



# 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

**Date: 1/21/2025**

**Time: 1000**

**Hybrid Format: ZOOM Teleconference and/or in-person.**

**Meeting location: Arizona Health Sciences Library**

**Room: Arizona Health Room: #4178**

**ZOOM Conference link below: (for video attendees)**

**<https://arizona.zoom.us/j/82961605824>**

**Meeting ID: 829 6160 5824**

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- I. Call to Order / Roll Call:** Voting Member Attendance: Called to order at 1000.
- II. Approval of minutes:** 10/15/2024 meeting: Motion/second: Vote/Approved
- III. Financial Report:**
  - A. Financial Report/Accountant summary: Attachment
  - B. Regional EMS Education/Certification Grant: Final/Closed: Summary report submitted.
  - C. AZDHS FY 2024-2025: Ongoing/Current
  - D. FY 2024-2025 Contract/Budget: Received 3-year extension from ADHS. No new updates. No new or prospective funding for current fiscal year. Chief Bradley asked about expenses. Sara explained that the proposed budget is not reflective of actual expenses or expenditures, simply a forward-looking plan for baseline funding in each line item of the budget.
    - Further budget discussions. Sara explained each item listed in the [projected], not actual budget, as the document is a working document. Budget planning tool is the same document previously utilized by the council given its ease of use and minimal items of expense needed in global budget.
    - Further budget notations/discussion:
      - Regarding expenses, Sara discussed additional expenses regarding website. Chief Brandhuber recommends 5k to ensure proper email encryption.
      - Chief Brandhuber recommends the council more tightly control grant expenditures to outside sources moving forward. Example provided was EMT/Education funding. Further recommendation to give specific criteria when awarding funds. Sara commented that all awarded funds from both recent EMT/Education grants were award with the specific instructions approved by the council. Reports were also required of recipients.
      - When discussing potential future funding, Dr. Rice recommends holding large grant awards due to risk of funding loss by ADHS, given report from the Bureau regarding potential upcoming funding shortages.
      - Dr. Spait comments regarding historical concerns of loss of funding from ADHS, which

is SAEMS single source grant. We are in a good financial position for stability given the work we have done to secure our financials over the past several years, since Sara has taken ED role. We can look to decide a contingency level if necessary.

-Chief Bradley points out current cash position on budget.

-Dr. Curry recommends consideration be given to Native communities.

-Dr. Tang: Requesting Southwest Regional Trauma (SWRTC) funding. Requesting \$40,000.

-Kevin Venos recommending funding for training and education. Recommends it be split by each region, for example: \$25,000 for each sub-region like the EMT/education grants.

-Dr. Gaither recommends vote at next meeting. Makes proposal to review and discuss budget. Vote/approved.

#### **IV. Executive Directors Report:**

A. ADHS Bureau of EMS and Trauma System: 2025 Meeting Calendar: *Published*

B. ADHS Bureau of EMS and Trauma System Updates:

a. Former Bureau Chief Rachel Garcia has vacated position. Replacement recruitment/hiring in process. Will advise updates.

b. 2025 EMCT of the Year Award: Nominations due by March 7<sup>th</sup>.

c. 2025 Trauma Awards: Nominations due by March 7<sup>th</sup>.

i. Nomination forms found on BEMSTS website.

C. Executive Director Report: Summary: Attachment included in voting member email.

#### **V. Old Business & Sub-Region/Committee Reports**

A. **Sub-regional Reports:**

i. Pima: PEMS: Activity-wall times at hospital/ongoing.

ii. Cochise: CCEMS: Matt Irlmeier/general announcements.

iii. Santa Cruz: SCEMS: Chris Renteria: Past chair accounts reconciled. Non-profit status recognized. Looking for help on fundraising.

iv. Graham-Greenlee: GG-CMEMS: Dawna Lizarraga: EMT class ongoing. No other report.

B. **Committee Reports:**

i. Regional Trauma Committee: Dr. Andy Tang-UA Physician One program, MD commission update.

ii. EMS Medical Directors: Dr. Herbert-Meeting up to date. Dr. Rice will discuss PDR.

iii. Providers Committee Report: Greg VanAlstine: Providers meeting was cancelled in December. Discussed Air Medical Report for Mike. Report also submitted electronically.

iv. Protocol Development and Review Report: Updates to come via email.

v. Base Hospital Managers Report: Chris Falcon: New BHM introduced, Alarcon. Letter sent out as a group regarding need for assistance with reporting/alerting protocol. Reviewed protocols from PDR. Reports back from agencies for reporting.

vi. Air Medical Committee Report: Mike Schwartz submitted written report. \*Attached

- C. **Pima County Health Department Report:** Manny Montano: H5N1 and contact tracing up to date.
- D. **Arizona Department of Health Services Report:** ADHS Representative: Adam mentioned legislative (GERC) updates to EMS rules updates training requirements related to paramedics with a critical care endorsement. Drug tabled 1 and 3 updated to reflect changes. Went into effect 12/31/24. State Bill. Upcoming rulemakings. EMCT scholarship successes, utilized for over 20 EMCT's. EMCT of the Year Award. Chris Falcon scope for EMR comments, table 1 oxygen was not authorized. Recommend updates from STR's. Kevin Venos asked about status of CON legislation. Shelley included in the chat EMCT of the year. HB2124, HB2197. Shelley announced upcoming meetings.

**VI. Data & Quality:**

- A. Encourage submissions of all types.

**VII. Kramer Scholarship submissions:**

- A. Applications/Open for submission: Ongoing

**VIII. New-Old Business/Action Items:**

- A. Annual budget review/discussion and approval. Vote required.
- B. Website update:
  - a. Continue with dedicated email server, which includes additional annual fees/versus unpaid general email option. Vote required. Vote/approved.
- C. PDR Protocols/Procedures for review/approval. Vote required.
  - a. High Risk OB Triage: Dr. Rice reviewed Protocol. Dr. Tang asked about risk for bleeding., Dr. Tang feels patients with active massive bleeding. They should go directly to the closest facility. Dr. Rice is unaware of any direct patient examples of patient issues.
- D. SAEMS Regional Council: Open seats/filled seats:
  - a. Public EMS Provider URBAN: Nominations open. Vote required. No nominations from the floor. Two candidates: Mark Wilson/Kevin Lomeli: Vote on floor was tied. Motion to table and send to electronic vote/following this meeting. Vote/Approved to table transition to electronic vote immediately following the meeting.
  - b. Emergency Preparedness/Management: To replace Shane Clark- Nomination received prior to October meeting for Daniel Duchon: Submitted by Kevin Venos: Vote required. Vote/approved.
  - c. Alyssa Sanchez (CVMC): Replaced Alexis Romine: Base Hospital Rural; Outside Pima County: Motion/second: Vote/approved.
  - d. Biennial Chair Elections Nominations open. Vote required. Chief Brandhuber opened for nominations: No written or verbal nominations received prior to floor call. No nominee to discuss. Amber Rice nominated Dr. Gaither on the floor. Given no prior nominations submitted and current time. Kevin Venos mentioned that there is too much discussion that needs to go for this meeting regarding chair elections. Motion from Kevin Venos to table the vote because there are no additional nominations, and floor nomination was just provided. Kevin like additional time to vote. Motion second/Merlin Curry. Dr. Dan Spaitte asks about quorum, Sara confirms quorum lost. No action can be taken. Only 8 members remain in meeting.

Dr. Gaither adjourns meeting prior to remainder of scheduled, non-voting agenda items being discussed@ 1159.

- IX. NEMSIS 3.5 update:** Updates (meeting adjourned prior to this item)
- X. 2025 Calendar:** Finalized/published (meeting adjourned prior to this item)
- XI. Upcoming Events/Important Announcements:** (meeting adjourned prior to this item)
- XII. Call to the public:** (meeting adjourned prior to this item)
- XIII. Education Announcements:** (meeting adjourned prior to this item)
- XIV. Adjourn:** 1159

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