



## Emergency Medical Services Council

**Date:** January 21, 2021 - **Time:** 10:30 hrs

**Location is Online Only, due to COVID-19:** (Chrome browser) [meet.google.com/afv-hgbd-eiv](https://meet.google.com/afv-hgbd-eiv)

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### MINUTES

I. Call to Order – Gail Bradley, MD, FACEP, FAEMS, Chair

- The meeting was called to order at 10:31 hrs.

II. Roll Call – Shelley Bissell (31 members, 16 required for quorum)

- Quorum was present.

Present		Absent
Gail Bradley, MD*	Rodney Reed*	Alberto Gutier
Roy Ryals, CEP*	Dan Spaite, MD*	Howard Reed, RN
James Hayden*	Glenn Kasprzyk*	Brian Smith, CEP
Neil Williamson, NRP*	Deborah Gorombe, DNP*	Chris Salvino, MD
Dale Woodridge, MD*	Melanie Mitros, PhD*	Rebecca Haro, NREMT-P
Sharon McDonough*	Todd Jaramillo, MHA*	
Garth Gemar, MD*	Franco Castro-Marin, MD*	
Michele Preston, DO*	Bob Ramsey*	
Chief Bob Costello*	Vivienne Gellert*	
Heather Miller, BSN*	Asst. Chief Mike Duran*	
Vince Martinez, MSN*	Rianne Page, MD*	
* Indicates via electronic media	Sara Perotti, ACNP-BC*	

III. Chair Report

a. Attendance report

- As presented for members.

b. Vacancy report

- Current vacancies: Volunteer Medical Rescue Program Representative, Non-Governmental Employer of Intermediate EMTs (I-99) Representative, and Hospital Administrator (County Population >500,000). If interested, please submit an application at [bc.azgovernor.gov](https://bc.azgovernor.gov).

Dr. Bradley thanked Dr. Maitem for his service on the Council since 2012.

c. Welcome new members: Roy Ryals, Vince Martinez, Franco Castro-Marin, and Sharon

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- Dr. Bradley welcomed new members to the Council.
- d. [Request naloxone](#) – [Arizona First Responders Initiative flyer](#)
  - Julia Vinton shared that free naloxone is available for first responder agencies through the FR-CARA grant. The Roadmap for First Response Encounters of Patients with Potential Substance Use Disorders (SUDs) is available on the University of Arizona Center for Rural Health webpage. Links to both are included in the minutes.

#### IV. Bureau Report

- a. Bureau Chief Report - Chief Garcia
  - Chief Garcia gave a report on the current status of rules, emergency orders, and waivers in addition to updates on COVID response. New page launched is [azdhs.gov/findvaccine](http://azdhs.gov/findvaccine).
  - 1. Rule Updates
    - Articles 7 and 8 are undergoing review for final comments before being filed with Secretary of State, estimated to go into effect summer 2021. Article 9 is in workgroup stage and continuing to meet on a monthly basis. Articles 10 and 11 are continuing to seek stakeholder input.
  - 2. Bureau transitions
    - Rachel Garcia has transitioned into the Bureau Chief role. The Bureau is in the process of hiring for Services Section Chief, Compliance and Enforcement Manager, and Health Program Manager 3.
- b. Update for Department seeking authorization to move Scope of Practice out of rule
  - Chief Garcia reported the Department is reviewing options to complete this request from EMS Council and Medical Direction Commission. The process will include a public comment period.
- c. Opioid and out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) data trends – Vatsal Chikani, MPH
  - Vatsal Chikani, Data and Quality Assurance Manager, presented opioid and out-of-hospital cardiac arrest data.

#### V. Standing Committee/Regional Council Reports

- a. Trauma and EMS Performance Improvement Standing Cmte. – Rebecca Haro, NREMT-P
  - Ms. Bissell gave a summary of the November TEPI meeting on behalf of Ms. Haro.
- b. Education Standing Committee – Brian Smith, CEP
  - Ms. Bissell gave a summary of the November Education Committee meeting on behalf of Mr. Smith.
- c. Protocols, Medications and Devices Standing Committee – Brian Smith, CEP
  - Ms. Bissell gave a summary of the November PMD meeting on behalf of Mr. Smith.
- d. Regional Emergency Medical Services Councils
  - 1. AEMS – Roy Ryals, CEP
    - Mr. Ryals shared the report submitted by the Central Arizona EMS Region.
  - 2. SAEMS – Sara Perotti, ANCP-BC
    - Dr. Spaite gave a brief report from the Southeastern Arizona EMS Region.
  - 3. NAEMS – Vince Martinez, MSN, RN, CEP
    - Mr. Martinez shared the report submitted by the Northern Arizona EMS Region. He reminded about signing up for the March 1 & 2 NAEMS Pediatric Symposium.

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4. WACEMS – Rod Reed
  - Mr. Reed gave a brief report from the Western Arizona Council of EMS Region.
- e. Pediatric Advisory Council for Emergency Services (PACES) – Dale Woolridge, MD
  - On behalf of Dr. Woolridge, Ms. Vinton gave a summary of the November PACES meeting and shared that the national EMS for Children survey is currently underway.

VI. Discussion and Action Items

- a. Discuss, amend, approve EMS Meeting Minutes from September 17, 2020
  - Motion to discuss, amend, approve made by Glenn Kasprzyk, seconded by Jim Hayden. With no amendments, the **minutes were approved**.
- b. Discuss, amend, approve PMD-approved updates to Table 5.1 Scope of Practice
  - Motion to discuss, amend, approve updates to Table 5.1 made by Glenn Kasprzyk, seconded by Dr. Gemar. Dr. Bradley gave a summary of the changes. With no amendments, **the updates were approved**. The implementation of this Scope of Practice is pending an updated rule provision and public comment period, dates to be announced.
- c. Discuss, amend, approve validation scores for proposed Premier EMS Agency Program (PEAP) data standard
  - Motion to discuss, amend, approve validation scores made by Sharon McDonough, seconded by Bob Ramsey. Anne Vossbrink presented TEPI's proposed validation scores via eight-page PowerPoint. Members discussed TEPI's recommendations for (1) validation score of greater than or equal to 90 median, not a percentage, at time of import into AZ-PIERS, with allowance for error corrections, (2) quarterly agency score reports, (3) one year to bring score up to 90 median validation score. If agency has vendor change or version change, the Bureau recommended an additional adjustment period of three months. TEPI to revisit score of 90 as needed. Motion to accept the recommendations and amend to add the either option for qualifying score evaluation date range, and "go live" date of March 1, 2021, to start the 12-month ramp up period, made by Dr. Gemar, seconded by Bob Ramsey. With no nay votes, **validation scores were approved for PEAP**.
- d. Discuss COVID-19 surge concerns
  - Dr. Bradley requested that the Council share concerns related to COVID-19. Members shared concerns related to COVID vaccines including: personnel proof of vaccination, how to report vaccine side effects, and how to handle walk-up patients that do not meet criteria.  
Chief Garcia indicated the CDC cards are the best practice for documenting proof of vaccination. The CDC's v-safe app allows people to report side effects after getting the COVID-19 vaccine: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe.html>. There is also an FDA Adverse Event Reporting System (FAERS) report that comes to the State and is shared with the county health departments.
- e. Discuss updated emergency orders (EMCT, diagnostic testing, vaccination) [GovDelivery Bulletin EMS Covid Support and Rule Waiver Updates sent January 4, 2021](#)
  - Dr. Bradley reviewed the recent communication sent out regarding emergency orders.
- f. Discuss after brief presentation: Excellence in Prehospital Injury Care, Traumatic Brain Injury Project (EPIC-TBI) - Dan Spaite, MD
  - Dr. Dan Spaite presented new findings from the EPIC-TBI project. He encouraged EPIC refresher trainings for all agencies.

VII. Agenda items to be considered for the next meeting

- None.

VIII. Call to the Public

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- None.

IX. Summary of Current Events

- As presented on the agenda.

X. Next Meeting

- May 20, 2021 @ 10:30 hrs, location TBA

XI. Adjournment

- The meeting ended at 11:55 hrs.

Minutes approved by EMS Council May 20, 2021.