



SAEMS

SOUTHEAST ARIZONA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL

Chair: Joshua Gaither, MD; Vice Chair: Chief Tom Brandhuber; Executive Director: Sara Perotti, ACNP-BC

SAEMS REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES ANNUAL MEETING

Date: 1/16/2024

Time: 1000

Hybrid Format: ZOOM Teleconference and or in-person

Meeting location: Tucson Fire Department, Fire Central

300 S. Fire Central Place, 1st floor conference room.

ZOOM Conference link below: (for video attendees)

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- I. Call to Order / Roll Call:** Voting Member Attendance: Called to order 1001, Dr. Gaither. Vote/Approved. Quorum was confirmed.
- II. Approval of minutes:** 10/17/2023 meeting: Vote approved.
- III. Financial Report:**
 - A. Financial Report/Accountant summary: To be distributed electronically. Sara discussed accountant illness, will send electronically as soon as he is well. Received updated electronic communication from him prior to the meeting today.
 - B. Regional EMS Education/Certification Grant: Status report: GCEMS: Kyle discussed that all funds have been distributed, no issues. Funding went to general education and EAC scholarship. SCCEMS: Chris discussed full distribution to Rio Rico as well as Tubac, funding appreciated. CCEMS: Kevin discussed full distribution, no issues. PEMS: Tom discussed distribution to Pima community college and pending finalization of funding contract/agreement. Sara communicated need to keep SAEMS in the loop with any issues to ensure advocacy for regional partners and ease of distribution.
 - C. AZDHS FY 2023-2024: Contract status: Sara confirmed finalization of v3 of annual contract. Revision included only the additional EMS education/certification funding, no other material changes, or amendments.
 - D. FY 2024-2025 Budget: Update on status of invoiced payments: CER's for Q1 and Q2 submitted some time ago, not paid yet. Sara sent update request to DHS, response prior to meeting was confirmation of revision of previous purchase orders for payment of Q1 and Q2 previously submitted CER's to Larry Lorenzen (who is now retired). Procurement system required re-submission per DHS on their end. No revision or resubmission required by the SAEMS council. Sara communicated awaiting funding/distribution of Q1 and Q2 CER's, prior to

submission of Q3 CER.

IV. Executive Directors Report: Updates/activities: Sara discussed updated execution of liability insurance and renewal timeline. Update regarding new website, Grant to provide updated timeline for soft “go live”. Sara announced again the need for volunteers to assist. Kevin Venos kindly offered to assist. Much appreciated.

V. Old Business & Sub-Region/Committee Reports

A. Sub-regional Reports:

- i. Pima: PEMS: Tom discussed one hospital wall times have increased. He is awaiting updates from agencies regarding wall time numbers. Once updated, he will schedule with facility who is experiencing longer/increasing wall times.
- ii. Cochise: CCEMS: Kevin discussed no significant new or pressing items. Sara outlined significant contributions of SEACOM and annual report. Fantastic information and leadership. Deserves wide recognition. Kevin explained the SEACOM functions and coverage area.
- iii. Santa Cruz: SCEMS: Chris discussed annual elections and new Chair role. Chris is new Chair, Ben Guerrero changed roles. Sara will request meeting minutes.
- iv. Graham-Greenlee: GG-CMEMS: Eric Bejarano newly elected chair. Thanked David Taanstafl for his 4 years of dedicated service. Eric discussed 2024 goals to include, Injury Prevention, EMS scholarship to EAC, upcoming annual EMS awards banquet 1/26 at Ponderosa aviation.

B. Committee Reports:

- i. Regional Trauma Committee: No report. December meeting was cancelled. Sara discussed concern brought forward from Alyssa Mikal (Banner) due to lack of communication and participation from SJH. Sara requested assistance of council and members to assist in garnering representation from SJH Trauma center to participate in RTC.
- ii. EMS Medical Directors: Dr. Herbert, no new items, December meeting cancelled.
- iii. Providers Committee Report: Dr. Rice discussed next meeting dates and items moved due to cancellation of most recent MD meeting. Sara requested standing agenda item to discuss transition to TTG’s for those who have not yet had the opportunity. Sara will communicate same to EMS MD and BHM’s.
- iv. Protocol Development and Review Report
- v. Base Hospital Managers Report: No new updates.
- vi. Air Medical Committee Report: No report.

C. Pima County Health Department Report: Manny Montano: Manny discussed actions/support taken by PCHD regarding asylum seekers and resource offerings. Support to tribal nations, as well as distribution of transport ventilators across the region. It was openly recognized the essential and tremendous support Manny and

PCHD provides to our region and our regional partners. Recently distributed ventilators to HCI.

D. Arizona Department of Health Services Report: ADHS Representative: Adam reported slides sent out regarding recent rulemaking sessions. Sara distributed prior to meeting. Also available on DHS website. Upcoming spring (April timeframe) in-person strategic planning session. Results of which will then go to statutory council review. Abriana Smith (EMSC representative) discussed EMSC program educational offerings, upcoming peds educational event, link open for continued sign up.

VI. Data & Quality: No new submissions

VII. Kramer Scholarship submissions: No new submissions

VIII. NEMSIS v3.5 updates: Discussion. Dr. Gaither gave general reminder regarding necessity for compliance.

IX. New-Old Business/Action Items:

- A. PDR Protocols/Procedures for review/approval: No new submissions
- B. SAEMS Regional Council: Open seat: EMS Provider URBAN-Nominations open. Dr. Gaither communicated written nominations to be sent to Dr. Gaither and Sara for consideration for council vote.
- C. SAEMS Regional Council Open Bi-Annual Elections: Vice-Chair-Nomination received for Chief Tom Brandhuber. Vote/approved.
- D. Regional EMS Education Grant: Vote required. Vote/approved to continue same funding plan as previous fiscal year. Total annual funding distribution to be evenly distributed to the four sub-regional committees (\$22,500), with the previously authorized set administrative fees to go to general SAEMS fund for duties associated with grant management and oversight. Sara will communicate once funding has been received/distributed by DHS.
- E. EMT of the Year: Call for nominations and review committee: Vote required. Dr. Gaither called for consensus plan: Selection committee will consist of: BHM (chair), EMS MD (chair), chair(s) of each of the four sub-regional committees, Providers (chair). Seven (7) total committee members. Sara will organize distribution of applications/submissions once received from DHS. Dr. Gaither encouraged submission and nomination widely.
- F. 2024 Calendar: Hybrid *Please see notable amendments for the 2024 year. PEMS now aligned with Providers/Air Medical meeting dates.

X. Upcoming Events/Important Announcements:

- A. EMT of the Year DHS Timeline: Mid-January, begin promoting nomination forms for EMCT of the Year and Trauma Awards

XI. Call to the public: No new

XII. Education Announcements: No new

XIII. Adjourn: 1049

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