

AEMS Functional Group

Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2024

Voting Members in Attendance: Garth Gemar; Tracy Moroney; Sandra Nygaard; Barbara Schaffer; Ryan Southworth; and Billy Warren

Distinguished Guests in Attendance: Peggy Baker; Karen Barnes; Shelley Bissell; Laurin Bond; Sheila Bryant; Daniel Campbell; Nicola Crim; Kendal Dold; Charles Finch; Antonia Gerard; Michael Graci; Shauna Griffith; Dave Hanson; Shelley Henry; Erin Henderson; Nanette Jajou; Tiffany Jimenez; Josephine Johnson; Mickey Kovach; LeeAnn Kuang; Sara Latham; Robert Londeree; Daniel Malanowski; TJ MacKay; Dan Modrzejewski; Tracy Moroney; Kristin Niehoff; Vince Podrybau; Marc Puleo; Cindy Roberts; Adam Rodriguez; Roy Ryals; Marissa Salgado; Casey Solem; Alyson Welch; and Julia Vinton

Call to order at 10:00am by Sandy Nygaard

Education:

A. Topical Focus - 10:00 am

Pediatric Mental Health Crisis: A Trauma Informed Perspective

LeeAnn L. Kuang, LPC Phoenix Children's Hospital

B. Central Region Profile - 11:00

Pinal County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Dan Campbell Search and Rescue/ Aviation / Crisis Negotiator

Administrative Business

A. General Report - Ryan Southworth, DO

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes - approved by Roy Ryals and seconded by Garth Gemar, MD

2. AEMS Announcements - Peggy Baker

a. EMCT of the Year Presentation - AEMS' role in the state sponsored annual awards program involved promoting and selecting the Central Region finalist. The nomination process commenced in February with the deadline of March 31. AEMS Board of Governors and Functional Group Voting Members reviewed the nomination forms and selected the finalist from three candidates

Congratulations to Daniel Malanowski, EMCT-P, from the Buckeye Fire Medical Rescue Department, for his well-deserved recognition as the 2024 EMCT of the Year for the Central Arizona Region.

This year the State expanded this recognition program to include Trauma Awards. The winners of the 2024 Trauma awards are: Wendy Otten - HonorHealth - Trauma Program Manager of the Year, Level I Trauma Center
Sheri Fugate - Banner Del E. Webb Medical Center - Trauma Program Manager of the Year, Level III Trauma Center
Jordan Weinberg, MD - St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center - Trauma Program Medical Director of the Year
Kristina Kupanoff - St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center - Research/Academic Achievement Award

b. OBLS Initiative - <https://aems.org/obls> AEMS plays a vital role as a stakeholder in an Obstetric Life Support (OBLS) training initiative and study conducted in collaboration with the University of Connecticut (the primary grant recipient) and the Arizona Perinatal Trust. Although the initiative is not state-funded, it significantly complements AEMS' ongoing activities as the Central Region EMS Council.

Following a successful demo training session in February, which involved select participants to refine the simulation training experience, the training program was further enhanced based on valuable feedback. The first phase of official training commenced in May across four designated sites: Phoenix, Yuma, Flagstaff, and Tucson. Participants were carefully selected from areas with identified needs throughout the state. The primary goal of the May training courses is to equip participants with the necessary skills, with the expectation that some will emerge as qualified instructors upon successful completion. Moving forward, the second phase of training, scheduled for the Fall, will involve select organizations serving as Implementation Centers. These centers will play a pivotal role in training their staff and community partners, thereby extending the reach and impact of the OBLS initiative across Arizona.

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c. Rural Paramedic Education Funding Status - This year's funding was provided to seven organizations – with two of these agencies receiving one full award and one partial award. One organization received two full awards.

1. Ak-Chin Fire Department: \$9,000
2. Arizona City Fire District: \$13,500 (received one full award and one partial award)
3. Eloy Fire District: \$9,000
4. Florence Fire Department: \$9,000
5. Fountain Hills Fire Department: \$13,500 (received one full award and one partial award)
6. Gila River Fire Department: \$18,000 (received two full awards)
7. Maricopa Fire and Medical Department: \$9,000
8. Rural Metro Fire Department: \$9,000

We are in the process of collecting the document required from the organizations in order to cut their funding checks. All funds will be distributed by June 30, 2024.

d. Pediatric Mini Grant Process - Commenced the process in April with the deadline May 10th. Five organizations applied. On May 16 the funding distribution meeting will be held to vet applicant's requests and determine their funding award.

e. AEMS Board Vacancies: For more info or to nominate yourself <https://aems1975.wufoo.com/forms/zipzngo1c15or3/>
-One Emergency Medical Care Technician (EMCT-B), Serving their Employers in a Predominantly Non-Admin Capacity
-One Representative of the Administration of Hospitals, Non Trauma Center
-Physician, Active in the Practice of Trauma Surgery, Recommended by a Professional Association of Trauma Surgeons
-Citizen of the Central Region

3. Old Business - None

4. New Business - None

5. State Report - Julia Vinton

Congratulations all the nominees for the EMCT award and the Trauma winner. Award ceremony will take place during STAB and EMS Council meetings on May 16. Reminder ADHS State meetings May 16,

Adam Rodriguez announced that the pediatric prehospital ready assessment is now available. <https://emspedsready.org/>
Dave Hanson shared information on First Responders Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Support Services Act (FR-CARA) Grant program to promote Naloxone Leave Behind and distribute naloxone to first responder agencies. For more information contact Dave Hanson at David.Hanson@AZDHS.gov or visit:

<https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/emergency-medical-services-trauma-system/index.php#naloxone-home>

Julia Vinton announced their new training staff member Dan Modrzejewski.

C. Planning & Outreach Report - Sandy Nygaard, Chair

1. Education

a. EMS Odyssey Conference - June 13, 2024 – NOW Virtual - <https://aems.org/odyssey> Close to 100 participants currently registered. Seeking additional assistance for the Odyssey conference or if you want to join the education committee. Download Odyssey Flyer at: <https://issuu.com/arizonaemergencymedicalsystems/docs/ems-odyssey-promo-fees>

For the EMS Odyssey, we are seeking Raffle Donations. Cash donations will be applied toward the purchase of gift cards. Our raffle is a 24 year tradition and a great way to show appreciation to our EMS participants.

<https://buy.stripe.com/cN2cQvgsc7uE1J6fYY>

b. EMS CE Fall Forum - December 5, 2024 This educational event focuses on the needs of our Central Region rural providers - seeking feedback on presentation topics and speakers.

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2. Outreach

a. Agency/Hospital/Fire Contacts - Seeking current contact information.

b. Rural Summit - October 24, 2024 - virtual meeting to discuss any issues or concerns and to provide better resources for Central Region rural providers.

c. Membership Support - AEMS is in the process of concluding our 2024 membership campaign. Our goal for this year's campaign is \$50,000 which we anticipate reaching by June 30 our fiscal year end. We ask for your support in securing your organization's dues support.

RENEW: <https://aems.org/membership/renew>

Check Membership Status: <https://aems.org/membership/dues-paying-members>

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

1. Categorization - Cindy Roberts

The Committee met on May 9. A new facility that will open this summer - Phoenix Children's Hospital Arrowhead' categorization was presented and approved. Additionally, the categorizations for the following Banner facilities were presented and approved: Casa Grande, Gateway, Goldfield, Thunderbird, University Phoenix.

Categorizations that were tabled and will be reviewed in July include: VA, East Valley and Banner Ocotillo

Garth listed those facilities that have not submitted a Categorization, including:

General Hospital Emergency Departments: Dignity Health Arizona General Hospital - Laveen; Dignity Health Arizona General Hospital - Mesa; Dignity Health St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center - Westgate; Exceptional Community Hospital Maricopa; and Phoenix Children's Hospital; and Valleywise Health Medical Center.

Critical Access Hospital Emergency Departments

San Carlos Apache Healthcare Corporation

Free Standing Emergency / Hospital Based Satellite Emergency Departments

Valleywise Emergency Room - Maryvale

Kudos to Cindy Roberts, Garth Gemar, MD, and ALL members of the Categorization Committee and cooperating facilities - over 27 categorizations have been completed since December 2023.

AEMS Categorization Status Report:

<https://issuu.com/arizonaemergencymedicalsystems/docs/categorization-status-report-current>

2. RED Book - Garth Gemar, MD

a. Central AZ Regional EMS Guidelines - Franco Castro-Marin, MD - No update

3. Phx Stroke Center Coalition - No update

4. Pediatric - Mickey Kovach, RN

Southwest regional trauma conference was rescheduled Aug 1 and 2, 2024

Pediatric readiness project – assessment EMS / Fire pediatric prepared internal process - useful tool

Here is the Pediatric Assessment link: <https://emspedsready.org/>

5. Other Reports - None

Adjourned at 1206 pm

Next AEMS Board Meeting is June 19, 2024 at Noon

Next Functional Group Meeting July 17, 2024 at 10 AM

Respectfully prepared and submitted by Barb Schaffer, RN