



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF MEDICAL TRANSPORT SYSTEMS

San Antonio – April 6, 7, and 8

Wyndham Hotel

8:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day

Board of Directors Meeting

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Conn, Mr. Gryniuk, 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. Holleran, Mr. Lewis, Ms. Treadwell, Dr. Guyette, Dr. Cohen, Ms. Palmer

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Hickman, Dr. Orr (joined by conference call), Dr. Alexander, Mr. Brisbois

- I. Meeting called to order at 0805 hrs on April 6, 2017. Dr. Conn introduced new board member Chuck Lewis, a member of the North Carolina Department of EMS, who will represent NASEMSO.
- II. Minutes from the February 10, 2017 GoToMeeting were approved as distributed.
- III. Treasurer's Report provided by Mr. A. Smith – a brief review of the first quarter 2017 was provided.
- IV. Executive Directors reports

Ms. Frazer discussed the policy changes regarding the addition of an Assistant Executive Director, Ms. Jan Eichel. The new position is project based and not salaried. The Executive Committee had discussed at their meeting that they did not see a conflict of interest in Ms. Eichel maintain her representation of AACN.

Ms. Frazer discussed our participation at Heli-Expo in Dallas. Ms. Frazer continues to sit on the HAI air medical committee that convenes at Heli-Expo. Mr. D. Smith provided one workshop during the conference. Mr. D. Smith added that the international attention of exhibiting at Heli-Expo is valuable.

Mr. D. Smith reviewed his work in updating the CAMTS website to make it smart phone and tablet friendly. The board previewed a draft of the updated website.

Ms. Frazer discussed recent changes in the State of Colorado that require accreditation associations to apply for recognition by the state. This is a similar process that was undertaken by Utah. The meeting in Colorado to discuss these applications conflicts with this board meeting so no CAMTS representation was present. However, we received a conference call number and were able to arrange for a 30-minute introduction of the Board and answer any questions for the State. We were later notified that CAMTS, NAAMTA and EURAMU were accepted by the State.

Mr. D. Smith announced that CAMTS is now officially accredited by ANSI as an ANSI Accredited Standards Developer. We will get a press release out shortly.

Mr. D. Smith discussed his continued work with creation of the Ralph Rogers Foundation through the Medevac Foundation. Mr. Smith stated that Dr. Roger's wife Karen Rogers and his son would be participating in the committee. There was general discussion among the board regarding the arrangement with the Medevac Foundation, how the funds would be used, and what administrative costs might be incurred.

Mr. D. Smith reviewed his work with looking at standards for community paramedic practice. He has attended two conferences on the topic and related his findings. Community paramedic practice outside the United States has been in place for many years. Mr. Smith stated that in Canada, the new standard for paramedic practice will require a bachelor's degree as entry level. The paramedic can then specialize in areas such as community paramedicine. In New Zealand and Australia, it is more difficult to get into a paramedic program than it is to enter nursing or medical school. Mr. Smith stated that the Canadian Paramedic Association has already developed ANSI standards for community paramedicine. Mr. Smith discussed with them the opportunity for CAMTS to become the accreditation organization for those standards and he states they were receptive. There was further discussion among the board regarding community paramedicine and mobile integrated health. Mr. Smith will continue his information gathering on this topic for our next meeting in July.

V. Guest Speaker – Kevin Burns from the Society of Emergency Medical Physicians Assistants (SEMPA) provided a presentation on the training and requirements of Emergency and Critical Care Physicians Assistants. The organization is asking to be added to the standards as part of the medical crew. Several of their members were declined flight positions because they were not paramedics or nurses. The Board agreed that the training met the basic requirements and will consider this change for the next edition of standards for the Emergency and Critical Care Physician Assistant disciplines.

VI. Committee Reports

Quality Management.....Ms. Treadwell

Ms Treadwell will turn over the dashboard that she developed to Ms Eichel since this will be one of her tasks as the Associate Executive Director – Clinical. Dr. Tobin agreed to work with Ms Eichel on further developing the dashboard and quality metrics.

Aviation Advisory & Safety Committee.....Ms Frazer gave the report for Mr. Brisbois. The announcement by the committee that CAMTS will strongly encourage IIMC training on a quarterly basis in the future edition of standards was blogged and sent out formally to operators. The support was mixed and there was discussion about how this can be achieved in various ways.

Education Committee.....Dr. Holleran

Dr. Holleran reviewed what new and updated textbooks and curriculums are being released this year. Dr. Holleran discussed areas of interest she has noted during reviewing simulation training submissions. She suggested that all simulations be reviewed prior to each site survey so the site surveyors can be assured they have been reviewed and that the scenarios have been updated. There was discussion regarding the advanced certifications that are required for nurses and whether or not all advanced certifications should be considered as equivalent. The board discussed having a transport specialty credentialing being strongly encouraged for RN’s in the next edition of the standards and subsequently require such credentialing in the following edition. Dr. Holleran stated that she believed that the PCCN certification should be accepted by CAMTS as an advanced certification but not as equivalent to the other advanced certifications that the board accepts.

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

Ms Frazer did an annual policy review and changes to the Handling Complaints and Position Descriptions for the Associate Executive Director – Administrative and Associate Executive Director- Clinical were approved.

Marketing/PR.....Ms Frazer

Ms. Palmer reported on her work with marketing and PR activities. Ms. Palmer has been working with a private marketing firm called Flying Penguin. The company’s principal current conducts marketing and PR activities for the Tour Operators Program of Safety. This individual has submitted a proposal for review by the board regarding potential marketing initiatives. Ms. Palmer shared a copy of the proposal for board review. Mr. D. Smith reviewed upcoming meetings and conferences where CAMTS will be exhibiting. Mr. Gryniuk noted that in his experience we had not advertised our consulting service well enough. He stated that he has interfaced with many hospitals based air medical programs that are not aware that consultation services are available. The board agreed we should increase efforts in advertising these services.

Ms Palmer also suggested CAMTS put out a position statement or White Paper about lift-off times. With increased competition, programs are competing on the basis of lift-off times, and often hospitals do not understand that with OCC checks, weather checks and more sophisticated aircraft – more time is needed to lift off. This lack of understanding puts pressure on HAA pilots. Ms Palmer and Ms Frazer will develop a position statement or education video and pass it through the Board for approval before it goes out to the public.

Standards.....Ms Frazer

Ms. Frazer reported on suggested standards changes that have been received by the office. There was discussion regarding developing a standard or recommendation surrounding lift time pressures being placed on HAA pilots. The board had extended discussion on this topic. Ms. Frazer also brought up concerns that have been used surrounding use of weatherturndown.com. Operators are reporting that the information is being used inappropriately by competitors. Crash resistant fuel systems are going to be strongly encouraged in our next edition. The board discussed the merits of the standard regarding CISM given some recent studies that question its benefit. The board felt that some kind of emotional/stress support program should be made available but it does not necessarily need to be CISM. It was noted that the requirement for a post transport debrief was inadvertently dropped from the standards and needs to be reintroduced. Mr. D. Smith stated we need to clear up some wording regarding our PAIP drill and communication center drill requirements. Mr. D. Smith reviewed the new process for standards changes required under our ANSI designation. Dr. Brunko raised questions regarding our standard that requires medical directors to orient on-line medical control physicians. The board agreed that the standard requires modification from its current form. Dr. Brunko and Dr. Cohen will work on new language.

ACCREDITATION DELIBERATIONS.....The Board

Dr. Conn reviewed our Mission Statement, Vision and Values, as well as the rules of conduct for program reviews. There were 14 programs reviewed with 12 Full Accreditations, 1 Deferred and 1 Provisional Accreditations.

New Accreditation

Dell Children’s Medical Center Pediatric Transport	Austin, TX	RW/FW/G
Metro Atlanta Ambulance Service.....	Atlanta, GA	G-ALS/BLS
Sunrise Air Ambulance.....	Show Low, AZ	FW

Reaccreditations

Air Life Denver	Denver, CO	RW/FW/G
Ann & Robert Lurie Children’s Transport Team.....	Chicago, IL	RW/FWG
Critical Care Transport	Birmingham, AL	FW/G
Flight For Life Colorado.....	Denver, CO	RW/FW/G
Gold Cross Ambulance.....	Rochester, MN	G/GALS/GBLS
JeffSTAT.....	Philadelphia, PA	RW/G

North Colorado MedEvac.....	Greeley, CO	RW
PHI Air Medical CA and TX.....	Houston, TX	RW/FW
Vanderbilt Life Flight.....	Nashville, TN	RW/FW/G

The next on-site Board meeting will be in Weehawken, NJ on July 14-16, 2017.

Submitted by Eileen Frazer, Executive Director