AEMS Board of Governors Meeting
December 18, 2024
Minutes

Members of the Board of Governors in Attendance: Michelle Angle; Peggy Baker; Bruce Barnhart; Marcia Barry, RN; Sheila Bryant, RN; Nicola Crim; Nicholas DeGroot; Nick Ells; Garth Gemar, MD; Annie Giagni, RN; Cori Hayes; Gaby Iskander, MD; Robert Londeree, MD; Steve Maher, MD; Tracy Moroney, RN; Kristin Niehoff, RN; Sandy Nygaard; Beth Ranney, MD; Kim Reger, RN; Chris Riddle; Roy Ryals; Barb Schaffer, RN; Julie Smith; Casey Solem, MD; Ryan Southworth, DO; Billy Warren; and Alyson Welch

Distinguished Guests in Attendance: Noreen Adlin; Jamie Beauvais; Jamie Beauvais; Eileen Blackstone; Shari Brand; James Cunningham; Kendal Dold; Nicole Dupuis-Witt; Stephen Ferris; Shauna Griffith; Dave Hanson; Shelley Henry; Kyle Henson; Gaby Iskander; Josephine Johnson; Mickey Kovach; Sara Latham; Martin Murphy; vince podrybau; Dawn Polkabla; Marc Puleo; Laurie Ray; Adam Rodriguez; Heather Santiago; Julie Smith; Abriana Smith; Shelby Wirtanen.

I. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests: 12:00 pm
II. Approval of Minutes:
    a. MOTION: Approve the minutes as presented
        i. ACTION: Passed Unanimously
III. Executive Director's Report:
    a. Monthly Activities: Report distributed to members
    b. AZDHS Contract 2024-2025 Status: No updates
IV. Board Officers' Reports
    a. Treasurer's Report
        i. Financial Reports:
            1. MOTION: Accept the financial reports as presented
                a. ACTION: Passed Unanimously
        ii. Membership Campaign 2025: Reminder to members regarding dues submission including tax deduction availability.
        iii. Fund Committee:
            1. Overview of funding challenges and discussion regarding importance of seeking additional sources of revenue.
            2. Requesting any interested parties to contact Peggy. Goal to have group discuss funding opportunity options and make recommendations to the board.
    b. Chair's Report:
        i. Executive Committee Report: overview of meeting discussion including categorization, funding challenges, future educational plans.
        ii. Regional Update Report
            1. Central Regional EMS Medical Directors Consortium:
                a. Central Regional EMS Guidelines Updates: Planned go-live for updates in med January.
            2. ROCC: no update
            3. Rural
                a. Rural Summit: report provided in previous meeting.
                b. OBLS Grant: Overview of 1Q planned courses at implementation sites including San Carlos, Gila River, and Central Arizona College.
                c. County Report: Gila, Pinal, and Maricopa non-Automatic Aid communities: Focus in 2025 will be to increase communication between agencies and the board.
                d. Arizona Fire District Association: No report
        iii. Open Forum: No updates or requests
    c. Board Transitions:
        i. Elections
            1. Representative of an EMCT Training Program
                a. MOTION: As there are no nominations from the floor, close nominations
                    i. ACTION: Passed unanimously
                b. MOTION: As there is one applicant, move to approve by unanimous consent.
                    i. ACTION: Passed unanimously
                c. ELECTED: Eileen Blackstone

2. Member Orientation Quarterly announcement: Jan 15, 2025 to begin following the Functional Group Meeting.

V. State Report
   a. BEMSTS Activities and Updates
      i. Brief announcements of positions open/filled
      ii. CON rules approved
      iii. Update on critical care/EMS rules
      iv. Rachel Garcia moving to new position
   b. SHARE Updates: next iteration of report still in progress
   c. The Arizona Pre-Hospital Information & EMS Registry System (Az-PIERS): no update
   d. Pediatric: EPIC stickers being distributed
   e. State Committees: no updates

VI. Functional Group Review
   a. Planning & Outreach
      i. Education Committee
         1. 5th Annual EMS CE Fall Forum: Review of feedback.
         2. 25th Annual EMS Odyssey Conference
            a. Virtual: 6/12/2025
            b. Planned national speaker presentation on AI in EMS
            c. Update on registration rates including early bird rate
         3. AEMS 50th Anniversary: Request for board member participation in planning. Tentatively planned for October 2025
         4. Topical Focus / Lunch N Learn / Central Region Profile: request for submission of topics for future sessions
      ii. Outreach: reminder to update contact information.
   b. Patient Management:
      i. Categorization:
         1. Reminder to update AEMS via status change form when services are added/deleted
         2. Categorization requests reviewed by Committee and moving forward for Board approval:
            a. Free Standing Emergency / Hospital Based Satellite Emergency Department:
               i. Valleywise Emergency Room – Maryvale
                  1. MOTION: Approve Categorization of Valleywise Emergency Room – Maryvale as Requested.
                     a. ACTION: Passed Unanimously
         3. Status Change Form:
            a. Received and Currently Under Committee Review:
               i. May Clinic Hospital
               ii. HonorHealth Scottdale Shea Medical Center
      ii. Transfer of Care:
         1. Sector Reports: None
      iii. RED Book Update:
         1. Chapter updates to be reviewed by executive committee prior to review at functional group
      iv. Phoenix Stroke Center Coalition
         1. Brief discussion of Coalition history and current status.
         2. Dr. Engel and Vanessa/Coordinator to join Categorization Committee to streamline communication and assure accurate categorization of stroke centers of all levels.
      v. Trauma: No report
      vi. Additional Reports: None

VII. Program and Committee Reports: None

VIII. Old Business: None

IX. New Business: None

X. Call to Public: None

XI. Adjournment: 1:30 pm