COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF MEDICAL TRANSPORT SYSTEMS

Executive Summary April 15-17, 2021 and continued May 11, 2021

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:  Dr. Brunko, Ms. Rush, Dr. Miller (Thursday & Friday), Dr. Stuhlmiiller, Ms. Montgomery, Ms. Treadwell, Dr. Conn, Dr. Holleran (Thursday & Saturday), Mr. Brisbois, Dr. Cohen, Mr. Scoville, Dr. O’Brien, Dr. Becker, Ms. Palmer, Mr. Goff (Friday & Saturday),

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:  Ms. Corbett (April 15-17) Dr. Andrus,

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

CALL TO ORDER  The meeting was called to order by Chair, Dr. Orr.
Dr. Orr explained that we had many deliberations to accomplish and that we would have a rolling agenda and complete the deliberations on May 11, 2021. We would devote a half day on the 17th to important discussions about processes and standard changes as we evaluate changes we may want to make in the 12th Edition. These revisions are currently in process through the Standards Committee following the ANSI process. We will do all Committee reports on the 17th.

Treasurer’s Report..............................................................................................................Mr. A. Smith
Mr. A. Smith provided an overview of our financial status. He stated that revenue is slightly down, but expenses are significantly down due to the reduced travel during the pandemic. Overall, our financial picture is strong.

Accreditation Deliberations..............................................................................................Dr. Orr
Please see the last section of this report for the programs accredited at this meeting.

Board Discussion..............................................................................................................Ms. Frazer
Ms. Frazer provided a presentation showing historical reference as to the changes in accredited program structure over the history of CAMTS. The trend shows that 57 programs merged between the years 2011-2020 and a decline in hospital-based programs. Ms. Frazer then reviewed the complications created by the many different
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considering charging a nominal subscription fee to help fund that effort. Ms. Meiner stated the database is growing substantially with many more programs reporting.

Ms. Frazer stated that an international program that has applied for CAMTS and CAMTS-Global is requesting a 6-month extension due to a reduction in their volume due to COVID. The program was also not receptive to a virtual visit due to potential language barriers and time distances. The board was supportive of approving the extension. Ms. Frazer stated the CAMTS-Global board will meet on April 21st.

Mr. D. Smith discussed our desire to begin to exhibit again at conferences as the pandemic resolves. He reviewed several future conferences where we are considering exhibits.

Mr. D. Smith stated that CAAS is working on a revision to their standards, and they are open for public comment on future changes.

Mr. D. Smith discussed the AAMS critical care academy. He attended a webinar that AAMS conducted on the topic. Mr. Smith stated that the program will be 40 weeks long with a different topic each month. He stated they will receive a Certified Medical Transport Professional certification. Applicants must have the minimum CAMTS requirements for medical personnel to be accepted into the program.

**Standards Committee..................................Mr. D. Smith**

Mr. D. Smith updated on progress with the Community Paramedicine standards project. He stated the committee has developed two levels for accreditation, Community Paramedicine and Mobile Integrated Health. The committee has developed subcommittees that are working on the specific standards for these two levels. He states they are making substantial progress. Mr. Smith reviewed the current roster of committee participants.

Mr. D. Smith provided an update on the CAMTS Standards Committee and stated they have been meeting as new comments on the pending standards changes are received.

**Quality Management....................................Ms. Eichel**

Ms. Eichel stated she will be sending out the information for the future board meeting locations for board members to make their travel arrangements. She stated she will continue to plan for Zoom participation during those in-person meetings as well.

Ms. Eichel encouraged everyone to provide their board presentation evaluations. She stated that she never uses the board member’s direct comments, but she does formulate training around any noted weaknesses. Ms. Eichel stated that the full QM report will be posted on the CAMTS website for transparency. She reviewed the current QM report with the board. Ms. Eichel stated we will include an evaluation of pre-review process as well as the program perspective in 2021.
Aviation Advisory Committee..........................Ms. Frazer / Mr. Brisbois

Mr. Brisbois stated the committee has not met this year but has had some e-mail discussions to clarify existing standards. Mr. A. Smith shared that the FAA is rewriting the regulations related to pilot duty time and rest. He is serving on a committee to re-write the rule making. Mr. Smith reviewed some of the recommendations the committee will be making. Mr. Brisbois asked whether CAMTS should consider placing the recommendations into the standards as it will take the FAA 5 or more years to implement any changes in the rules. Discussion followed.

Education Committee.................................Ms. Frazer / Dr. Holleran

Dr. Holleran stated that the simulations they have been receiving during the pandemic have been very advanced and have been taking pandemic precautions into consideration. Mr. D. Smith asked if we needed to continue to review simulations from University based programs. Dr. Holleran felt we should still look at these to see how the team integrates with the simulation.

Marketing/PR..........................Ms. Frazer / Palmer

Ms. Palmer stated that HAI is looking at redoing their accreditation program that is based on IS-BAO. She stated there are only 7 accredited programs. She served on a committee to look at reworking the accreditation. Ms. Palmer stated that the feedback they received from the community was that they did not need an accreditation process. She stated they are now looking at building a program of resources to help programs build their Safety Management System rather than focus on accreditation. Ms. Palmer stated that HAI is also building resources related to IIMC recovery.

Ms. Frazer reviewed Ms. Palmer’s contributions to our social media postings on Facebook and Twitter.

CAMTS Global Report..............................Ms. Frazer / Dr. Becker

Ms. Frazer stated that CAMTS-Global will be meeting via Zoom meeting next week to deliberate on one program applying for reaccreditation.

Policies.................................................Ms. Frazer

Dr. Orr stated that the policies were previously sent out for review so this would only be a cursory discussion as board members were expected to respond with any concerns prior to this meeting. Ms. Frazer provided an overview of the process changes that were recommended. She specifically reviewed 03.01.00 with the board. A motion was made by Dr. Holleran and seconded by Mr. Brisbois for approval of the changes to policy as discussed. Motion passed unanimously. The policies will be updated as passed on the website.

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Board Changes................................................................. Ms. Frazer

Ms. Frazer stated that Mr. Goff will be retiring and resigning from his board position. A new board member from the ACS will also be joining us for our Chicago board meeting.

Adjournment................................................................. The Board

The meeting reconvened on May 11. The following list of programs that were accredited at this meeting reflects decisions from the April 15-17 and May 11 meetings.

ACCREDITATION DELIBERATIONS........................................ The Board

Dr. Guyette reviewed our Mission Statement, Vision and Values, as well as the rules of conduct for program deliberations. There were 19 Full Accreditations, 1 Probational, 2 Preliminary Denials and 1 Withdrawal. Congratulations to the following Programs!

Reaccreditations:

Advocate Children’s Hospital Critical Care Team - Elmhurst, Illinois RW/S
AeroCare Medical Transport Systems, Inc. - Sugar Grove, Illinois FW
AeroCare Medical Transport – Yuma, Arizona RW/FW
Air EMS – Tulsa, Oklahoma FW/ME
Air Methods – Midwest Region - St. Louis, Missouri RW
Cal-Ore Life Flight - Brookings, Oregon RW/FW
CareFlite – Grand Prairie, Texas RW/FW
Christiana LifeNet - Newark, Delaware RW
Commercial Medical Escorts – Pompano, Florida ME
Gallup Med Flight – Gallup, New Mexico RW/FW
Guardian Air Transport - Flagstaff, Arizona RW/FW
Medstar LifeFlight, a Service of PHI Air Medical - Troy, Michigan RW
MedSTAR - Lanham, Maryland RW/S
Memorial Herman Life Flight - Houston, Texas RW/FW
Mercy Health – Life Flight Network, LLC - Toledo, Ohio RW/S
Mercy Life Line Air Medical Service - Springfield, Missouri RW
Mercyhealth REACT - Rockford, Illinois RW
ProMedica Transport Network - Toledo, Ohio RW
Stanford Life Flight - Stanford, California RW/S
UC Health Air Care & Mobile Care - Cincinnati, Ohio RW/S