

AEMS Functional Group Meeting
March 19, 2025
MINUTES

Voting Members in Attendance: Shari Brand, MD; Garth Gemar, MD; Martin Murphy; Sandy Nygaard; Kim Reger, RN; Roy Ryals; Barbara Schaffer, RN; and Ryan Southworth, DO.

Distinguished Guests in Attendance: Jamie Beauvais; Eileen Blackstone; Olivia (Alex) Brothers; Suzanne Buchanan; Stephanie Cortright; Franco Castro-Marin; Nicola Crim; James Cunningham; Christine DeRuvo; Shauna Griffith; Dave Hanson; David Harden; Nanette Jajou; Josephine Johnson; Cody Jordan; Sara Latham; Bonnie Lusk; Howard Munding; Martin Murphy; Sandra Nygaard; Nick Pajic; Brittany Palmer; Vince Podrybau; Marc Puleo; Cindy Rekemeyer; Adam Rodriguez; Heather Santiago; Julie Smith; Abriana Smith; Casey Solem; Amanda Wigman; Dana Whitlow; Clint White; Alyson Welch.

Call to order at 10:00 am

Education:

Topical Focus - 10:00 am - Personal Protection for EMS Howard Munding Retired Fire Chief/Paramedic and 7th Degree Black Belt Street Smart EMS, Founder

Central Region Profile - 11:00 am - Aguila Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Clinton White and Amparo Acosta, Assistant

A. General Report

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

2. Acknowledgement of 2025 Voting Members

3. AEMS Announcements

a. Membership Dues

Organizational - <https://aems.org/membership/renew>

Individual - <https://aems.org/donate>

b. AzDHS EMCT and Trauma Awards Process - Update

4. Old Business

5. New Business

6. State Report – Adam Rodriguez presented the EMCT of the year award list recognizing our outstanding providers. Data trauma dashboards are now updated with 2023 data. Multiple demographics available. Scope of practice updated to include Critical care medics. Public meetings tomorrow. EMS related bills passe. Efforts continue in recruiting for a new Bureau Chief. EMCT 20% trained in leave behind program. Abriana Smith presented the Paces report and addressed voting to increase the number of participants and the neonatal program.

B. Planning & Outreach Report Sandy Nygaard, Chair

1. Education

a. EMS Odyssey Conference - June 12, 2025 Speakers chosen - Sandy described speakers and topics.

b. EMS CE Fall Forum - December 11, 2025 currently working on this.

2. Outreach

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a. AEMS 50th Anniversary - October 25, 2025. Invitation only celebrate those individuals that have been **actively involved** with AEMS through the past 50 years. Theme is Golden hour Golden years. Semi formal or dress as 1950's or 70's/

b. Agency/Hospital/Fire Contacts - Update

c. Rural Summit - October 23, 2025 Mark your calendars for this annual forum for rural providers to identify needs and address issues

- B. Patient Management Report** - Met March 13th / May 15th next meeting. Looking at questionnaire,
- 1. Categorization – Garth Gemar, MD STATUS** Looking at redoing Peds prepared area and levels, refer to websites normally,
 - 2. RED Book - Garth Gemar, MD** Need to update perinatal trust categories. Laurie wood is in charge of the perinatal trust. Need a reference for EMS that is more specific and easier to use.
 - a. Central AZ Regional EMS Guidelines - Franco Castro-Marin, MD** No updates.
 - 3. Phx Stroke Cntr Coalition - Garth Gemar, MD/ Robert Londeree, MD** Stroke centers to send information to AEMS describing capabilities and update questionnaire.
 - 4. Pediatric - Mickey Kovach, RN** No updates
 - 5. Other Reports** - Sandy requested that all base hospitals notify agencies with any updates or changes to patch phone numbers.

C. Adjourn at 11:47 am

Next AEMS Board Meeting is April 16, 2025

Next Functional Group Meeting May 21, 2025