

AEMS Functional Group

March 16, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Voting Members in Attendance: Michelle Angle; Gabe Gabriel, RN; Garth Gemar, MD; Sandy Nygaard; David Pohlmann; Cindy Rekemeyer; Chris Riddle; Roy Ryals; Tomi St. Mars; Casey Solem, MD; Ryan Southworth, DO; and Alyson Welch.

Distinguished Guests in Attendance: Tracy Moroney; Jonathan Maitem, DO; Rachel Garcia; Gail Bradley, MD; Ameliana Garcia; Robert Londeree, MD; Sandra Nygaard; Garth Gemar, MD; Shari Brand, MD; Mickey Kovach, RN; Nicola Crim; Cindy Roberts; Jenifer Midgett; Brian Beard; Suzanne Buchanan, RNJ; Jamie Beauvais; Joe Gibson; Barbara Schaffer, RN; Kayla Cole; Adam Rodriguez; James Cunningham; Travis Connors; Julia Vinton; Valerie Weaver, RN; Billy Warren; Sterling White; Bruce Barnhart, RN; Billy Chester; Andy McDonald; Amanda Wigman; Kevin Depner; Joyce Dominski, RN; Christina Christel; Mike Naeharbass; and Tom Cole

Education

A. Lunch N learn

Mechanical Circulatory Support: Total Artificial Heart & Mechanical Circulatory Support

Connor McLaughlin BSN, RN

Artificial Heart & Mechanical Circulatory Support Coordinator

Banner – University Medical Center Phoenix Campus

B. Topical Focus

High Flow Nasal Cannula Transport in a Rural EMS System

Ameliana Garcia CEP Gila River EMS

C. Central Region Profile

Banner Air

Amanda Wigman

East Valley ER & Hospital

Jennifer Midgett

Administrative Business

A. General Report - Sandy Nygaard (substituting for Ryan Herold)

1. 2022 Functional Voting Body Announced
2. Meeting Minutes – **Approved**
3. AEMS Announcements:
 - a. Membership Campaign still on-going. 25% of goal reached
4. Old Business: nothing reported
5. New Business: Abrazo Central Campus: has placed 24/7 STEMI coverage on hold for now. Will keep everyone updated on status change when returning to full time status. Starts April 1, 2022.
6. State Report: Rachael Garcia & Adam Rodriguez
 - a. Working on EMS Surge & EMS turnover times. Rachael Garcia & Dr Bradley presented the Offload Flow form and proposed plan.
 - b. State meetings Thursday, March 17, 2022.
 - c. Survey is out to EMS Agencies on Pediatrics. 35% of responses received. Website added.
 - d. Adam sent out survey to EMS agencies on pediatric questions. Survey closes in March.

B. Planning & Outreach Report - Sandy Nygaard

1. Education
 - a. EMS Odyssey Conference Virtually on June 9, 2022. 1 day conference. Registration is open. Seeking support of Vendors. Sponsors & Raffle prizes always appreciated.
2. Outreach
 - a. Membership Campaign ongoing. Please send any personnel updates to Peggy Baker.
 1. Member Spotlight: Dr. Casey Solem spotlighted.
 - b. Az Flex Funding for Central Region Critical Access Hospital Communities. Deadline is August 31, 2022
 - c. Agency/Hospital/Fire Contact Updates/Transitions. Please let AEMS know of any contact changes or additions.

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C. Patient Management Report-Dr Southworth DO

1. Categorization. Tomi St. Mars, RN
 - a. East Valley Hospital to be categorized as a *General Hospital Based Emergency Department*.
ACTION Approved will forwarded to Board for their final approval during their April 2022 meeting.
Patch phone number & door code will be sent out.
 - b. Categorization suspended the Suspension of Categorization
 - c. Helicopter Landing Zones questions will be added as standing agenda item for all future Facilities.
2. AzCHER: Jamie Beauvais
 - a. Quarterly Trainings ongoing. Intro to HICS & Homeland Security available. April 21,2022 0830 - 1230 Full-scale Exercise (Jumanji in July) will be done across State of Az.
 - b. AzCHER now has a Mobile APP available for download.
 - c. AzCHER 2022 Conference March 24, 2022
3. Transfer of Care: Dr. Gemar
 - a. Offload Form previously presented by Rachael Garcia. Delays are trending downward.
4. Arizona Stroke Initiative: Meeting cancelled this month.
5. RED Book-Status Report: Dr. Gemar: always looking at Categorization questionnaires.
6. Pediatric- Mickey Kovach RN PACES meeting March 17, 2022. Working on PowerPoint for EMS and Pediatric Behavioral Health Resources. Education available on the AzDHS website on pediatrics.
7. Trauma- Nothing reported
8. 8. Behavioral Health- nothing reported

Adjourn at 12:57 pm

Next Board Meeting is April 20, 2022 at Noon

Next Functional Group Meeting May 18, 2022 at 10 am

Respectfully submitted by: Mickey Kovach RN, CEN