



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF MEDICAL TRANSPORT SYSTEMS

Charlotte – September 22-23, 2016

Westin Hotel

8:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day

Board of Directors Meeting

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Conn, Mr. Gryniuk, Dr. Orr, Mr. Sittig, and Mr. A. Smith

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Montgomery, Dr. Brunko, Dr. Becker, Dr. Miller, Mr. Ruff, Ms. Eichel, Ms. Rush, Dr. Stuhlmiller, Dr. Alexander, Dr. Holleran, Mr. Brisbois

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Frazer, Mr. D. Smith,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Brown, Ms. Palmer Mr. Hickman, Ms Treadwell (joined by conference call), Mr. Ruff

- I. Meeting called to order at 0805 hrs on September 22, 2016. Dr. Conn introduced two new board members: Dr. Jason Cohen from Boston Med Flight who now represents ACCT and Dr. Frank Guyette, from STAT MedEvac in Pittsburgh who now represents ACEP.
- II. Minutes from the July 2016 meeting were approved as distributed.
- III. Treasurer's Report provided by Mr. A. Smith - A Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual January through August 2016 and a balance sheet as of August 30, 2016, was distributed for review by the board.

The budget for 2017 was presented with 62 anticipated accreditation site visits. The budget included an additional Associate Executive Director position at 30 hours per week. The additional staff is requested to assist with Pre reviews (currently there are a number of site surveyors who assist Eileen and Dudley) but it is felt that with only three reviewers there would bring more consistency to this process. The additional help would also be aiding with site surveyor updates and feedback that has been missing due to lack of time. This additional position would also allow for more marketing opportunities. There is an approximate \$4000 retained earnings projected with the additional staffing. The budget was passed unanimously.

There was discussion that this might be a difficult position to fill since it is not full-

time and the salary is not high compared to other transport positions. A hiring process was discussed and if there are applicants – Dr. Becker, Dr. Holleran and Ms Eichel volunteered to serve on an interview committee.

IV. Executive Directors reports

Mr. D. Smith also reported on progress with the ANSI accreditation application. All the materials have been submitted and we are hoping to get feedback over the next 30 days.

Mr. D Smith reported on the NASEMSO conference he attended before the Board meeting in Albuquerque. The final version of the Model State Guidelines for Air Transport were finalized and would be passed by the end of their conference. Mr. Smith submitted comments and questions to NASEMSO and will distribute the final version to the Board by email.

Mr. Smith also reported on the Community Health groups and is pursuing involvement so that we can develop standards for that segment of accreditation.

Ms Frazer reported on her presentations at the US Helicopter Safety Team (USHST) meeting in Denver and at the Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) in DC a few weeks ago.

Ms Frazer announced that site surveyors and Board members are being asked to use a camts.org email address rather than a work or business address. The office is in the process of changing all the addresses on our email listings.

The AMTC meeting schedule was discussed but when it was announced that AMTC was to be canceled due to the civil unrest, the Board decided to at least get through our agenda until tomorrow at 5:00 PM and then change flight and travel to get out of Charlotte on Saturday instead of Sunday.

Ms Frazer announced the loss of a senior Site Surveyor – Mr. Rick Morley – two weeks ago. Ms Jan Eichel, his peer from the flight program in Kalamazoo accepted the Peggy Calhoun Award in his honor.

V. Committee Reports

Quality Management.....Ms. Treadwell
Ms Treadwell was unable to attend and due to time constraints - we will email the quarterly QM report to the Board, and it will also be posted on the camts website.

Aviation Advisory & Safety Committee.....Mr. Brisbois canceled the face-to-face meeting but will get together on a GoToMeeting soon.

Education Committee.....Dr. Holleran

Dr. Holleran presented a document entitled Certification 101 to respond to questions about Advanced Practice Nurses. She asked that we not call the CEN, CCRN, CTRN, CFRN certifications advanced certifications because it causes confusion. They will be called Transport Nurse Provider Certifications. Dr. Holleran has been addressing questions about why an advanced practice nurse is required to take the Transport Nurse Provider Certifications. Dr. Holleran stressed that the Advanced Practice Nurse might not have the background in Emergency and Transport (unless they are a graduate of an advanced practice program that specifically addresses patient transport) and it is ***important*** that the education and training of all transport members reflect the mission and scope of service of the transport program. She feels strongly that we should move away from accepting CEN and CCRN but only accept CFRN or CTRN certifications since they are pertinent to transport. Other certifications such as the CEN and CCRN may be required by programs depending on what their Scope of Service may be in addition to certifications that specifically address patient transport such as the CFRN and the CTRN. Plans to make these changes in the standards will be discussed further.

Ms Frazer also asked about Emergency Physician Assistant who we are starting to see instead of nurses or paramedics on transport teams. They are not mentioned in the standards, and we have been asked by the Society of Emergency Medicine Physician Assistants (SEMPA) to consider they be accepted as part of the medical team. It was decided to invite SEMPA to present at the April Board meeting so that we can understand what qualifications an Emergency Physician Assistant brings to a medical transport team.

Policies.....Ms. Frazer/ Mr. D. Smith

Ms. Frazer introduced a change to the Policy regarding “Preliminary Denial.” The Board approved a change that would not allow Full Accreditation after receiving a Preliminary Denial.

Marketing/PR.....Ms Frazer

The Board discussed a request to use our logo in a statement “CAMTS Supporter.” The Board felt that since the logo is registered and for use only by accredited services – we cannot allow use for marketing by an outside group but there are no objections to a company that claims to be a CAMTS supporter.

Standards.....Ms Frazer

The topic of ATP requirement was discussed. Mr. A Smith described the change by the FAA that involves a great deal more time to achieve ATP. Ms Frazer asked that the Aviation and Safety Advisory Committee discuss whether we should change the standard to require ATP after two years of hire as we do with nursing and paramedic certifications. Mr. Brisbois will add that to his agenda.

ACCREDITATION DELIBERATIONS.....The Board Dr. Orr reviewed our Mission Statement, Vision and Values, as well as the rules of conduct for program reviews. There were 11 programs reviewed with 8 Full Accreditations, 1 Probational Accreditations, and 2 Withdraw accreditations.

New Accreditation

Cleveland Clinic Critical Care Transport	Cleveland, OH	RW/FW/S
Parkview Samaritan.....	Fort Wayne, IN	RW/S

Reaccreditations

Airlift Northwest.....	Seattle, WA	RW/FW
CALSTAR.....	McClellan, CA	RW/FW
Good Samaritan Air Care	Kearney, NE	RW
Hartford LifeStar.....	Hartford, CT	RW
LifeMed Alaska.....	Anchorage, AK	RW/FW/S
LifeNet of New York/Guthrie/AirMethods Maryland.....	Albany, New York	RW/FW
MedFlight.....	Columbus, OH	RW/S

Upcoming events and meetings:

Ms Frazer and Mr. Smith will be attending the International Travel Insurance Conference in Berlin in November to market CAMTS and CAMTS EU.

We will schedule a GoToMeeting in January – for the 5 site visits scheduled in November and December.

The next on-site Board meeting will be in San Antonio April 6-8, 2016 in conjunction with the CCTMC conference.

Submitted by Eileen Frazer, Executive Director