AEMS Board of Governors
Wednesday - August 17, 2022
ZOOM - Noon
Minutes

Board of Governors in Attendance: Michelle Angle; Peggy Baker; Marcia Barry, RN; Georgia Bissonette; Sheila Bryant, RN; Suzanne Buchanan, RN; Franco Castro-Marin, MD; Kayla Cole; Chris DeChant; Bobbi Doss; Tim Gammage; Garth Gemar, MD; Mark Hansen; Ryan Herold; Jordan Jacobs, MD; Andrew Johnston; Robert Londeree, MD; Steve Maher, MD; Rhonda Mason; Tracy Moroney, RN; Kristin Niehoff; Sandy Nygaard; Chris Riddle; Roy Ryals; Barb Schaffer, RN; Casey Solem, MD; and Ryan Southworth, DO

Distinguished Guests in Attendance: Bruce Barnhart; Scott Benzing; Scott Colem; Nicola Crim; Kevin Depner; Rachel Garcia; Joe Gibson; Shelly Henry; Tiffany Jimenez; Phillip Johnson; Mickey Kovach, RN; Andy McDonald; Michael Norling; Ray Ochoa; Albert Razo; Kim Reger, RN; Adam Rodriguez; Heather Santiago; Kendal Shannon; Alexis Taylor; Corey Usher; Jim Walter; Billy Warren; and Valerie Weaver

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. Closing FY 2021-2022 financial books
        ii. Processing Continuing Education Credits for conference
        iii. Budget preparation for 2022-2023 FY
        iv. Membership drive
    b. AZ DHS Contract 2021-2022 and 2033-2023: no update
    c. AZ Flex Funding for Central Region Critical Access Hospital Communities
        i. Funding distribution allocated to the EMS Odyssey Conference Scholarships and eligible agencies who attended the AEMS Rural EMS Summit. Funds to be used by recipients consistent with the funding goals. Reimbursement to be processed when receipts are received by AEMS.
IV. Board Officers' Reports
    a. Treasurer's Report
        i. Financial Reports
            1. End of Year Report:
                a. MOTION: Approve the FY 2021-2022 end of year report as presented
                b. ACTION: Passed unanimously
            2. July 2022 Monthly Report:
                a. MOTION: Approve the monthly financial report as presented
                b. ACTION: Passed unanimously
        ii. Budget:
            1. 2022-2023 Budget
                a. MOTION: Approve the budget as presented
                b. ACTION: Passed unanimously
    b. Chair's Report
        i. Central Region Rural EMS Summit – June 23, 2022
            1. Well attended
            2. Future State Recommendations:
                a. Establish a rural Sector
                b. Encourage involvement by rural stakeholders
                c. Assure that organizational processes are followed related to any guidance action items.
                d. Consider renaming Valley Medical Directors to AEMS Regional Medical Directors with involvement from rural agency representatives.
        ii. Membership Drive
            1. Dues revenue shortfall against budget. Continued work on follow-up and identification of contacts within the agency/facility.
            2. Membership Spotlight:
                a. Scottsdale Fire Department
        iii. Executive Committee
            1. Rural Summit
            2. Provisional categorization of Banner Ocotillo Medical Center as a primary stroke center.

iv. Regional Update Report
    1. ROCC: No update
    2. Valley Medical Directors: as noted above, consideration for title update
        a. Discussion of HB2431
    3. Rural Updates
        a. Focus on Payson area
        b. Continued collaboration among rural providers
        c. AZ Fire District: working on update of contact list

v. Open Forum:
    1. Discussion re: Ballot Proposition 31 to provide EMS funding based on population

c. Board Transitions:
    1. Elections
        a. One Representative of a Public Employer of Emergency Medical Care Technicians (EMCTs) from a Distinct Political Subdivision with a Population Between 50,000 and 500,000.
            i. Nomination: Billy Warren
        b. One Recommendation: Trauma & EMS Performance Improvement (TEPI) Committee – Ground Ambulance or First Responder Premier EMS Agency – Central Region Representative
            i. Nominations
                1. Corey Usher
                2. Lionel Lee, DO (Withdrawn)
        c. Nominations from the floor: NONE
            i. MOTION: Close nominations
            ii. ACTION: Passed unanimously
        d. Unanimous consent recommendation
            i. MOTION: Vote for approval for Billy Warrant and Corey Usher as unopposed nominations in their respective categories.
            ii. ACTION: Passed unanimously.
    2. Term Expirations/Vacancies
        a. Representative of an EMCT Training Program/Ex-Officio
        b. One Representative, Acting as a Prehospital Care Manager for their Hospital Employer, Representing a Trauma Center Hospital.
        c. One Physician Active in the Practice of Emergency Medicine and/or Prehospital Administrative Direction, Practicing at a Trauma Center Hospital.
        d. Representative Recommended by a Statewide Ambulance Association, Representing a Private-Sector Employer of EMCTs.

V. State Report
a. BEMSTS Activities and Updates
    i. New EMS positions posted
    ii. IT: Portal update anticipated in 2023
    iii. Trauma Registry systems being evaluated
    iv. Contract update
        1. Needs assessment
        2. Grant funding for Rural EMS Provider Education will be distributed through the Regional Councils
    v. Legislative updates
        1. HB 2431: Effective 9/22
        2. HB 2609: CON requirements effective 1/24 and will be incorporated into current rulemaking processes
b. SHARE Update:
    i. 2021 Hospital reports are ready for distribution
    ii. 2021 EMS reports are currently undergoing final review
c. The Arizona Pre-Hospital Information & EMS Registry (AZ-PIERS)
    i. Update to platform in 2023
d. Pediatric: General education and program updates
e. State Committees
    i. PMD: focused on updates for hospital-based paramedics
    ii. Next meetings scheduled for 9/15/22

VI. Functional Group Review
- a. Planning & Outreach
  - i. Education Committee
    1. 2023 EMS Odyssey: continued planning for June 8, 2023 conference. Will be virtual format
    2. EMS CE Fall Forum: continued focus on rural issues
    3. Topical Focus / Lunch N Lear / Central Region Profile: board members encouraged to submit ideas or speakers.
  - ii. Outreach: No report
- b. Patient Management
  - i. Categorization:
    1. Updated schedule for consistency: all meetings planned for the 2nd Thursday of every other month at 1pm (9/8/22 next meeting)
    2. New categorization package to be reviewed at the September Functional Group
    3. Banner Ocotillo Medical Center Primary Stroke Center:
       a. MOTION: Approve Banner Ocotillo Medical Center as a Primary Stroke Center.
       b. ACTION: Passed unanimously
  - ii. Transfer of Care
    1. Sector Reports: None
  - iii. RED Book Update
    1. Status update: None
  - iv. Trauma: None
  - v. Additional Reports: None

VII. Program and Committee Reports: None
VIII. Old Business: None
IX. New Business: None
X. Call to Public: None
XI. Adjournment: 1:44pm