

AEMS Functional Group

May 18, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Voting Members in Attendance: Nicola Crim; Garth Gemar; Ryan Herold; Sandy Nygaard; Ryan Southworth

Distinguished Guest Members in Attendance: Noreen Adlin; Bruce Barnhart; Georgia Bissonette; Suzanne Buchanan, RN; Kayla Cole; Michelle Denton; Nicholas Ells; Rachel Garcia ; Antonia Gerard; Joe Gibson; David Harden; Bruce Horwood; Phillip Johnson; Cynthia Lavarone; John Lawson; Cris Lecher; Robert Londeree, MD; T.J. MacKay; Tracy Moroney, RN; Jennifer Midget; Brian Novotny; Dawn Polkabila; Adam Rodriguez; Marissa Salgado; ; Barbara Schaffer; Regina Villa; Julia Vinton; Brandley Williams; Carissa Wilson; Rachael Zarate;

Introductions: Happy EMS Week to all!

Education:

A. Topical Focus #1 (10:00am) - CE Provided

Introduction to Gangs - Brian Novotny Investigations Division, Maricopa County Attorney's Office

B. Topical Focus #2 (11:00 am)

Changes in Trauma Triage, Nomenclature, and Pre-Notification of Trauma Centers - Brent Burgett Mesa Fire and Medical Department

Rapid Assessment of Mental Status and Pulse Update (**RAMP**) refer to PowerPoint presentation:

<https://aems.org/images/pdf/fyi/ramp-update.pdf>

Started with active shooter triage/training. Noticed deficiencies in trauma triage, specifically with START Triage for mass casualty events

Confusion between field crews and receiving facilities about 'immediate' 'level one' or 'priority' patients delineation

Decided to follow the "CDC's field triage guidelines" by using RAMP

Change in verbiage from 'level one' or 'priority' to 'trauma activation' and permit receiving facilities to activate as they see fit for their facilities

Working to fit this into the Trauma Triage Field Triage

Is ACS in favor of RAMP field triage?

Valley medical directors opted not to implement this until 2023 in hopes ACS sends out their updated field triage guidelines

C. Central Region Profile

Christopher Kohls Fire Department - Mark Hansen

Administrative Business

A. General Report-Sandy Nygaard

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes **Action - Motion to approve by Garth Gamer and seconded Ryan Southworth**

2. AEMS Announcements:

a. Scholarship opportunities

Group scholarships for critical access hospitals and agencies

Last date for current rate registration is May 31st then rates go up.

Final date to register for EMS Odyssey Conference is June 7.

b. Vacancies for AEMS Board and State Committee Vacancies including:

c. Membership Campaign still on-going. Currently \$42,000 dollars the Goal is \$60,000 - 70 % of goal reached

3. Old Business: nothing reported

4. New Business:

a. Mickey Kovach had to step down as Functional Group secretary. Barb Schaffer filling in with assistance from Kayla.

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5. State Report: Rachael Garcia Bureau Chief

- a. One bill that will impact CON & ambulance staffing and response times, State is remaining neutral, If you have any questions reach out to state
- b. On rules side, no scheduled meetings for ground ambulance, there is updated info posted
- c. Air ambulance rules go into effect next month. Some questions about staffing state working to get answers to agencies.
- d. Statutory meetings tomorrow:
 - May 19, 2022 9:00 a.m. State Trauma Advisory Board (STAB)
 - May 19, 2022 10:30 a.m. Emergency Medical Services Council
 - May 19, 2022 12:00 p.m. Medical Direction Commission (MDC)
- e. Regional council contracts to be renewed and state plans on level funding.

B. Planning & Outreach Report—Sandy Nygaard

1. Education
 - a. EMS Odyssey Conference Virtually on June 9, 2022. 1 day conference. Registration is open.
 - b. Sponsors & Raffle prizes always appreciated. Looking for donations from the AEMS Board for raffle prizes
2. Outreach
 - a. Membership Campaign ongoing almost reached our goal. Please send any personnel updates to Peggy Baker.
 - 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.

C. Patient Management Report-Ryan Southworth DO

1. Categorization.
 - a. Mayo Clinic Hospital Comprehensive Stroke Center
 - b. Categorization matrix updates: the matrix has been updated and agencies and facilities need to check the status of your facilities on the AEMS website. Minor changes to the questionnaire include trauma center designation and verification from ACS or state designation. Level 1 adult and level 1 pediatric and level 2 trauma centers
 - c. Air Medical Issues: reminder to discuss freestanding hospitals to consider air medical landing / transports, etc
2. AzCHER - nothing to report
3. Transfer of Care: Nothing brought up.
4. Arizona Stroke Initiative: No new updates - have not met.
5. RED Book-Status Report: Working with Nicola on categorization language regarding helicopter pads, heliports etc. Exploring how facilities are handling helicopter landings at free standing facilities.
6. Pediatric- Mickey Kovach RN PACES - Nothing reported
7. Trauma- Nothing reported
8. Behavioral Health- nothing reported

D. Call to the Public

1. David Harden announced the June 22nd Traffic Incident management course. TIM training, CE included. Goal is keeping crews and people safe to return home following their shift. David thanked AEMS for their continued support of TIM.

Adjourn at 12:00pm - Motion to adjourn by Garth Gamer and seconded Ryan Southworth

- **Next AEMS Board Meeting is June 15, 2022 at Noon via Zoom**
- **Next AEMS Functional Group Meeting - July 20, 2022 at 10 AM via Zoom**

Respectfully Submitted by Barbara Schaffer, RN with Assistance from Kayla Cole