AEMS Board of Governors
Wednesday June 16, 2021
Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: Michelle Angle; Peggy Baker; Marcia Barry, RN; Franco Castro-Marin, MD; Tom Cole; James Cunningham; Chris DeChant; Bobbi Doss; Mike Duran; Garth Gemar, MD; Mike Grant; Ryan Herold; Andrew Johnston; Robert Londeree, MD; Steve Maher, MD; Tracy Moroney; Michael Naehrbass; Kristin Niehoff, RN; Chris Riddle; Roy Ryals; Barb Schaffer, RN; Casey Solem, MD; and Ryan Southworth, DO

Distinguished Guest Members in Attendance: Sara Latham RN; Bruce Barnhart; Gail Bradley, ND; Grant Web; Shari Brand; Albert Razo; Monique Lind; Julia Vinton; Michael Riley; Valerie Weaver; Kayla Cole; Shelley Bissell; Tomi St. Mars; Mickey Kovach RN; Michael Riley; Scott Smith; Laurie Ray; Nicola Crim; Rachel Garcia

I. Call to Order: 12:02pm
II. Approval of Minutes
    a. MOTION: Approve the minutes as presented
    b. ACTION: Passed unanimously
III. Executive Director's Report
    a. Monthly activities:
        i. EMS Odyssey Conference: although virtual, the ongoing work and support needed is significant. Peggy expressed thanks to those on the Committee and who supported the logistics on the day of the conference.
        ii. Continued coordination of Functional Groups and related meetings
    b. 2021 Membership Campaign
        i. Currently have received >$50K and anticipate additional submissions.
        ii. Exceeds current goal
    c. AzDHS Contract 2020-2021 & 2021-2022
        i. Additional funding from EMS-C in process and to be included in upcoming contracts
    d. Other:
        i. Approaching end-of-year financial reports and work on financial review.
IV. Board Officers' Reports
    a. Treasurer's Report
        i. Financial Reports: Brief discussion about comparison of actual to budget and expectation that by the end of the fiscal year the expectation is to be at or slightly over of budget.
            1. MOTION: Approve the Financial Reports as presented
            2. ACTION: Passed unanimously
        ii. Information only: Upon completion of the fiscal year there will be a Financial Review completed. Per earlier Board action, AEMS is in a 5 year cycle as stated below:
            1. 2017-2018: Audit
            2. 2018-2019: Financial Review
            3. 2019-2020: Financial Compilation per exception as passed by the Board as recommended by the accounting firm.
            4. 2020-2021: Financial Review (UPCOMING)
            5. 2021-2022: Financial Review
            6. 2022-2023: Cycle starts with audit
    b. Chair's Report:
        i. Membership: the Chair extended thanks to the members for their diligence in securing dues from their respective entities and for Peggy is developing tools and invoicing procedures.
        ii. Executive Committee Report
            1. Future Meeting Zoom/In-Person: Discussion regarding the benefits/constraints of virtual meetings. Further discussion of the issues related to having a hybrid model of meetings because of lack of available infrastructure. Suggestion from the Board to have one fully in-person meeting each year. Peggy suggested the December meeting for distribution of bound copies of the Financial Review. No formal action taken but Peggy will pursue identification of available space.
        iii. Regional Update Report: No noted COVID related surge noted in EMS with re-opening but Honor Health reports noted increase in patients presenting to their EDs.
        iv. Open Forum: None
    c. Board Transitions: All positions will be posted on the AEMS website

i. Term Expirations/Vacancies
    1. Currently Open:
        a. Representative of the Administrations of Hospitals, Non-Trauma Center Hospital
    2. Upcoming:
        a. August: Citizen of the AEMS Region (James Cunningham incumbent)
        b. December: Physician active in the practice of Emergency Medicine and/or pre-hospital administrative medical direction, employed, or contracted, as an Administrative Medical Director for a pre-hospital EMS agency (Steven Maher, MD incumbent)
ii. Announcements: None

V. State Report
a. BEMSTS Activities and Updates
    i. Overview of executive orders still in place related to COVID
    ii. Review of open positions
    iii. Updating regional council contracts to include funding from EMS for Children
b. SHARE Update:
    i. Noting an increase in cases as 2020 reports are being processed.
    ii. Continued work on Outcomes
        1. 12 hospitals have completed 100% of outcome data submission
        2. Request for continues collaboration
    iii. Further assessment needed of any change in volume to determine relationship to incidence of COVID
c. The Arizona Pre-Hospital Information & EMS Registry System (Az-PIERS)
    i. Update: Phoenix Fire converted to an electronic patient care record on 5/10/2021
d. Pediatric:
    i. Update regarding PACES meeting on 1/15/2021
    ii. Confirmed funding inclusion in Regional Contracts.

VI. Functional Group Review
a. Planning & Outreach:
    i. 2021 EMS Odyssey Conference
        1. Thanks to all who supported the conference
        2. >150 attendees
        3. Continued learning about the best use of this technology and tools to make sure attendees are appropriately using communication.
        4. Thanks to all who donated for raffle prizes
        5. Summary report of course evaluations being processed.
    ii. Outreach: None
b. Patient Management
    i. Categorization:
        1. Met 6/15/2021
        2. Discussed application from Exceptional Health in Maricopa Az
            a. Small hospital
            b. Discussion of assessment within currently defined availability for a General Hospital and that there needs to be further discussion on possible breaking that category down into different Tiers. Discussion tabled until the next meeting (7/20/2021)
            c. Abrazo Cave Creek Hospital
                i. MOTION: Accept as a receiving facility
                ii. Friendly Amendment: Approve provisionally pending AzDHS licensure determination.
                iii. Amendment Accepted
                iv. ACTION: Amended motion passed unanimously
    ii. Transfer of Care
        1. Noted that EMS traffic continues to increase year over year.
        2. Rotation scheme for diversion in place in central sector
        3. Sector Reports: None
    iii. RED Book Update: In process

iv. Additional Reports: None
v. AzCher: None

c. Topical Focus/Lunch N Learn/Central Region Profile
i. July agenda is completed
ii. September agenda in process
iii. Waiting for presentation dates from Banner Air

VII. Program and Committee Reports
a. EMS Council report submitted in writing from Roy Ryals

VIII. Old Business: None

IX. New Business: None

X. Call to the Public
a. Discussion of facilities included in SB1373 Duty to Act

XI. Adjournment: 1:17pm