

AEMS Functional Group
January 17, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Voting Members in Attendance: Kevin Bailey; Shari Brand, DO; Alex Brothers, RN; Garth Gemar, MD; Sandy Nygaard; Tracy Moroney, RN Barbara Schaffer, RN; Ryan Southworth, DO; Valerie Weaver, RN; and Shelby Wirtanen, RN

Distinguished Guests in Attendance: Dewey Anderson; Peggy Baker; Karen Barnes; Franco Castro-Marin, MD; Christine DeRuvo, RN; Stephen Ferris; Shauna Griffith; Antonia Gerard; David Harden; Josephine Johnson; T. J. MacKay; Tracy Moroney, RN; Marie Munji; Vince Podrybau; Marc Puleo; Kim Reger, RN; Cindy Roberts, RN; Adam Rodriguez; Roy Ryals; Marissa Salgado; Abriana Smith; Dannielle Smith; and Lora Snow-Piggott

Call To order at - 10:00am - by Dr. Ryan Southworth

Education - 10:05 am

A. Topical Focus - 10:00 am

Preserving the Option for Organ Donation:

How Pre-hospital Providers Can Help Maximize the Gift of Life!

Dannielle Smith, MPH - Donor Program Coordinator - Donor Network of Arizona

B. Central Region Profile - 11:00

Central Arizona College

Marc A. Puleo MSN-Ed, RN, - EMT Director of EMS

Administrative Business - 11:20am

A. General Report - Ryan Southworth, DO

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes ACTION

2. AEMS Announcements

a. OBLS Initiative - Currently Identifying all those interested and eligible to attend the training course.

b. Rural Paramedic Education Funding Status

c. Pediatric Mini Grant Process

3. Old Business - None

4. New Business - FG Establishing New Voting Body January 2024 Closes at conclusion of today's meeting

5. State Report – Continuing strategic planning. In April scheduling an in person planning summit for needs assessment. HB2609 slides sent out by Chief Garcia. Training and Certification rules and scope of practice of EMR and CC paramedics in the state.

Dave Hardin – EMCT of the year, Trauma program recognition award. Nominations Due March 15, and in the MAY meeting winners will be announced.

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B. Planning & Outreach Report - Sandy Nygaard, Chair

1. Education

- a. EMS Odyssey Conference - June 13, 2024 – location Mesa Fire training academy. Speakers lined up, in person CE credits and lunch provided. Register asap early bird special.

Fall forum Dec 5, 2024 Rural providers any topics that you would like to hear, let us know.

- b. Paramedic Education Funding - Status Report – Nine rural agencies received funding including: Ak-Chin Fire Department; Arizona City Fire District; Eloy Fire District; Florence Fire and Medical Department; Fountain Hills Fire Department; Gila River Fire Department; Maricopa Fire and Medical Department; Rural Metro Fire Department; Superior Fire Department

2. Outreach

- a. Agency/Hospital/Fire Contacts – Updates Please send in updates for contacts

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

1. Categorization - Cindy Roberts - the following facilities' recategorizations were reviewed and will be forwarded to the Board for their approval: Abrazo Arrowhead, Abrazo Central, Abrazo Cave Creek, Abrazo Scottsdale, Abrazo Surprise, Honor Health Deer Valley, Honor Health JCL hospital. Honor Health Scottsdale, Honor Health Scottsdale Shea, Honor Health Sonoran Crossing, and Honor Health Thompson Peak

2. RED Book - Garth Gemar, MD

- a. Central AZ Regional EMS Guidelines - Franco Castro-Marin, MD Thank you to Franco for his hard work with all the changes on the on the CARES Guideline. The changes have been made to the guidelines found on AEMS website.:

https://issuu.com/arizonaemergencymedicalsystems/docs/red-book-chapter-3?fr=xKAE9_zU1NQ

3. Phoenix Stroke Center Coalition Garth Gemar, MD/ Robert Londeree, MD. Working with hospitals that have incomplete data reports.

4. Pediatric – Abriana Smith shared the Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) training that is available on AZDHS website from the American Academy of Pediatrics. This 5-hour, online, self-paced course conveys evidence based approach to care of the newborns and facilitates effective team based care for healthcare professionals. Here is the registration link: <https://forms.gle/DDT5e8P9b5zKNmvd6>

5. Other Reports

Adjourn at 12:06pm

Next AEMS Board Meeting is February 21, 2024 at Noon

Next Functional Group Meeting March 20, 2024 at 10 AM