

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Omni Hotel in Fort Worth, Texas, and Zoom Meeting

October 28-29, 2021 – 0800hrs-1700hrs CDT

October 30, 2021 – 0800hrs-1500hrs CDT

**Executive Committee:** Mr. Gryniuk, Dr. Orr (Zoom), Mr. A. Smith, Dr. Guyette (Zoom), Mr. Sittig

**Board Members Present:** Dr. Holleran, Ms. Rush, Dr. O'Brien (Zoom), Dr. Cohen, Dr. Miller, Dr. Stuhlmiller (Zoom), Ms. Corbett (Zoom), Ms. Treadwell, Dr. Becker, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Brisbois (Zoom), Dr. Cohen, Dr. Conn (Zoom)

**Staff Present:** Ms. Frazer, Ms. Eichel, Mr. D. Smith

**Members Absent:** Ms. Palmer, Dr. Brunko

**New Representatives:** Aaron Bowles (IAAMCS), Daniel Sweeza (AMOA), Dr. Bruce Chung (ACS-COT) [Zoom], Mark Scoville (NEMSPA) [Zoom], Col. Rudolph Cachuela (USTRANSCOM Liaison) [Absent], Shelley Dixon – Office Staff (Friday), Lt. Col. Westphal (USTRANSCOM Liaison) [Friday afternoon], Jim Houser – Site Surveyor (Friday afternoon)

**Guest Speakers:** Mr. Dave Downey, aviation expert and a Blue Campaign representative, addressed raising awareness among aviation and medical transport providers regarding signs of human trafficking.

Ms. Denise Treadwell presented suggested changes for Long Range or “International” air medical transport standards.

#### **Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order at 0810hrs on October 28th, 2021. The new and current board members introduced themselves. The executive committee asked Mr. D. Smith to serve as chairperson for this meeting since the Chair and Vice-Chair were present, but on Zoom. The board agreed. Ms. Frazer commented that it was unusual for us to have so many new board members at one time.

New Board members were asked to provide brief presentations of their backgrounds and experience. Lt. Col Westphal is covering for liaison Col. Rudolph Cachuela. Ms. Frazer stressed that the US Transcom representative serves in a liaison role on the Board – not a member role and we hope to meet Col. Cachuela in April or at a February Zoom meeting.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Mr. A Smith reported on the 2021 quarterly financial report and presented a 2022 budget. He also reported that the Financial Committee met before the meeting, and they are recommending a 10% discount in the Asset Fee. This would apply to programs who are reccredited after January 2022 and achieve Full Accreditation after two previous consecutive tenures of Full Accreditation.

Financial analysis and the projected impact to the bottom line was provided. The motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Directors' Reports:**

**Ms. Frazer** stated she was asked to attend meetings hosted by MITRE who was contracted to assist with the development of criteria in the No-Surprise Act. There are two committees – the Financial Committee and the Safety and Quality Committee. Ms. Frazer spoke to Ms. Armour, the MITRE contact, and stressed that CAMTS will not be involved in any financial recommendations, but she could be part of the Safety and Quality Committee with the Board’s approval. The Board was supportive of Ms. Frazer’s attendance. Ms. Frazer will report back to the Board after upcoming meetings.

Peggy Calhoun Memorial Award – Ms. Frazer announced that James Houser, one of the most active site surveyors, received the award this year and will be honored at the Board dinner along with Ms. Kim Montgomery, who is attending her last Board meetings as the AMOA representative.

**Mr. D. Smith** reviewed recent conferences he attended to represent CAMTS as follows: Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) conferences, NAEMSE conference, and EMS World Expo. Mr. Smith stated he received positive feedback regarding our MIH draft standards at the conferences he attended.

**Ms. Eichel** reviewed progress with the Ralph Rogers Scholarship. The scholarship has transitioned from the Medevac Foundation to the Tim Hynes Foundation which is administered by the IAFCCP. Ms. Eichel reminded everyone that CAMTS has agreed to match any board member contribution up to a total of \$10,000 to the scholarship.

Ms. Eichel reviewed a site surveyor meeting she held on October 12<sup>th</sup>. There was approximately 40 minutes of content that was captured on video for review by the site surveyors and uploaded onto the website.

Ms. Eichel reviewed her Quality Management activities and discussed the quality dashboard that was reviewed with the board. A current QM report will be posted on the website after this meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Education Committee.....Dr. Holleran / Ms. Eichel**  
Dr. Holleran reported that the committee is revising the Education Matrix that will be made available prior to publishing the 12th Edition Accreditation Standards and will be updated on a timely basis. This will be available on the website and announced when it is posted.

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

The board reviewed proposed changes to the policies regarding 02.12.00, 03.01.00A, and 04.05.00. These were approved unanimously by the Board and will be posted on the website.

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

Mr. D. Smith provided a presentation reviewing the progress of the Standards Committee and the development of the Mobile Integrated Health standards. Mr. Smith reviewed the MIH Standards Committee participant list. The 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the standards is in its 6<sup>th</sup> draft. The comments regarding the standards from the community have been overwhelmingly positive. Mr. Smith asked how we should integrate these standards and process into our current process as it is different from what we currently accredit. Mr. Smith will have policy recommendations to present at the April meeting.

**Emergency Critical Care versus Intensive Critical Care Discussion held on Saturday.**

After at least six years of collecting data, the Board discussed this issue in detail considering all the factors and looking at the data that has been collected. When we reviewed accreditation applications, almost 90% of the programs checked that they conducted both Emergency Critical Care and Intensive Critical Care based on the criteria in the standards. The final decision to combine the two was made after several lengthy board discussions and interviews with many CAMTS accredited programs and member organizations such as AACN and ACCT. For the purpose of differentiating between Emergency and Intensive Critical Care for CAMTS accreditation, there is not enough clear differentiation beyond some interventions, training, and skills that most programs are already including or intend to include in their scope of care. Therefore, the Board decided to combine the criteria now found in both Emergency and Intensive Critical Care under one Critical Care type of care for the 12<sup>th</sup> Edition Accreditation standards.

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

Mr. Brisbois and Mr. A. Smith discussed a pilot experience scoring tool to evaluate pilot experience beyond total accumulated flight hours that are currently required in the standards. The committee has tested this with a large, fixed wing operator and will work to develop a variation for rotor wing use.

**CAMTS Global Update.....Dr. Becker**

Dr. Dhun Damrongsak joined by Zoom and Dr. Stephen Hancock and Dr. Feuillie were excused absences. Dr. Becker provided an overview of the CAMTS Global board meeting which concluded earlier this morning. The organization will be completing a new trademark of their name and logo in Switzerland. Several reaccreditations are planned for 2022. CAMTS Global will not be attending the ITIC conference but has been invited to present at a conference in India and Ms. Frazer recently provided a remote presentation for an air medical conference in Bogota, Colombia. The Global board reaccredited one program during this meeting that was also approved by CAMTS for dual accreditation.

Mr. A. Smith presented the 2022 budget. The Global board discussed the need for CAMTS Global to invest some capital in marketing initiatives. He suggested that CAMTS issues a line of credit to

CAMTS Global for more aggressive marketing in 2022. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded for issuance of a loan up to \$100,000 for the purpose of business development. Motion passed unanimously.

### **CAMTS Accreditations**

**CAMTS** awarded initial accreditation to rotorwing service provider **LifeGuard Air Ambulance of Cedar Rapids, Iowa**. For more than 40 years, LifeGuard has served the Cedar Rapids and Eastern Iowa community providing around the clock emergency and critical care transport. The program operates a Bell 407.

Additionally, the following services received CAMTS reaccreditation:

- ACCESS, a fixed wing service in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada.
- Air Methods South Central Region, a rotorwing and fixed wing service in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Ascension St. Vincent StatFlight, a rotorwing service in Greencastle, Indiana.
- Ascension Wisconsin Spirit Medical Transport, a rotorwing and surface transport service in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.
- FlightCare, a rotorwing service in Saginaw, Michigan.
- HealthNet Aeromedical Services, Inc., a rotorwing and surface transport service in Charleston, West Virginia.
- LIFE STAR, a rotorwing service in Hartford, Connecticut.
- Mayo Clinic Ambulance Service, a rotorwing, fixed wing, and surface service provider in Rochester, Minnesota.
- MedFlight, a rotorwing and surface service in Columbus, Ohio.
- Premier Jets/Lifeguard Air Ambulance, a fixed wing service in Hillsboro, Oregon.
- Rescue Nurse at On Call International, a medical escort service in Salem, New Hampshire. **Accredited by CAMTS and CAMTS Global**
- STAT MedEvac, a rotorwing and surface service in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

### **Next Meetings.....Ms. Frazer**

The next in-person meeting will be in Alabama on April 7-9 in conjunction with the CCTMC conference. Ms. Frazer stated that ADAC in Germany has invited to again host the CAMTS Board and Global Board for a meeting next summer. Ms. Frazer tentatively suggested July 13-15 for the international meeting. The October meeting will be the 20th-22nd in conjunction with the AMTC conference in Tampa, Florida. Ms. Frazer stated we will need Zoom web meetings in January and February due to the volume of programs that will need to be reviewed prior to the April meeting.