

**AEMS Board of Governors**

**April 20, 2022**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Michelle Angle; Peggy Baker; Marcia Barry, RN; Georgia Bissonette; Sheila Bryant, RN; Suzanne Buchanne, RN; Franco Castro-Marin, MD; Kayla Cole; Tom Cole; Chris Dechant; Garth Gemar, MD; Ryan Herold, RN; Jordan Jacobs, MD; Andrew Johnston; Robert Londeree, MD; Steve Maher, MD; Rhonda Mason, RN; Mike Naehrbass; Kristin Niehoff, RN; Sandy Nygaard; Chris Riddle; Roy Ryals; Barb Schaffer, RN; Casey Solem, MD; and Ryan Southworth, DO

**Distinguished Guests in Attendance:** Bruce Barnhart; Gail Bradley, MD; Brian Beard; Nicola Crim; Nichola Ells; Kevin Depner; Lisa Dowric; Tim Freund; Rachel Garcia; Cynthia Lavarone; Liz Littell, RN; Mickey Kovach, RN; Joe Meier; Cindy Rekmeyer, RN; Cindy Roberts, RN; Sherry Schauer; Tom St. Mars, RN; Julia Vinton; Alyson Welch; and Amanda Wigman

- I. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests: 12:02 PM
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - a. MOTION: Approve the minutes with the addition of Dr. Ryan Southworth and Barb Schaffer to the attendance list.
  - b. ACTION: Passed unanimously
- III. Executive Director's Report
  - a. Monthly Activities:
    - i. Continued coordination of core meetings
    - ii. Membership campaign: slightly behind prior years for this point in the campaign
    - iii. Odyssey Conference: reduced rate still in effect
  - b. AzDHS Contract 21-22 status: no update
  - c. Az Flex Funding for Central Region Critical Access Hospital Communities: Update provided on response to email notification
- IV. Board Officers Reports
  - a. Treasurer's Report
    - i. Financial Reports
      1. MOTION: Accept as presented
      2. ACTION: Passed unanimously
  - b. Chair's Report
    - i. Membership
      1. 2022 Membership Campaign Status: as stated, contributions are lagging when compared to prior years. Discussion regarding receipt of invoices for personal contributions. Peggy to research and resend if indicated.
      2. Spotlight: Chief Tom Cole recognized in honor of his retirement for years of service to EMS, AEMS, and his community.
      3. Membership Dues change Recommendation:
        - a. MOTION: If the Hospital Satellite Emergency Departments is affiliated with an AEMS dues-paying member the following payment of annual dues will be expected: for the first affiliated Hospital Satellite department dues shall be \$500. For each succeeding Hospital Emergency Department with such affiliation due shall be \$300. If the Satellite Emergency Department's hospital is not affiliated with and AEMS dues-paying member, dues for such Satellite Emergency Departments are established at \$750 per site.
        - b. ACTION: Passed unanimously
    - ii. Executive Committee Report
      1. Ongoing discussions regarding all action items and the upcoming Odyssey Conference.
      2. Discussion and provisional approval for the East Valley Hospital to receive EMS traffic.
    - iii. Regional update: Discussion regarding COVID impact trends and helicopter landing zones.
  - c. Board Transitions
    - i. Elections: Discussion and clarification regarding representation for constituencies for populations greater than 500,000. Bylaws state that each community meeting the population numbers will be allowed to have a seat on the Board.
      1. The City of Mesa now meets the threshold of a population greater than 500,000. Ryan Herold, who is employed by Mesa Fire and Medical Department, now qualifies as a representative of a Public Employer of Emergency Medical Care Technicians (EMCTs) from Political Subdivision of Population Greater than 500,000. Ryan officially resigned his seat as representative of Public Employer of Emergency Medical Care Technicians (EMCTs) from Political Subdivision of Population between 50,000 and 500,000.
      2. With the resignation of Mike Duran, Phoenix Fire has recommended that Tim Gammage Sr. assume the board seat currently held by chief Duran.
      3. MOTION: By unanimous consent to appoint Ryan Herold and Tim Gammage to the board representing from a Public Employer of Emergency Medical Care Technicians (EMCTs) from Political Subdivision of Population Greater than 500,000.
      4. ACTION: Passed unanimously.

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- ii. Term Expirations/vacancies:
    - 1. Two representatives from a Public Employer of Emergency Medical Care Technicians (EMCTs) from a Distinct Political Subdivision with a Population of between 50,000 and 500,000
    - 2. Representative from a Rural EMS Provider Agency (2/22 expiration) remains open
    - 3. State Committees
      - a. PMD: Central Region Representative
      - b. Trauma & EMS Performance Improvement (TEPI) committee: Ground Ambulance or first responder premier EMS Agency
  - iii. Board Nominations form: presented with discussion on rationale for changes.
  - iv. Announcements: no additional announcements
- V. State Report
- a. BEMSTS Activities and Updates
    - i. Update on meeting schedule
    - ii. Draft ground ambulance rules to be posted for comment
    - iii. Air ambulance rules to become effective 6/5
    - iv. Awaiting budget information for next fiscal year with anticipation of level funding for regional councils.
  - b. SHARE Update: 2021 report data almost complete
  - c. The Arizona Pre-Hospital Information & EMS Registry System (Az-PIERS): no update
  - d. Pediatrics: The pediatric survey is now closed with AEMS demonstrating a high level of participation. Request for an individual with knowledge of the behavioral health system to join group discussion on issues related to pediatrics. If interested, please contact [adam.rodriquez@azdhs.gov](mailto:adam.rodriquez@azdhs.gov)
  - e. AzCher: no update
- VI. Functional Group Review
- a. Planning & Outreach
    - i. Education Committee
      - 1. 2022 EMS Odyssey Conference: Rate will be at reduced level until 4/30. Seeking raffle contributions from Board Members with request to be clear about the donations for reporting purposes.
      - 2. Topical Focus / Lunch N Learn: update and overview of upcoming events.
    - ii. Outreach
      - 1. Social Media: No update
      - 2. Website Development: updating including software and site upgrades.
  - b. Patient Management
    - i. Categorization:
      - 1. East Valley Hospital Categorization: discussed at the executive committee.
        - a. MOTION: Approve categorization of the East Valley Hospital to receive EMS traffic.
        - b. ACTION: Passed unanimously
    - ii. Transfer of Care:
      - 1. Sector Reports: None
    - iii. RED Book Update: No update
    - iv. Trauma: announcement of upcoming educational events
    - v. Additional Reports: None
- VII. Program and Committee Reports: None
- VIII. Old Business: None
- IX. New Business: None
- X. Call to the Public: None
- XI. Adjournment: 1:36 PM