

## **AEMS Functional Group Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**July 17, 2024**

**Voting Members Present:** Kevin Bailey; Shari Brand, MD; Nicola Crim; Garth Gemar, MD; Tracy Moroney, RN; Sandy Nygaard; Roy Ryals; Barb Schaffer, RN; and Ryan Southworth, DO

**Distinguished Guests Present:** Dewey Anderson; Peggy Baker; Karen Barnes; Bruce Barnhart, RN; Shari Brand, MD; Franco Castro-Marin, MD; Nicola Crim; Barb Elliott; Stephen Ferris; Kevin Foster; Antonia Gerard; Annie Giagni, RN; Shauna Griffith, RN; Cori Hayes; Erin Henderson; Josephine Johnson; Robert Londeree, MD; Russ Lindholm; Jonathan Maitem, DO; TJ MacKay; Kristin Niehoff, RN; Vince Podrybau; Marc Puleo; Cindy Rekemeyer, RN; Cindy Roberts, RN; Heather Santiago, RN; Michael Graci; Casey Solem; Steve Wagner; Shelby Wirtanen, RN; and Julia Vinton.

**Call to order at** 10:02 am by Sandy

#### **Education:**

- A. Topical Focus—10:00 am** –History of Paramedicine Bruce Barnhart, MSN, RN, CEP Senior Program Manager Arizona Emergency Medicine Research Center, University of Arizona College of Medicine-Phoenix
- B. Central Region Profile - 10:30 am** Exceptional Community Hospital - Maricopa Annie Giagni, RN BSN Chief Nursing Officer
- C. Central Region Profile - 11:00am** - Valleywise Health Medical Center and Arizona Burn Center Kevin Foster, MD, MBA, FACS-

#### **Administrative Business 11:30**

##### **A. General Report - Ryan Southworth, DO**

- 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Dr. Gemar motioned to approve; Barb Schaffer seconded,
- 2. AEMS Announcements - Peggy finishing year end.
- 3. Old Business - None
- 4. New Business – None
- 5. State Report – Julie Vinton discussed Strategic Plan seeking final comments and will be presented to all Regions. Standing Committee meetings will be held Thursday, July 18. Promoting the naloxone leave behind program-

##### **B. Planning & Outreach Report - Sandy Nygaard, Chair**

###### **1. Education**

- a. EMS Odyssey Conference - June 13, 2024 - DEBRIEF: Conference was successful – thank you to everyone who helped with the conference.
- b. EMS CE Fall Forum - Fall Forum scheduled for December 5, 2024. Encouraging rural areas to participate and provide topic ideas.

###### **2. Outreach**

- a. Agency/Hospital/Fire Contacts – Please send any updates to AEMS for contacts this includes Maricopa, Pinal, and Gila Counties
- b. Rural Summit - October 24, 2024 - Peggy to send out additional information.

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

1. Categorization – Cindy Roberts – Gila River Health Care 15 bed ED CAH, General hospital EV ER need to update form. 14 beds, Carl T Hayden follow up items 39 bed ED 177 inpatient beds, Exceptional hospital 8 bed ED general hospital ED, Fountain hills and El Mirage facilities to be revisited.

List presented of hospitals need to complete categorization - San Carlos Healthcare Corporation, Valleywise Health, Arizona General Hospital-Laveen, Arizona General Hospital-Mesa, St. Joseph's Westgate, Phoenix Children's Hospital, and Valleywise in Maryvale.

2. RED Book - Garth Gemar, MD

a. Central AZ Regional EMS Guidelines - Franco Castro-Marin, MD - passed bylaws at last meeting.  
Next meeting Aug 14<sup>th</sup> at PCH

3. Phoenix Stroke Center Coalition - No new updates.

4. Pediatric - Mickey Kovach, RN - No new updates.

5. Other Reports – None.

Adjourn at 11:36am

Next AEMS Board Meeting is August 21, 2024, at Noon

Next Functional Group Meeting September 18, 2024, at 10 AM