

**Arizona Emergency Medical Systems (AEMS)**  
**Functional Group Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**November 15, 2017**

**10:00 am Call to Order and Introductions**

Sandy Nygaard welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

Steve Wolf – San Carlos Apache Healthcare

Jason Jessamine – Buckeye Valley Fire District

**10:05 am Lunch N Learn Presentation**

Jessica Hanson, RN presented on Orchestrating a Better Death Story and how to help EMS and other healthcare better communicate and interact with loved ones of those patients whom die.

**10:40 am** Because the Central Region Profile speaker had not yet arrived, the agenda was shifted to discuss **Program Planning and Coordination**

**General Report – Sandy Nygaard**

1. Meeting Minutes - Sandy Nygaard requested a review and motion for approval the meeting minutes. Joe Gibson and Garth Gemar, MD provided motions for approval. Minutes were approved.
2. Old Business – No old business.
3. New Business – Peggy Baker will post the 2018 Meeting Schedule online.
4. State Report – AZDHS meeting on November 16. New trauma rules in effect January 1, 2018. Joe requested an agenda item to address progress on PTSD that is not covered by worker's comp in Arizona.

**Planning & Outreach Report – Sandy Nygaard, Chair**

1. 2018 EMS Odyssey Conference – Sandy Nygaard announced that the program schedule was set for the Odyssey. AEMS is seeking Sponsors and Exhibitors for the conference.
2. 2018 Aces of Hearts Awards – Sandy Nygaard announced that kickoff for Aces of Hearts nomination process will be in December. Nominations will be due by February 29
3. Agency / Hospital / Fire Contact Updates – Peggy Baker requested assistance in updating the Central Region master contacts list.

**Patient Management Report – John Gallagher, MD, Chair**

1. Transfer of Care – Garth Gemar, MD provided an update on the S.E. Sector activities.
2. Categorization – Garth Gemar, MD announced that the RED Book, Chapter 7 – Categorization changes were approved by the Board and have been uploaded to the AEMS website. He also announced the closing of Maryvale hospital in December.
3. Arizona Stroke Initiative – No report provided.
4. RED Book – Alyson Welch reviewed various changes to the RED Book, Chapter 3 – Standing Orders for Paramedics. These changes will be voted on by the Board in December.
5. Pediatric – No report provided.
6. Trauma – No report provided.
7. Behavioral Health

**11:15 am Central Region Profile**

Funding was recently awarded to the Rio Rico Fire District by the HRSA Federal Office of Rural Health Policy to support efforts to establish the Arizona Mobile Integrated Healthcare (AzMIH) Network. Matt Eckhoff provided and overview of this Network and how it will work to enhance MIH initiatives such as Community Paramedicine and Treat & Refer throughout rural Arizona.

**11:25 am Announcements** – Peggy Baker reminded everyone about the ongoing AEMS 2018 Membership Dues campaign.

**11:27 am Lunch & Working Groups** commenced.

**12:30 pm Adjournment**

*Respectfully prepared by Kim Brooks, RN with assistance from Peggy Baker*