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- Air Medical Operators Association
- Air Medical Physician Association
- Air & Surface Transport Nurses Association
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- American Association of Critical Care Nurses
- American Association of Respiratory Care
- American College of Emergency Physicians
- American College of Surgeons
- Association of Air Medical Services
- Association of Critical Care Transport
- Emergency Nurses Association
- European HEMS and Air Ambulance Committee
- International Association of Flight & Critical Care Paramedics
- International Association of Medical Transport Communications Specialists
- National Air Transportation Association
- National Association of EMS Physicians
- National Association of Neonatal Nurses
- National Association of State EMS Officials
- National EMS Pilots Association
- United States Transportation Command

**COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF MEDICAL TRANSPORT SYSTEMS**

**Executive Summary July 15-17, 2021**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Brunko, Ms. Rush, Dr. Miller, Dr. Stuhlmiller, Ms. Montgomery, Ms. Treadwell, Dr. Conn, Dr. Holleran, Dr. O’Brien, Dr. Becker

**Present by Zoom:** Ms. Palmer, Dr. Cohen, Mr. Sittig, Mr. Brisbois

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Ruff, Mr. Goff

**GUESTS:** Dr. Orr introduced our guests from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) – Niccole Alexander, MPP, Senior Manager, Hospital and Surgical Subspecialties, and Robert Holcomb, MD, FAAP, Medical Director, HCA Midwest Division of Neonatal Transport and Medical Director, HCA Maternal Transport from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). AAP has been represented by Dr. Richard Orr since 1991 and was one of the first professional organizations to join CAMTS.

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Chair, Dr. Orr.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**.....**Mr. A. Smith**  
Mr. A. Smith provided an overview of our financial status thus far in 2021.

*Please see the last section of this report for the programs accredited at this meeting.*

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS’ REPORTS**.....**Ms. Frazer / Mr. D. Smith / Ms. Eichel**

**Ms. Frazer**

**Peggy Calhoun Award** – Ms. Frazer brought a recommendation from the staff that James Houser receive the Peggy Calhoun award in October at the annual Site Surveyor meeting. Mr. Houser has completed multiple site visits, both virtual and on-site, over the past two years with excellent evaluations from programs and other site surveyors. The Board agreed.

Ms. Frazer's Executive Report continued...

**New Board Members:** Kim Montgomery, representing AMOA, will be leaving the Board at the October meeting as well as: Dr. Alasdair Conn, representing ACS, Steve Goff, representing IAMTCS, Col. David Andrus, representing U.S. Transcom, and Rick Ruff, representing NEMSPA. New representatives will be joining in October along with the current Board members to officially assist with the transition.

**Blue Campaign** - Ms. Frazer discussed the Blue Lightning Initiative, which is an element of the Blue Campaign led by the DOT, DHS and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The purpose of the program is to identify victims of human trafficking and the role aviation employees could play in this initiative. Ms. Frazer was asked to invite a speaker to the October 2021 meeting to provide background and education on this topic.

**Intensive Critical Care** – The Leveling Committee received a potential list of interventions and skills to consider as specific standards and process are finalized to distinguish Intensive Critical Care from Emergency Critical Care in the 12<sup>th</sup> Edition Accreditation Standards. The Committee will reconvene in one month.

**Long Range Fixed Wing Standards** – The current standards will be reviewed by a Special Committee of the Board to determine which standards need to either be in a separate section or in a separate document for the 12<sup>th</sup> Edition. Results from each of the Board members, who participate or manage long range transports, will be compiled, and follow up will be posted along with the Standards Committee updates on the website.

**Mr. D. Smith** - Mr. Smith reviewed upcoming conferences for the Fall. He will be exhibiting for CAMTS at the National Association of EMS Educators in Orlando August 6-8 and at EMS World Expo in Atlanta October 4-8, 2021.

In addition, the next CAMTS Board meeting is October 28-29 in Fort Worth, prior to AMTC.

Both Mr. D Smith and Ms. Frazer will attend the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) annual meeting in Reno, NV on November 15, 2021.

**Ms. Eichel** - Ms. Eichel discussed and provided a summary of evaluations from programs, site surveyors and Board members from the previous three month cycle. Three of the programs had virtual site visits at the request of the program and there were 21 on-site visits conducted.

**ACCREDITATION DELIBERATIONS .....Dr. Orr**

*The Board went into Executive Session and deliberated on 24 accreditation decisions for the CAMTS Board and 1 Accreditation decision for the CAMTS Global Board who met on Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup>. See the list at the end of this report*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Accreditation Standards Committee** - Mr. D. Smith updated on progress with the Community Paramedicine standards project. At the June meeting, we reviewed about half of the comments submitted from ACCT. In addition to the ACCT comments, we also have new comments from the website. We will post the next draft after our on-site Standards Committee meeting during AMTC in the fall.

### **Aviation Advisory Committee.....Ms. A. Smith / Mr. Brisbois**

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.

The Aviation Advisory Committee will plan and announce a meeting for fall during AMTC

### **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. Dr. Holleran felt we should still look at these to see any updates to the approved simulation programs as materials for reaccreditation are submitted. A policy change was submitted.

### **Marketing/PR.....Ms. Frazer / Palmer**

A press release will go out after this meeting highlighting two new unique services

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

It was determined to not exhibit at ITIC in Madrid this year. Exhibitors and attendees appear to be down at this time and COVID restrictions could change again based on outbreaks with the Delta variant. ITIC leadership has agreed to forward the exhibit fee that was held over from last year's canceled conference, for next year's ITIC.

Dr. Dhun Damrongsak joined from Bangkok and Dr. Stephen Hancock joined from the UK via Zoom. The Board reviewed a site visit performed in May for a program that previously held Conditional Accreditation but were now able to have visitors. See results in the listing of accredited services for CAMTS Global below.

Future meetings were discussed. An annual meeting will be held in October in conjunction with the CAMTS Board meeting.

### **Policies.....Ms. Frazer**

Ms. Frazer discussed changes to 03.03.03 Multiple Location and Modes of Transport policy #03.03.00 that addresses non dedicated ground ambulances that meet the aircraft to and from the airport or

alternate landing site. The Board approved changes to this policy and to #03.15.00 Medical Education Approval, and #04.06.00 Accreditation Standards and Policies Approval Process.

**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 24 accreditation deliberations. Congratulations to the following Programs!



**New Accreditations:**

**ChildrensOne - Aurora, CO                      Specialty Care                      RW/FW/S**

ChildrensOne has been providing pediatric and neonatal transport services in Colorado Springs, Englewood, and Aurora since 2019 from the Children's Hospital Colorado. The medical teams are RN and RT on all modes of transport. Guardian Flight operates the PC-12, REACH Air Medical Services operates the Airbus H130, and AMR operates the Type III surface vehicle.

**Kootenay Emergency Response Physicians Association                      S**  
**Special Operations-Medical Retrieval in Nelson, British Columbia, CA**

Kootenay Emergency Response Physician Association (KERPA) is a unique service in rural British Columbia. This is a registered charity, sending a volunteer EMS physician, in a dedicated ground unit, directly to the scene of immediate threat to life 911 calls in the Kootenay Region. The service works in collaboration with the British Columbian Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) supporting the emergency services in this rural area and well respected by the entire community.

In addition, the following services were reaccredited by CAMTS:

**Reaccreditations**

- Aero Med Spectrum Health/North Flight Aero Med – Grand Rapids, MI.....RW/FW
- AirCARE1 International – Albuquerque, NM..... FW+
- Air St. Luke’s – Boise, ID.....RW/FW/G
- Air Methods North Central Region – Omaha, NE.....RW/FW
- Avera Careflight – Sioux Falls, SD..... RW/FW/S

Careflight Air & Mobile – Dayton, OH..... RW/S

Collier County Helicopter Operations -MedFlight – Naples, FL.....RW(ALS/BLS)

Cook Children’s Teddy Bear Transport..... RW/FW/S

Dartmouth Hitchcock Advanced Response Team – Lebanon, NH..... RW/S

Duke Life Flight – Durham, NC..... RW/FW/S

Intermountain Life Flight – Salt Lake City, UT..... RW/FW/S

Life Flight Allegheny General Hospital – Pittsburgh, PA.....RW/S

Shannon AirMed – San Angelo, TX..... RW/FW

Sunstar Paramedics Critical Care Transport – Largo, FL..... S

Survival Flight – Ann Arbor, MI..... RW/FW/S

ThedaStar Air Medical – Neenah, WI.....RW

University of Mississippi Medical Center – AirCare – Jackson, MS....RW

UT Health East Texas Air 1 – Tyler, TX..... RW

UVA Health: Medical Transport Network – Charlottesville, VA..... RW/S

Vidant EastCare – Greenville, NC..... RW/S



**New Full Accreditation**

ALPHA STAR Air Ambulance, based in Riyadh KSA was awarded full accreditation on July 17, 2021 by the CAMTS Global Board of Directors. Alpha Star operates multiple dedicated air ambulance aircraft staffed with highly skilled flight nurses/paramedics to care for adult, neonatal and pediatric patients.

Alpha Star is licensed by the General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA) in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia under Part 121SU to operate fixed wing air ambulance flights (GACA Cert # STTAC048).