

AEMS
Functional Group Meeting
MINUTES
CONFERENCE CALL
March 18, 2020

Members in Attendance: Garth Gemar, MD; Roy Ryals; Marcia Barry, RN; Sandy Nygaard; Robert Londeree, MD; Peggy Baker; Ryan Herold, RN; Gabe Gabriel, RN; Tomi St. Mars, RN; Joyce Dominski, RN; Mike Grant; Tim Freund; Geoffrey Ballentine; and Ryan Southworth, DO

Guests in Attendance: Franco Castro-Marin, MD; Tom Cole; Kathleen Moore, RN; Charlann Staab, RN; Barb Schaffer, RN; David Dixon; Sheila Bryant, RN; Dan Didier; Joe Meier; Michelle Angle; Albert Razo, RN; Monique Lind; Brandi Cano; Tom Shannon; Casey Solem, MD; MD Clark; Mike Norling; Evelyn Hallford; Jon Maitem, DO; Rebecca Haro; Bruce Horwood, MD; Chris Riddle; Robert Maestas; Albert Razo, RN; Chris Barden; Dan Jarrett; Joe Winchell, DO; Tracy Moroney, RN; Nicola Crim; Sara Latham, RN; Rebekah Warren

A. Functional Group Administrative Business General Report—Garth Gemar, MD

1. Call to order and Introductions. Minutes approval and seconded by Roy Ryals and Sandy Nygaard
2. Election: Voting was completed online by members who registered as Voting Members.
There were only two nominations – Sandy Nygaard for Planning Chair and Ryan Southworth, DO, for Patient Management Chair. The online voting results confirmed the election of Sandy Nygaard as Planning Chair and Ryan Southworth as Patient Management Chair.
3. Old Business
 - a. Native American Conference has been postponed and more information will be forth coming.
4. New Business: Covid-19 Discussion
5. State Report: State has been open with information. Survey sent out by DHS asking PPE availability.
All agencies should be filling this out.

B. Planning & Outreach Report—Sandy Nygaard, Chair

1. 2020 EMS Odyssey Conference Planning. We have not canceled the EMS Odyssey Conference. However, we will be developing a contingency plan.
2. 2020 Aces of Hearts & Heart to Heart Awards. Nominees have been received & closed. For Aces of Hearts have been received & selections are closed. Heart to Heart nominations still open for consideration.
3. Agency/Hospital/Fire Contact Updates-Transitions. Please send any updates to Peggy Baker.

C. Patient Management Report-Garth Gemar MD

1. Categorization- Garth Gemar MD
 - a. Emergency Provisional Categorization Phoenix VA Healthcare System.
Motion by Categorization Committee with Provisions:
 1. Pt expresses desire to go to VA
 2. Pt is a veteran
 3. Specialty Care not needed by patient (STEMI, Stroke, OHCA, Trauma, Peds, OB)
 4. Categorization Survey will be filled out by VA & participate in Central Region Diversion Taskforce
 5. VA can opt out at any time.MOTION to accept for next Categorization Committee in May:
Geoff Ballentine moved & second by Dr. Southworth
DISCUSSION: Once they join, they are unable to refuse appropriate patients.
MOTION carries

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b. Emergency Temporary Categorization Free Standing Emergency Departments.

ACTION: MOTION: Allow Free Standing Dignity ED Centers

1. Dignity Corporate approves.
2. Specialty Care not needed by patient (STEMI, Stroke, OHCA, Trauma, Peds, OB)
3. EMS crew feels hospitalization not needed for patient.
4. Patch made with recoding of calls.
5. Categorization Survey will be filled out.
6. Status reviewed at May Categorization Committee Meeting Group
7. Dignity may opt out at any time
8. Participate in Diversion Committees in corresponding cities
9. Enters updates into EMResource
10. Any other determinations by AEMS

Motion: Sandy Nygaard moved & Roy Ryals second.

Discussions held - question about restocking meds brought forth.

MOTION carries. Depends on Dignity approving & Executive Committee approving

2. Transfer of Care

- a. Diversion Policies/Valley-Wide No Diversion discussion. Central Committee met in February & Diversion time made for 3 hours & must come off for 1 hour. Rotation has only been done once. Next meeting in April.

3. Arizona Stroke Initiative has not met

4. RED Book-nothing announced

5. Pediatric-nothing announced

6. Trauma-nothing announced

7. Behavioral Health-nothing announced

Additional Comments: Thank you to Marcia Barry and Banner for putting together call and meeting. Peggy Baker will be sending out survey for effectiveness of meeting. Reminder to send e-mail to Peggy if participated in meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm