

AEMS Functional Group
July 15, 2020
Meeting Minutes

Education

A. Lunch & Learn Presentation

Dignity Health Arizona General & Free-Standing ER's David Gast

B. Roundtable Discussion

Covid-19 Experiences

C. Central Region Profile

Arizona Provider Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (AZPOLST) presented by Sandy Severson BSN, MBA, CPHQ, CENP, FACHE from Az Hospital & Healthcare Association

Administrative Business

A. General Report-Ryan Herold RN

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes-ACTION: **Approved** Riddle, Southworth & Gast

2. AEMS Announcements:

a. Covid-19 Provider Grants available. \$13,000 left to distribute. 16 requests; 15 approved in the First Round. Second request will be limited to \$1500 each.

3. Old Business: nothing announced

4. New Business: nothing announced

5. State Report: New EMS PPE survey will be sent out . Will be on AzDHS EMS page. Links to Covid information

available.

B. Planning & Outreach Report—Sandy Nygaard, Chair

1. 2020 EMS Odyssey Conference Cancellation Working on 2021 conference.

2. 2020 Aces of Hearts & Heart to Heart Awards. Discussion held to continue with these but wait until meeting

in person. Please let Sandy or Peggy what your thoughts are.

3. Agency/Hospital/Fire Contact Updates-Transitions. Please send any updates to Peggy Baker.

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C. Patient Management Report-Ryan Southworth MD

1. Covid patients; ED's are very busy and EMS working well with encouraging patients to stay home.

2. Categorization. Garth Gemar MD

a. Honor Health Sonoran Campus: **ACTION:** Approved

b. Abrazo Surprise Campus: **ACTION:** Hope to open in fall. Some questions incomplete on application. **Motion: Provincially accept Abrazo Surprise Campus with Executive Committee approving to send to Board to accept with corrections. Approved.**

Alternatives designation have been approved by DHS. Motion made for delaying vote until next Functional

Group Meeting. Approved.

3. Transfer of Care: Discuss how diversions are affecting everyone; offload times, etc. Alternative sites-are

they only

Freestanding ED's or do they include Urgent Care. Can an Urgent Care accept an ambulance? Not as this

time. Would need to be under local EMS Direction to explore relationships to Alternative Medical

Direction. Maybe more appropriate for Rural Areas per Dr Southworth.

3. Arizona Stroke: no information. Waiting for letter for Accepting VAN as a Stroke Assessment for EMS. No

change in triage transports to Centers with the capability.

4. RED Book-nothing announced

5. Pediatric-nothing announced

6. Trauma-nothing announced

7. Behavioral Health-nothing announced

D. Covid-19 discussion

1. VapoTherm

2. Crisis Standards of Care.

3. Covid Surge Phone

Meeting adjourned,

Next Board meeting in August & Functional Group meeting in September.