

**AEMS Functional Group Meeting  
March 15, 2023  
MINUTES**

**Voting Members in Attendance:** Kevin Bailey; Marcia Barry, RN; Alex Brothers; Kayla Cole; Nicola Crim; Garth Gemar, MD; Robert Londeree, MD; Tracy Moroney, RN; Roy Ryals; Barb Schaffer, RN; Ryan Southworth, DO; Valerie Weaver, RN; and Shelby Wirtaren

**Distinguished Guests in Attendance:** Michelle Angle; Ahmed Al-Marridi; Dewey Anderson; Frank Bayless; Jamie Beauvais; Alan Bedrick, MD; Scott Benzing; Georgia Bissonette; Suzanne Buchanan, RN; James Cunningham; Kendal Dold; Stephen Ferris; Rachel Garcia; Antonia Gerard; Justin Gorospe; Shauna Griffith; David Harden, MD; Cori Hayes; Shelley Henry; Kyle Henson; Toni Jones; Russ Lindholm; Mickey Kovach, RN; TJ McKay; Mike Naehrbass; Vince Podrybau; Kim Reger; Cindy Roberts; Adam Rodriguez; Roy Ryals; Scott Schliefer; Lora Snow-Piggott; Chris Riddle; Casey Solem, MD; Alexis Taylor; Sebastian Thomas; Billy Warren; Amanda Wigman; Brennan Wood; Laurie Wood; Sandeep Yarlagadda; and Joshua Zeidler, DO

Meeting called to order at 10:00am by Sandy Nygaard

**Education:**

**Lunch N learn**

Resources for Children and Families After a Death

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Toni M. Jones, MSW, Resource Coordinator, Brave of Heart Project - 503.819.8350 - [community@dougy.org](mailto:community@dougy.org)

<https://www.dougy.org/grief-support-resources/brave-of-heart>

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**Topical Focus**

Arizona Perinatal Trust: Overview and Updates

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Website: <https://azperinatal.org/>

<https://aems.org/images/pdf/fyi/az-perinatal-trust-powerpoint-march-2023.pdf>

**Central Region Profile**

The Future of Drones in EMS

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**Administrative Business**

**General Report-Sandy Nygaard**

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes- **Action** Barb Schaffer made motion to approve and Roy Ryals seconded.

2. Meeting Procedures

a. Announcement of 2023 Voting Membership

b. Election of Functional Group Chairs ACTION:

Sandy Nygaard Nomination- Chair for Planning and Outreach

<https://aems.org/images/pdf/fyi/sandra-nygaard-planning-outreach-chair-nomination-march-2023.pdf>

Ryan Southworth Nomination- Chair, for Patient management

<https://aems.org/images/pdf/fyi/ryan-southworth-patient-management-chair-nomination-march-2023.pdf>

No nominations from the floor.

3. AEMS Announcements:

a. 2023 AEMS Membership Campaign - we kindly request all participants assistance to secure their organizations' membership support.

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4. Old Business: **None**
5. New Business: **None**
6. State Report: Adam Rodriguez shared several updates including:
  - New EMS portal license management, portal will be down March 31- April 7, 2023 due to migration of data.
  - Needs assessment is ready to be launched a link will be shared starts tomorrow March 16, 2023. All are encouraged to participate in Needs Assessment.
  - Meetings at ADHS tomorrow all day are subcommittees of statutory meetings.
  - EMSC notice of award was a little less and needed to be re budgeted.

Dave Harden shared that AEMS is a supporter of the TIM (Traffic Incident Management) training. Next trainings will be held June 14, August 9, and November 16 along with a train the trainer course being offered.

<https://www.aems.org/tim>

**Planning & Outreach Report—Sandy Nygaard**

1. Education
  - a. 23rd Annual EMS Odyssey Conference - June 8, 2023 - Virtual Ahead of schedule. Planning on an in person 2024 Odyssey conference send in topics that you feel are important. Early bird registration thru April 30.  
  
Planning fall forum for the rural providers.
  - b. Paramedic Education Funding: Nine agencies received funding. AEMS will be monitor progress of award recipients to ensure they are fulfilling terms of agreement.
2. Outreach
  - a. Agency/Hospital/Fire Contact Updates/Transitions. Please let AEMS know of any contact changes or additions.

**Patient Management Report- Ryan Southworth DO Chair**

1. Categorization - Cindy Roberts The Categorization Committee met on March 9, 2023 where they reviewed and approved the categorizations for the Fountain Hills Medical Center, AZ General Hospital's 12 satellite emergency centers, and HonorHealth Complete Care satellite emergency center (opening June 1, 2023). The links to Categorization are now on AEMS website homepage.  
Arizona General Hospital – Multi Satellite Emergency Center Categorizations  
<https://aems.org/images/pdf/fyi/aems-categorization-fsed-hsed-az-general-jan-2023.pdf>  
Fountain Hills Medical Center Categorization <https://aems.org/images/pdf/fyi/aems-categorization-fsed-hsed-fountain-hills-feb-2023.pdf>  
HonorHealth Complete Care Paradise Valley Categorization <https://aems.org/images/pdf/fyi/aems-categorization-fsed-hsed-honorhealth-complete-care-pv-feb-2023.pdf>  
  
Motion to accept the categorizations for Fountain Hills Medical Center, Arizona General Hospital, and Honor Health moving forward to Board for approval. Garth Gamar, MD made motion and Robert Londeree, MD approved.
2. Red Book – Garth Gamar MD – Need to look at diversion and transfer of care chapters.
  - a. Central AZ Regional EMS Guidelines Update - State T 3 G's will be discussed at MDC meeting at ADHS March 16, 2023.
3. AZ Stroke Initiative - Robert Londeree, MD/Garth Gamar, MD – No updates.
4. Pediatric- Mickey Kovach RN – PACES meeting tomorrow at 1:30pm. Phoenix Childrens Hospital offers monthly CE. CE next week at Tucson medical center with national speakers.
5. Other Reports/Business  
Congratulations to Dr. Southworth and Sandy Nygaard for remaining in their current positions.

Motion to Adjourn at 12:14 pm Motion made by Ryan Southworth, MD and seconded by Valerie Weaver, RN

**Next AEMS Board Meeting on April 19, 2023 at Noon**

**Next Functional Group Meeting on May 17, 2023 at 10 am**