



## **CAMTS UPDATE and EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**In-person meeting in Denver, CO  
April 14-15, 2023**

**Executive Committee:** Dr. Orr, Dr. Guyette, Mr. Sittig, Mr. A. Smith, Ms. Rush

**Board Members Present:** Mr. Sweeza, Ms. Corbett, Ms. Treadwell, Dr. Holleran, Dr. Stuhlmiller, Dr. O'Brien, Ms. Palmer, Dr. Miller, Mr. Bowles, Dr. Brunko, Mr. Oronato, (Mr. House, Mr. Gapinski – Saturday only)

**Staff Present:** Ms. Frazer, Ms. Eichel

**Staff Excused:** Mr. D. Smith

**Members & Liasion Excused:** Dr. Reinhartz, Col. Cachuela, Dr. Chung, Dr. Cohen, Mr. Becker

**Call to Order:** Dr. Orr called the meetings to order at 0804 hours on April 13, 2023.

**Approval of Minutes: June 16, 2022.....Dr. Orr**  
Meeting minutes from the February 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, previously distributed, were approved unanimously by the Board.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' REPORTS:**

#### **MS. FRAZER**

Ms. Frazer summarized the number of site visits for this quarter and stated we were able to schedule at least nine of the new site surveyors to accompany a senior site surveyor for these visits. Evaluations have been positive from the programs we visited.

#### **Conference Activities in March 2023**

HAI – Heli-Expo Conference – Ms. Frazer and Mr. D. Smith exhibited at the Heli- Expo in Atlanta March 7-10, 2023. Ms. Frazer stated the attendance was on par with pre-COVID levels and the booth was fairly busy.

Atrium Health Mobile Integrated Health Conference – Ms. Frazer and Mr. Jonah Thompson, Chair of the MIH Standards Committee, presented a four-hour workshop on Preparing for Accreditation during this three-day conference held at the Sheraton Hotel in Charlotte, NC March 15-17. Ms.

Shelley Dixon, Accounts Manager, Dr. Victoria Reinhartz (MIH Board representative) and Mr. Thompson were available at the CAMTS booth to distribute handouts and MIH standards. The booth at this conference was busy and there was much interest in the CAMTS MIH Standards and accreditation process that became available in January 2023.

**New Policy**

Ms. Frazer presented a draft of a new policy 03.16.00 labeled “Pre-Hire Pilot Assessment Policy” to address the new standard in the 12<sup>th</sup> Edition Accreditation Standards that will recognize an alternate plan to equate experience to fewer pre-hire hours for PICs. The policy was accepted unanimously and is attached to this Executive Summary. Ms. Frazer announced that we have already had two programs submit their evaluation tools for acceptance by the Aviation Advisory Committee. Mr. A. Smith is the current Chair of the Aviation Advisory and Safety Committee. The committee has a subcommittee that will meet will over the next few weeks to review the evaluation tools received from programs for acceptance as an alternative to requiring the number of pre-hire hours in compliance with the standards. This process was set up similarly to the Education Committee approval process. The Education Committee reviews human patient simulation experiences submitted to be used instead of bedside clinical experiences for initial and ongoing education.

Ms. Frazer asked that each member present an update on the member organizations they represent. We have been trying to do these summaries at past meetings but always ran out of time. All found this interesting and informative.

**MS. EICHEL**

Ms. Eichel summarized the virtual presentation she and Dr. Tobin Miller provided on the 12<sup>th</sup> Edition Accreditation Standards. It was very well-attended, and we have had many requests for that recording.

Long-range planning was presented by Ms. Eichel stating we will devote a half-day to strategic planning for the Board during the July Board meeting. Ms. Eichel later distributed a SWOT analysis to rank priorities as we prepare for the strategic planning.

Ms. Eichel also discussed the development of virtual reality in clinical practice that she feels is part of the near future.

Ms. Eichel remained to exhibit for CAMTS at the Critical Care Transport Medicine Conference that had more than 700 participants.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Education Committee..... Ms. Eichel / Dr. Holleran**

Dr. Holleran and Ms. Eichel provided an update on GAP Analysis for Simulation. Discussed international certifications.

**Standards Committee.....Ms. Frazer**

The last draft of the Special Operations 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Standards was previously distributed and presented by Ms. Frazer for final approval. Motion made by Dr. Holleran to accept the standards. Seconded by Mr. Sittig. Motion passed unanimously. The Second Edition will be posted on the website.

**CAMTS Global.....Ms. Frazer**

The CAMTS Global Board did not meet but will meet together with the CAMTS Board in July.

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

The board entered Executive Session. Dr. Guyette reviewed our Mission Statement, Vision, and Values, as well as the rules of conduct for program deliberations, meeting attendance, and conduct.

There were 15 board accreditation deliberations with 13 Full Accreditations, 1 Probation and 1 Withdraw accreditation. Congratulations to these services that achieved reaccreditation!

**CAMTS Reaccreditations**

- AirLife Denver – Aurora, CO.....RW/FW/S
- Akron Childrens Hospital – Akron, OH.....RW/S
- Ann & Robert Lurie Childrens Hospital – Chicago, IL.....RW/FW/S
- Critical Care Transport – Birmingham, IL.....FW/S
- Dell Children’s Pediatric Transport – Austin, TX.....RW/FW/S
- Flight For Life – Centennial, CO.....RW/FW/S
- JeffSTAT – Philadelphia, PA.....RW/S
- Med Evac – Greeley, CO.....RW
- PHI Air Medical CA/NM.....RW/FW
- PHI Air Medical Texas.....RW
- REACH – Sacramento, CA.....RW/FW
- SkyHealth – Ronkonkoma, NY.....RW
- University of Iowa AirCare – Iowa City, IA.....RW/S
- Vanderbilt Life Flight – Nashville, TN.....RW/FW/S/GALS/GBLS

The July meeting is at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Washington, DC. July 20-22, 2023.



Eileen Frazer, RN, CMTE, Executive Director

03.16.00 (04/15/23)

## COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF MEDICAL TRANSPORT SYSTEMS

**SUBJECT:** Pre-Hire Pilot Evaluation Tool

**POLICY:** Alternative equivalents to meeting compliance with the minimal hours as required in current CAMTS Accreditation Standards will be reviewed and accepted according to the following guidelines.

### **GUIDELINES:**

CAMTS will review and accept an evaluation tool that compares number of hours to specific levels of experience as a pre-hire alternative to the number of total hours (plus PIC, Multi engine, make and model, etc. hours) as currently listed in the standards.

### **Four Step Acceptance Process:**

#### **Step One**

Submit the proposed evaluation tool (to [admin@camts.org](mailto:admin@camts.org)) to be used as an alternative to hire pilots who do not meet the minimal number of hours according to the CAMTS Standards.

The Aviation Advisory Subcommittee will review the tool, gap analysis and QM plan at its earliest opportunity. This may correspond with due dates for accreditation applications or progress reports but will not affect an accreditation decision, which is based on substantial compliance with the accreditation standards.

**Step Two** - Complete the Gap Analysis to assess your current use of an alternative equivalent to the number of hours' requirements.

See gap analysis with the policy on the website

#### **Step Three – Submit:**

- The QM plan that includes proposed criteria to evaluate pilot performance hired under the alternative equivalent tool going forward.