

AEMS Functional Group
Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2023

Voting Members in Attendance: Kevin Bailey; Marcia Barry; Shari Brand; Kayla Cole; Nicola Crim; Nick Ells; Garth Gemar; Robert Londeree; Tracy Moroney; Sandy Nygaard; Dawn Polkabla; Barb Schaffer; Ryan Southworth; Valerie Weaver; Shelby Wirtanen;

Guests in Attendance: Danny Ables; Noreen Adlin; Dewey Anderson; James Archer; Ed Armijo; Bruce Barnhart; Frank Bayless; Georgia Bissonnette; Christopher Bolinger; Alex Brothers; Sheila Bryant; Franco Castro Marin; Rachel Garcia; Antonia Gerard; Andrea Glass; Justin Gorospe; Shauna Griffith; Stephen Ferris; Tim Freund; Steve Foster; Val Gale; Shelley Henry; Kyle Henson; Jess Hoellerich; Todd Jaramillo; Dan Jarrett; Derek Jordan; Brian Joseph; Casey Kingry; Sara Latham; Russ Lindholm; Gene McDaniel; TJ McKay; Shawn Mokert; Morey Morris; Mike Naehrbass; Kristin Niehoff; Vince Podrybau; Cindy Rekemeyer; Chris Riddle; Cindy Roberts; Adam Rodriguez; Jim Roeder; Marissa Salgado; Heather Santiago; Sherry Schauer; Casey Solem; Sebastian Thomas; Connie Teague; Corey Usher; Julia Vinton; Ryan Walter; Billy Warren; and Rachael Zarate

I. EDUCATION 10:00 am

Topical Focus

Mass Casualty Project

Andrea Glass

Assistant Chief

Community Risk Reduction

Tempe Fire Medical Rescue Department

Lunch N Learn

OBLS Recognition of Deterioration

Cheryl Roth, PhD, WHNP-BC, RNC-OB, RNFA

Nurse Practitioner, L&D/Couplet Care

HonorHealth Shea, Osborn, and Sonoran Crossing

II. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS 12:00 pm

A. General Report - Ryan Southworth, DO

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Kevin motion to approve second by Sandy, motion carried

2. AEMS Announcements

Vacancies for BOG will send out email

Elections 8/17 applications due by 8/4

3. Old Business

None

4. New Business

None

5. State Report

Rachel, new flyers, naloxone leave behind program working on strategic planning needs assessment, working with regions to get more input for 2025-2030

B. Planning & Outreach Report - Sandy Nygaard, Chair

1. Education

a. EMS CE Fall Forum - December 7, 2023

Some speakers confirmed

b. EMS Odyssey Conference - June 6, 2024

Will be a survey about in person attendance to help locate venue. Looking at changing date from Thursday to Friday.

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c. Paramedic Education Funding - Status Report

9 recipients, cut 3 checks, about to cut 2 more, 4 outstanding – waiting for submission of paperwork Going to be additional funding this year - stay tuned.

2. Outreach

a. Agency/Hospital/Fire Contacts – Updates

Please keep us updated on position changes

b. Website Revisions

Started doing website revisions in spring, priorities shifted with paramedic funding and Odyssey. Will be updated by August.

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

1. Categorization - Cindy Roberts

Scottsdale Osborn no longer has OB

Honor Health PV hospital will open later this year

Phoenix Children's has Avondale location July 25th + helipad location

Provisional categorization approved, motion to move for ambo receiving facility by Cindy, Second by Sandy. Ayes have it. Motion Carried.

Wickenburg recategorization, completed and submitted information +helipad location, move to approve for ambo receiving facility critical access, move to approve by Dr. Gemar, second Dr. Southworth. Ayes have it, Motion carried.

2. RED Book - Garth Gemar, MD

Working on transfer of care, chapter 2 up for review, chapter 6 under review, resources under review, deadline 11/1 at the latest

a. Central AZ Regional EMS Guidelines - Franco Castro-Marin, MD

None

3. AZ Stroke Initiative - Robert Londeree, MD/Garth Gemar, MD

Meeting on 8/8

4. Pediatric - Mickey Kovach, RN

PCH Conference at Wild Horse Pass, will have CME for RN and Dr.

5. Other Reports

None

III. SPECIAL FORUM 12:30 PM

Ground Ambulance Draft Rules - Presentation and Stakeholder Input

Rachel Zenuk Garcia, MPH, MCHES

Deputy Assistant Director

Bureau Chief, EMS and Trauma System

Arizona Department of Health Services

Links:

Ground Ambulance Rule Making Fact Sheet

<https://aems.org/images/pdf/fyi/ground-ambulance-rulemaking-fact-sheet.pdf>

Ground Ambulance Rule Making Listening Sessions

<https://aems.org/images/pdf/fyi/ground-ambulance-rules-listening-sessions.pdf>

OBLS PowerPoint

<https://aems.org/images/pdf/fyi/obls-powerpoint-roth.pdf>

ITLS on River – Laughlin, Nevada – Sept. 24-26, 2023

<https://aems.org/images/pdf/fyi/itls-on-river-sept-24-26-laughlin.pdf>

Respectfully prepared by Kayla Cole