

AEMS Functional Group Meeting

Minutes

September 18, 2024

Voting Members Present: Kevin Bailey; Shari Brand, MD; Garth Gemar, MD; Sandy Nygaard; Roy Ryals; 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 10:00 am by Sandy Nygaard

Education:

- A. Topical Focus - 10:00 am** Obstetric Life Support (OBLS), Andrea Shields, MD, MS, Associate Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine; Program Director, Maternal Fetal Medicine Fellowship; University of Connecticut School of Medicine
- B. Central Region Profile - 11:00 am** Scottsdale Fire Department, Brian Joseph and Adam Hoster, Deputy Chief, Emergency Medical Services
- C. Central Region Profile - 11:30am** Phoenix Fire Department Heat Project, Charles Finch, DO, FACOEP, and Austin Moreland, Deputy Chief, EMS Division

Administrative Business Noon

A. General Report – Sandy Nygaard

- 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 statutory committee meetings September 18, 2024
EMS and Trauma strategic plan will be reviewed, appreciate feedback, hopefully receive EMS Council approval for adopting plan.

B. Planning & Outreach Report - Sandy Nygaard, Chair

- 1. Education
 - a. EMS CE 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

Categorization – Cindy Roberts – The following categorizations have been reviewed and approved by the Categorization Committee:

- General Hospital: Dignity Health Arizona General Hospital - Laveen; Dignity Health Arizona General Hospital – Mesa; Dignity Health St. Joseph's Westgate Medical Center; Phoenix Children's Hospital – Phoenix; and Valleywise Health Medical Center
- Critical Access Hospital: San Carlos Apache Healthcare Corporation
- Free Standing Emergency / Hospital Based Satellite Emergency Department: El Mirage Emergency Room and Medical Center

List presented of hospitals still needing to complete categorization - Valleywise in Maryvale.

A subcommittee has been created to improve and enhance the categorization questionnaire.

2. RED Book - Garth Gemar, MD

a. Central AZ Regional EMS Guidelines - Franco Castro-Marin, MD - passed bylaws at last meeting.

Next meeting Aug 14th at PCH

3. Phoenix Stroke Center Coalition - No new updates. Dr. Gemar met with Tim Engle. Want to work with Categorization Committee to share information about facilities not sharing data and whether they should be categorized as a Stroke Center. Tim will present at next FG meeting.

4. Pediatric - Mickey Kovach, RN - No reports.

5. Other Reports

Adjourn at 12:18 pm

Next AEMS Board Meeting is October 16, 2024, at Noon

Next Functional Group Meeting November 20, 2024, at 10 AM