

AEMS Functional Group Meeting

September 21, 2022

Minutes

Voting Members Present: Michelle Angle; Garth Gemar, MD; Ryan Herold, RN; Sandy Nygaard; David Pohlmann; Albert Razo; Roy Ryals; and Ryan Southworth, DO

Distinguished Guest Members Present: Noreen Adlin; Bruce Barnhart; Dana Barton; Brian Beard; Jamie Beauvais; Kimberly Boehm; Joel Bonk; Sheila Bryant, RN; Franco Castro-Marin, MD; Kayla Cole; Christine Deruvo, RN; Stephen Ferris; Tim Freund; Rachel Garcia; Antonio Gerard; Shelley Henry; Mickey Kovach, RN; Criston Lecher; Russ Lindholm; Robert Londeree, MD; TJ McKay; Shawn Morkert; Joseph Ortega; Dawn Polkabla; Vince Podrybau; Cindy Roberts; Adam Rodriguez; Marissa Salgado; Barbara Schaffer, RN; Lora Snow Piggot; Alexis Taylor; Julia Vinton; and Billy Warren

EDUCATION

10:00 am

The Topical Focus presentation was Poison Potpourri with Lynne Brown-Wagner, MSN, RN. Lynne provided an interesting overview of recent calls received by the Poison Control staff. The fentanyl crisis continues with countless overdose calls. Poison Control Center number is 602-253-3334

11:00 am

There were two Central Region Profile presentations. The first presentation was Arizona City Fire District with Joseph Ortega, EMS Captain. The second presentation was Banner Payson Medical Center with Shelley Henry, RN, BSN.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

11:30 am

A. General Report - *Ryan Herold, RN*

1. Approval of minutes. Roy Ryals made motion to approve July 20, 2022 meeting minutes, Sandy Nygaard seconded the motion. Motion passed to approve the minutes.
2. AEMS Announcements. Reminders were provided about 2023 AEMS Membership campaign which will kick-off in October. Additionally, reminder about EMS CE Fall Forum on December 8, 2022, which Sandy Nygaard will provide more details in her report.
3. Old Business - none reported.
4. New Business - none reported.
5. State Report:
 - New EMS portal coming soon to azdhs.gov.
 - All stakeholders are encouraged to sign up for GovDelivery bulletin for updates from the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems (BEMSTS) at: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/AZDHS/subscriber/new?qs=CODE_RED
 - In process of coordinating the Regional EMS Needs Assessment survey, which will focus on EMS workforce development.
 - Recently hired two new EMS coordinators, Russ Lindholm and Stephen Ferris.
 - EMSC grant funds for regions next year will be increased to \$10,000
 - 400 cases of Monkeypox reported.

B. Planning & Outreach Report - *Sandy Nygaard, Chair*

1. Education
 - a. EMS CE Fall Forum. Will be held December 8, 2022 via Zoom - registration now open - <https://aems.org/ems-fall-forum>
6 CEs possible for EMCTs. Topics: Child abuse and neglect; Poison potpourri; TXA; OB rural; Show Low bike disaster; and Trauma
 - b. The 23rd Annual EMS Odyssey Conference. Will be held on June 8, 2023 via Zoom. We are in the process of developing the schedule so all presenter topics and ideas are welcome. Earlybird promotion for the EMS Odyssey will commence in December.

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2. Outreach

- a. The 2023 AEMS Membership Campaign will kick-off in October. Our goal is \$50,000. We appreciate everyone's efforts to help secure support from their agency/hospital. Dues help underwrite many of AEMS administrative expenses. THANK YOU!
- b. The AZ Flex Funding for Central Region Critical Access Hospital Communities has been distributed to the awarded recipients. The following six agencies were reimbursed for purchase of EMS medical supplies: Christopher Kohl's Fire Department; Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center; Florence Fire Department; Hellsgate Fire Department; Pleasant Valley Fire Department; and Superior Fire Department.
- c. AEMS needs your help in updating agency/hospital/fire contacts for our master mailing list. Please send Peggy Baker an email (pbaker@aems.org) if you are not on the list OR would like other staff to be added. THANK YOU.

C. Patient Management Report - *Ryan Southworth, DO*

1. Categorization - *Cindy Roberts*

- a. Garth Gemar, MD reviewed the changes to the Categorization Questionnaires. There are now four different questionnaires based on the following facility types: General Hospital Emergency Department; Free Standing Emergency Department / Hospital Satellite Emergency Department; Small Non-Specialty Hospital Emergency Department; and Critical Access Hospital-Based Emergency Department. Additionally, Dr. Gemar presented the proposed questionnaire content that will help identify a facility's helicopter patient transport capability and availability. After the discussion, Dr. Gemar made a motion to approve the Categorization Questionnaire changes. Sandy Nygaard seconded this motion. Motion passed to approve the Categorization Questionnaire changes.

- b. Air Medical Issues - discussion was covered under Categorization Questionnaire review.

2. RED Book - *Garth Gemar, MD*

- a. Central Regional EMS Guidelines.

The Valley Medical Directors group has changed their name to the Central Arizona EMS Medical Director Consortium. A brief overview was provided on the anticipated changes for the Central Regional EMS (CARES) Guidelines as discussed during consortium meeting in September. Changes will be further reviewed during the consortium's November 9 meeting. When available, AEMS will process the changes during next Board and Functional Group meetings.

3. AZ Stroke Initiative - *Robert Londeree, MD*

Dr. Londeree reported that the Phoenix Stroke Work Group has not recently met.

AEMS is starting to have concerns that this group is not having regular meetings. Dr. Londeree will follow up with the Phoenix Stroke Work Group to determine their status and future activities.

4. Pediatric - *Mickey Kovach, RN*

The next PACES meeting will be held November 17, 2022 at 1:30 pm via virtual.

5. Other Reports - No reports provided.

ADJOURNMENT

12:50 pm

Motion to adjourn Ryan Southworth, DO and motion seconded by Sandy Nygaard.

Next AEMS Functional Group meeting: November 16, 2022, 10:00 am, via Zoom

Next AEMS Board of Governors meeting: October 19, 2022, Noon, via Zoom

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Baker