

## AEMS Board of Governors Meeting

April 19, 2023

### Minutes

**Board of Governors in Attendance:** Michelle Angle; Peggy Baker; Marcia Barry, RN; Georgia Bissonnette; Sheila Bryant, RN; Suzanne Buchanan, RN; Franco Castro-Marin, MD; Kayla Cole; Garth Gemar, MD; Mark Hansen; Jordan Jacobs, MD; Robert Londeree, MD; Steve Maher, MD; Tracy Moroney, RN; Mike Naehrbass; Kristin Niehoff, RN; Sandy Nygaard; Ray Ochoa; Chris Riddle; Roy Ryals; Barb Schaffer, RN; Casey Solem, MD; Billy Warren; and Jennie Wyatt

**Distinguished Guests in Attendance:** Noreen Adlin; Bruce Barnhart; Scott Benzing; Shelley Bissell; Nicola Crim; Kendal Dold; Nick Ells; Stephen Ferris; Justin Gorospe; Shauna Griffith; Cori Hayes; Shelley Henry; Kyle Henson; Dan Jarrett; Phillip Johnson; Russ Lindholm; Mickey Kovach, RN; Russ Lindholm; Shawn Morkert; George Pastore; Vince Podrybau; Dawn Polkabila; Kris Ramos, RN; Adam Rodriguez; Kim Reger, RN; Julia Vinton; Valerie Weaver; Alyson Welch; Brandley Williams; Shelby Wirtanen; Sandeep Yarlagadda; and Rachel Zarate

- I. Call to order and introduction of Guests: 12:02pm
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - a. MOTION: Approve the minutes as presented
  - b. ACTION: Passed unanimously
- III. Executive Director's Report: Distributed prior to meeting
  - a. Monthly activities
    - i. Web site update
    - ii. Obstetric Life Support training opportunity: Grant application in collaboration with Honor Health, the Arizona Perinatal Trust, University of Connecticut for NIH funding to train prehospital and clinic staff in advanced life support skills for the maternal at-risk populations. AEMS approached to facilitate identification of potential students, promote educational opportunities, and attend various update meetings if grant is awarded.
    - iii. EMCT of the Year award: process for nomination reviewed. Selected employee will be awarded regional EMCT of the Year by AZDHSBEMSTS. Nomination form distributed to board members and guests present
  - b. AZDHS Contract 2022-2023: No update
  - c. Rural Paramedic Education funding: update meeting including agency recipients held in April. All recipients in the process of completing required information for distribution of funds.
- IV. Board Officers' Reports
  - a. Treasurer's Report:
    - i. Financial Reports: Overview of current variance including receipt of Rural Paramedic Education funding awaiting distribution with the result of a year-to-date positive variance.  
**MOTION: Approve the financial reports as presented**  
**ACTION: Passed unanimously**
    - ii. Membership Campaign: dues report provided prior to meeting. Members present reminded to review dues report and follow up with agencies as needed.
  - b. Chair's Report: Brief discussion of Rural Paramedic education funding and potential opportunity to develop a system model for Behavioral Health transports using the Texas system as a model for review
    - i. Organizing the Rural Sector: no report
    - ii. Executive Committee Report:
      1. Board Procedure Manual: no report
    - iii. Regional Update Report:
      1. ROCC: General update
      2. Central Region EMS Medical Directors Consortium  
Group completing determination of voting privileges  
Ongoing review of upcoming changes based on state guidelines and national clinical guidelines
      3. Rural Updates - No Updates
      4. Arizona Fire District Association: announcement of summer meeting
      5. Open Forum:  
Review of potential Good Samaritan legislation

iv. Board Transitions:

1. Elections

- a. Review of nominees and presentations
    - i. MOTION: Close Nominations
    - ii. ACTION: Passed unanimously
  - b. Functional Group Planning and Outreach Chair: Ratified: Sandy Nygaard
  - c. Functional Group Patient Management Chair: Ratified: Ryan Southworth, DO
  - d. Vice Chair: Elected: Ryan Southworth, DO
  - e. One Representative Recommended by a Statewide District Association: Elected: Nick Ells
  - f. One Representative from a Public Employer of Emergency Medical Technicians from Political Subdivision of Population Greater than 500,000: Elected: Cori Hayes
  - g. One Representative from a Public Employer of Emergency Medical Technicians from Political Subdivision of Population of between 50,000 and 100,000: Discussion regarding qualification of nominees related to population figures.
    - i. MOTION: Table election for this position pending clarification by Executive Committee
    - ii. ACTION: Passed unanimously
2. Term Expirations/Vacancies: No update

V. State Report

- a. BEMSTS Activities and Updates
  - i. Review of EMCT of the Year award process and deadline to coincide with EMS week
- b. SHARE Update: In process of reconciliation and completion of outcome data. Expected to be completed by 5/1/23
- c. The Arizona Pre-Hospital Information & EMS Registry System (Az-PIERS): Version 3.5 preparation for Air/Ground transition.
- d. Pediatric: Peds Emergency Information cards will be available soon and free for distribution.
- e. State Committees: No updates

VI. Functional Group Review

- a. Planning & Outreach
  - i. Education Committee
    1. HandTevy Instructor Training: No report
    2. 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual EMS Odyssey Conference: June 8, 2023 - Early bird registration closes 4/30
    3. 4<sup>th</sup> Annual EMS CE Fall Forum: December 7, 2023
  - a. Seeking input regarding educational needs for rural agencies.
    4. Topical Focus / Lunch N Learn / Central Region Profile: no update
  - ii. Outreach: Reminder for members present to review contact information and update as needed.
- b. Patient Management
  1. Categorization: updates provided regarding the following action items:
    - a. Arizona General Dignity Health Free Standing Emergency Room Network
      - i. MOTION: Approve categorization as submitted
      - ii. ACTION: Passed unanimously
    - b. Fountain Hills Free Standing Emergency Department
      - i. MOTION: Approve categorization as submitted
      - ii. ACTION: Passed unanimously
    - c. Honor Health Paradise Valley Free Standing Emergency Department
      - i. MOTION: Approve categorization as submitted
      - ii. ACTION: Passed unanimously
  2. Transfer of Care
    - a. Sector Reports: None provided
    3. RED Book Update: No updates
    4. Trauma: Quarterly education scheduled 4/27/23 at Honor Health John C Lincoln Hospital.
    5. Additional Reports: None

VII. Program and Committee Reports: None

VIII. Old Business: None

IX. New Business: Congratulations to elected individuals. A Board Orientation meeting will be scheduled.

X. Call to the Public: None

XI. Adjournment: 1:48pm