

AEMS Functional Group

March 20, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Voting Members in Attendance: Kevin Bailey; Shari Brand, MD; Kayla Cole; Garth Gemar, MD; Tracy Moroney; Sandy Nygaard; Kim Reger, RN; Roy Ryals; Barb Schaffer, RN; and Valerie Weaver, RN

Distinguished Guests in Attendance: Dewey Anderson; Peggy Baker; Marcia Barry, RN; Jordan Carpenter; Stephen Ferris; Tony Fornaro; Shauna Griffith; Dave Hanson; Cori Hayes; Shelley Henry; Samantha Hickey; Kyle Henson; Josephine Johnson; Casey Kingry; Sara Latham; Russ Lindholm; TJ MacKay; Jonathan Maitem; Aaron McKinney; Shawn Morkert; Mariel Munji; Vince Podrybau; Marc Puleo; Cindy Roberts; Adam Rodriguez; Marissa Salgado; Heather Santiago; Barbara Schaffer, RN; Jennifer Slominski; Abriana Smith; Connie Teague; Corey Usher; Julia Vinton; Valerie Weaver, and Shelby Wirtanen.

Call To order at: 10:09am by Sandy Nygaard

Education:

A. Topical Focus

Non-Lethal Strangulation: Signs and Symptoms

Jennifer Slominski RN, CEN, SANE-A

Forensic Program RN Manager - Banner Casa Grande, Ironwood, and Goldfield Medical Centers

B. Central Region Profile

Fountain Hills Fire Department

John Krajnak

Training Officer

Administrative Business: 11:34 am

A. General Report - Ryan Southworth, DO

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** approved at 11:35

2. AEMS Announcements

a. **OBLS Initiative** - <https://aems.org/obls> - Marcia Barry

Demo training sessions for hospital and prehospital occurred in February - lots of positive and constructive feedback. Round of trainings in May flagstaff Flagstaff, Yuma, Phoenix, and Tucson. OBLS information on the AEMS website for the training opportunities. Gila River to send participants to the OBLS training.

b. **Rural Paramedic Education Funding Status** - Peggy Baker

Funding awarded to nine organizations. There was one withdrawal so additional funding will be redistributed

c. **Pediatric Mini Grant Process** - Funding available to purchase pediatric equipment for qualifying rural applicants. Deadline is May 10. Pediatric awards will be determined based on number of applicants. **For more information on eligibility, terms of agreement, and the application, click here:** <https://aems1975.wufoo.com/forms/z1b9u9w317vam7q/>

d. **EMCT & Trauma Award Nominations** - Deadline for AzDHS sponsored EMCT and Trauma awards is March 31, 2024 Please get involved and nominate.

e. **2024 Functional Group Voting Members Announced** - Kevin Bailey; Shari Brand, MD; Kayla Cole; Nicola Crim; Garth Gemar, MD; Tracy Moroney; Sandy Nygaard; Kim Reger, RN; Roy Ryals; Barb Schaffer, RN; Billy Warren; and Valerie Weaver, RN

3. **Old Business** - None

4. **New Business** - None

5. **State Report** - by Adam Rodriguez –

AzDHS EMCT awards extended the deadline until March 31. Tomorrow TEPI, PMD, Education and Paces. Summit coming April 10th, strategic planning on what we will be doing in the future. Abriana Smith reported on EMS for children that PACES EMSC peds recognition program, national pre hospital readiness program launching in May, NRP training is also available.

B. Planning & Outreach Report - Sandy Nygaard, Chair

1. Education

a. **EMS Odyssey Conference** - <https://aems.org/odyssey> - June 13, 2024 – due to low registration, the event will NOT be in-person but virtual. Planning an in-person conference next year to tie into the 50th Anniversary of AEMS and 25th Anniversary of Odyssey.

NOW Virtual -

b. **EMS CE Fall Forum** - December 5, 2024 – virtual. Developing agenda and are seeking presenters and topics.

2. Outreach

a. **Agency/Hospital/Fire Contacts** - Please update your contact information if you experienced any recent changes.

b. **Rural Summit** - October 24, 2024 - find out the needs of the rural providers.

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

1. Categorization - Cindy Roberts

STATUS reviewed Abrazo Peoria emergency center, Steward Mesa was previously a hospital now free standing ED. Abrazo AZ heart Hospital, Mayo, Dignity Chandler Regional, St Joes, Mercy Gilbert, Steward Florence, Mountain Vista, Tempe St Luke's, and Abrazo West Campus. Will go forward to the AEMS Board for approval.

2. RED Book - Garth Gemar, MD

a. Central AZ Regional EMS Guidelines - Franco Castro-Marin, MD - go to the AEMS website for CARES updates 2024 video.

3. Phx Stroke Center Coalition - Garth Gemar, MD/ Robert Londeree, MD

Future is recognizing LVO patients in the field and sent to the appropriate facility.

4. Pediatric - Mickey Kovach, RN - None

5. Other Reports - None

Adjourn at 12:02 pm

Next AEMS Board Meeting is April 17, 2024 at Noon

Next Functional Group Meeting May 15, 2024 at 10 AM