AEMS Board of Governors
June 15, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Board of Governors Members in Attendance: Michelle Angle; Peggy Baker; Marcia Barry, RN; Sheila Bryant, RN; Suzanne Buchanan, RN; Kayla Cole; Chris DeChant; Garth Gemar, MD; Ryan Herold, RN; Jordan Jacobs, MD; Steve Maher, MD; Tracy Moroney, RN; Mike Naehrbass; Kristin Niehoff, RN; Sandy Nygaard; Chris Riddle; Roy Ryals; Barb Schaffer, RN; and Ryan Southworth, DO

Distinguished Guest Members in Attendance: Brian Beard; Scott Blend; Nicola Crim; Tim Freund; Rachel Garcia; Mark Hansen; Shelley Henry; David Kean; Mickey Kovach; Cynthia Lavarone; Robyn McDannold; Shawn Morkert; Vince Podrybau; Dawn Polkabla; Adam Rodriguez; Kimberly Reger; Heather Santiago; Scott Smith; Tomi St. Mars; Valerie Weaver; Alyson Welch; and Joshua Zeidler

I. Call to Order: 12:05 pm
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 tasks: Continuing education credit notification and distribution of raffle prizes.
        ii. Membership campaign slightly behind prior year
        iii. Rural Summit coordination
        iv. End of fiscal year actions and initiating fiscal review actions
        v. Coordination of Fall Forum scheduled for 12/8/22
    b. AzDHS Contract 21-22 Status:
        i. Fiscal Year reports in process
    c. AZ Flex Funding for Central Region Critical Access Hospital Communities: all funds will be distributed by August.
IV. Board Officers' reports
    a. Treasurer's Report:
        i. MOTION: Accept as Presented
        ii. ACTION: Passed unanimously
    b. Chair's Report:
        i. Central Region Rural EMS Summit scheduled for 6/23/22. Board members are encouraged to attend. Goal to enhance communication with Rural Agencies and Providers
        ii. Membership
            1. Membership Campaign Status: As stated by in Executive Director's report, dues are lagging compared to prior year
            2. Membership Spotlight: Surprise Fire Department
        iii. Executive Committee Report: Planning for the Rural Summit
        iv. Regional Update Report
            1. ROCC: Subgroup of the Central Region Arizona Life Safety Committee
                a. Background and structure overview
                b. Review of Trauma Notification in mass casualty events (RAMP)
            2. Valley Medical Directors: Review of organizational structure and committee activities
            3. Rural:
                a. Overview of distribution of Flex Funding for Central Region Critical Access Hospital Communities
                b. Rural Summit: discussed in Executive Director's Report
            4. Open Forum:
                a. Brief discussion regarding update on diversion: Facility diversion will not be a factor in transport destinations decisions in the central valley.
    c. Board Transitions: Noted that recent census data regarding the City of Mesa demonstrates a Population greater than 500,000. Per AEMS bylaws, this results in the position currently occupied by Ryan Herold to now fall into the appropriate category.
        i. Representative from a Public Employer of Emergency Medical Care Technicians (EMTCs, from a Political Subdivision of Population Greater than 50,000-500,000): Two Positions
            1. Elected:
                a. Dave Kean
                b. Mark Hansen

ii. State Committee Representative (AEMS Recommendation)
1. Protocol, Medications & Devices (PMD) Committee – Central Region Representative
a. Elected to be put forward as recommended to the State: Mark Hansen

V. State Report:
a. BEMSTS Activities and Updates:
i. Awaiting legislative action regarding the budget and subsequent funding for the Regional Councils
b. SHARE Update: Non report
c. The Arizona Pre-Hospital Information & EMS Registry System (AZ-PIERS)
i. Preparing for Transition to updated data version. All participants will need to review and update their data set by 7/23.
d. Pediatric: No report
e. AzCher: No report

VI. Functional Group Review:
a. Planning & Outreach
i. Education Committee Update
1. 2022 EMS Odyssey: Successful and kudos to the volunteers who supported the event. Review of conference evaluation comments are very positive.
a. 2023 EMS Odyssey scheduled for 6/8/23 via ZOOM
2. EMS CE Fall Forum: scheduled for 12/8/22 via ZOOM. Currently in planning phase.
3. Topical Focus/ Lunch N Learn / Central Region Profile: brief overview of schedule with September and November available for any interested parties
ii. Outreach: No report
b. Patient Management
i. Categorization
1. Met on 6/14
a. Discussion of four facility types:
-general hospital emergency department;
-free standing emergency department/hospital satellite emergency department
-small non-specialty (micro) hospital emergency department
-critical access hospital emergency department
b. Need to update language regarding Trauma Centers to reflect "State of" related to Arizona designated facilities
i. MOTION: Approve the language of Trauma enters as presented
ii. ACTION: Passed unanimously
2. Reminder: facilities need to submit information for recategorization
3. Recommend discussion of helicopter landing zones in future meetings.
ii. Transfer of Care
1. Sector Reports: No reports
2. Discussion related to diversion and destination decisions as presented in Chairs report.
3. RED Book Update: No report
4. Trauma
a. Review of upcoming conference dates
b. American College of Surgeons has updated Field Triage information
5. Additional Reports: No additional reports

VII. Program and Committee Reports: No additional reports
VIII. Old Business: None
IX. New Business: Az DHS will provide legislative updates at future meetings
X. Call to the Public: PMD will meet on 6/16/22
XI. Adjournment: 1:44 pm