ 2495 South Industrial Boulevard ♦ Tempe, AZ**

**Next Board of Governors Meeting: June 18, 2008  
@ Southwest Ambulance ♦ 708 West Baseline Road ♦ Mesa, AZ**

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual EMS Odyssey Conference  
May 29 – 30, 2008  
Mesa Marriott Hotel**