

AEMS Functional Group Meeting

November 20, 2024

Minutes

Voting Members Present: Shari Brand, MD; Nicola Crim; Garth Gemar, MD; Sandy Nygaard; Kim Reger; Roy Ryals; Barb Schaffer; and Billy Warren

Distinguished Guests Present: Julie Augenstein; Bruce Barnhart; Marcia Barry; Kimberly Biaha; Franco Castro-Marin; Doug Costal; Nicola Crim; James Cunningham; Brittany Cupps; Christine DeRuvo; Kendal Dold; Barb Elliott; Barb Elliott; Stephen Ferris; Tanner Fox; Antonia Gerard; Rob Gibbons; Michael Graci; Shauna Griffith; Kyle Henson; Samantha Hickey; Garrett Holderman; Nannette Jajou; Josephine Johnson; Keena McBee; TJ McKay; Martin Murphy; George Pastor; Tamara Peterson; Vince Podrybau; Dawn Polkabra; David Prutzman; Marc Puleo; Laurie Ray; Brandon Salch; Julie Smith; Casey Solem; Corey Usher; Julia Vinton; Valerie Weaver; Alyson Welch; and Shelby Wirtamen

Education:

- A. Topical Focus - 10:00 am** Cardiac Emergencies David Prutzman, DO, Interventional Cardiologist, Biltmore Cardiology at Arrowhead Campus. Slides to be available from Peggy
- B. Central Region Profile - 11:00 am** Heads Up CPR, Tanner Fox, EMS Division Chief Superstition Fire & Medical Department
- C. Central Region Profile - 11:30am** Simbulance Kendal Dold, BSN, RN, EMS and Base Hospitals Program Manager, Phoenix Children's Hospital

Administrative Business

A. General Report

- 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes** - Motion made, seconded, and approved.
- 2. AEMS Announcements** - Pediatric funding that's available for equipment and supplies. To apply visit: <https://aems.org/blog/2025-pediatric-funds-mini-grant>
Deadline is January 10.
- 3. Old Business** - None
- 4. New Business** - None
- 5. State Report - Julia Vinton** - New rule packages have passed, EMR and Critical care paramedics - Dec 31, 2024 they go into effect. Standing meetings tomorrow (November 21). Rachel Garcia is vacating her position as Bureau Chief to focus on her other role with the Deputy Assistant Director, Preparedness Chief with AzDHS

B. Planning & Outreach Report - Sandy Nygaard, Chair

1. Education

- a. EMS CE Fall Forum - December 5, 2024** <https://aems.org/ems-fall-forum> Committee met for fall forum. Please support and register by December 3.
- b. EMS Odyssey Conference - June 12, 2025** Looking for out of the box ideas, please bring any suggestions forward. Earlybird rates available beginning in December. <https://aems.org/odyssey>

- c. **2023 & 2024 Central Region Rural Paramedic Education Summary Report** - Please review report at: https://issuu.com/arizonaemergencymedicalsystems/docs/2023-24-paramedic-education-funding-progress-repor?fr=xKAE9_zU1NQ

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2. Outreach

- a. **AEMS 50th Anniversary** - We will be celebrating 50 years of AEMS in 2025 with various special events.
- b. **Rural Summit - October 24, 2024** – Over 30 rural representatives in attendance. Several educational presentations were offered - special thanks to the presenters: Franco Castro-Marin, MD; Kendal Dold, RN; Joyce Hospodar, MPH; Brought more resources to the rural areas.

B. Agency/Hospital/Fire Contacts - Updates

C. Patient Management Report - Garth Gemar, MD

1. **Categorization - Cindy Roberts, RN** Cindy will be leaving her role as Chair in December. Garth Gemar, MD provided a status report: https://issuu.com/arizonaemergencymedicalsystems/docs/categorization-status-report-current?fr=xKAE9_zU1NQ
2. **RED Book - Garth Gemar, MD**
 - a. **Central AZ Regional EMS Guidelines - Franco Castro-Marin, MD** A review of the changes to the guidelines to be published January 2025| <https://issuu.com/arizonaemergencymedicalsystems/docs/caremsg-2025-updates-overview-2025?fr=sMTliZjY2NzEyOTQ>
3. **Phoenix Stroke Center Coalition** Next meeting will be held Tuesday Dec 10 at 8:00 am
4. **Pediatric - Mickey Kovach, RN** Next PACES meeting will be held November 21.
5. **Other Reports** None

Meeting Adjourned at 12:15 pm

Next AEMS Board Meeting is December 18, 2024 at Noon

Next Functional Group Meeting January 15, 2025 at 10 AM

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tdOqrpzotGtBj_zS4z_-vCiAoQhaHXSI

Minutes respectively submitted by Barb Schaffer, RN