



**CAMTS UPDATE and EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**In-person meeting in Crystal City, VA  
July 20-22, 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, Dr. Miller, Mr. Bowles, Dr. Brunko, Mr. Onorato, Mr. House, Mr. Gapinski, Dr. Chung, Dr. Cohen, Dr. Reinhartz, Mr. Becker

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

**Members & Liaison Excused:** Ms. Palmer and Col Cachuela

**Call to Order:** Dr. Orr called the meetings to order.

**Approval of Minutes: April 14-15, 2023.....Dr. Orr**  
Meeting minutes from the April 14-15<sup>th</sup> meeting, previously distributed, were approved unanimously by the Board.

**Treasurer’s Report.....Mr. A Smith**

Mr. A. Smith reviewed the balance sheet and budget versus actual YTD.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS’ REPORTS:**

**Ms. Frazer**

**Announcements and plans for the Board meeting:**

Ms. Frazer announced the meeting plans for the weekend. Since we are meeting in the DC area where several of our organizations have offices, we invited the Executive Directors of those organizations to attend the meeting. Megan Einstein, the NATA Managing Director of Industry Affairs and Jeff Sventek, Executive Director of AsMA, will attend on Friday. Jana Williams, AAMS Executive Director, will attend on Friday between the National EMS Memorial Service events.

Dr. Rick Hunt, currently Senior Medical Advisor from the HHS Office of Preparedness, will also attend on Friday. Dr. Hunt served as Vice-Chair on the Original CAAMS – now CAMTS - Board of Directors, in 1990, representing NAEMSP.

31<sup>st</sup> Annual National Emergency Services Memorial Service on Saturday, July 22, 2023

The Board was invited to attend this annual service where 59 fallen EMS personnel were honored, who died while serving in their EMS roles in the previous year.

Strategic Planning, to include succession planning, will be conducted on Saturday and facilitated by Dr. Jeff Bailey from Panorama Strategies.

Report from ACCT conference – In June, Ms. Frazer attended the ACCT Conference in Salt Lake City and served on a panel discussion about safety and risks of fatigue.

ICARUS – The Executive Staff has been in conversation with a Dr. Doug Stevens and Dr. Ina Schmidt from this new organization in Europe. They contacted us with concerns about physician qualifications for air transport and the need for more stringent standards.

Pre-site visit letters from the CAMTS office now include verbiage that the pandemic precautions are inactive citing the World Health Organization’s declaration: “Covid 19 is over as a global health emergency. However, that does not mean COVID-19 is over as a global health threat.”  
May 5, 2023

Coordination with the EMS Memorial gatherings – Ms. Frazer participating in the candle-lighting ceremony on Saturday evening where they will be honoring 59 EMS personnel who died while serving on the previous year. All are invited to the ceremony.

Cloud Technologies – Dr. Robinson interested in displaying his new invention to prevent spread of airborne viruses and bacteria to medical transport teams. Ms. Frazer put him in touch with AAMS to exhibit at AMTC.

Meeting dates and locations for 2024 - The Board discussed meeting in Chicago at the American Academy of Pediatrics for an April meeting. Mr. Becker volunteered to assess July dates for a meeting in Zurich.

### Mr. D. Smith

Since Mr. D. Smith did not attend the April meeting, he reviewed the HAI activities at the conference in Atlanta March 6-9, 2023.

Mr. Smith provided a report from NASEMSO annual meeting June 4-5 in Reno and a report from CMSA in Las Vegas June 27

Mr. Smith will also exhibit at the NASEMSE conference in Reno August 23-25, 2023, and the EMS World Conference September 18-22, 2023, in New Orleans. Mr. Smith

is working with the leadership to find a space for the “Preparing for Accreditation workshop” to specifically address the MIH attendees.

Dr. Reinhartz is assisting at the EMS World conference and reported that a new director was hired for the National Association of MIH Providers (NAMIHP). Mr. Smith has had conversations with this organization that may want to be recognized as a member organization. Mr. Smith will have the opportunity to discuss more at the EMS World conference.

Plans for the October meeting October 20-21– to be held in Columbus, OH prior to AMTC.

### Ms. Eichel

CCTMC exhibit – Ms. Eichel exhibited for CAMTS at the 2023 conference and was very busy with questions and interest from the clinicians. She stated this is a great opportunity to meet with medical teams and discuss interpretation of the standards.

QM evaluations and a summary report were presented for the 2022.

Ms. Eichel arranged for a Medical Protocol meeting during lunch. Physicians met to discuss protocols and process as chaired by Dr. Guyette.

An Education Committee meeting was held at lunch on Saturday to review education matrix and discuss simulation.

Ninth Brain – Ms. Eichel is facilitating communications regarding CAMTS requirements to improve the Ninth Brain dashboard.

A workgroup met to evaluate changes to the Board report ppt – Ms. Eichel reviewed changes in the power point that were suggested for streamlining and efficiency.

Peggy Calhoun Memorial Award – The Executive and Office Staff recommended that Chris Baker, a Site Surveyor from Seattle Childrens Hospital, receive the award this year. Mr. Baker has been extremely busy leading site visits this year and has experience with adult, pediatric, neonatal patients in all modes of transport. Dr. Holleran made a motion to accept this nomination. Ms. Rush seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Chris will be awarded at the October meeting in Columbus, OH prior to AMTC.

Ms. Eichel will be speaking AMTC 2023 in Columbus, OH. Her presentation is titled CAMTS Best Practices.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Aviation Advisory Committee.....Mr. A. Smith

Pilot hours versus experience tools - A subcommittee, consisting of a rotorwing pilot site surveyor, a fixed wing pilot manager, and a volunteer consultant who has many years aviation experience in the air medical field will evaluate the submissions and accept them with recommendations. Mr. Smith as the Chair of this committee will vote in the event of conflict. One tool has already been accepted and two more have been submitted.

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

The committee met to review simulation and education standards for the next edition.

C. Standards ..... Mr. D. Smith

Special Ops discussion. MIH standards for next edition revisions will be announced for public comments in the Fall.

D. Policies.....Ms. Frazer

Ms. Frazer asked Dr. Stuhlmitter to serve on the committee and he assisted in presenting a new policy and revisions to the polices that were previously distributed.

Motion by Dr. Holleran to accept policy revisions to 01.01.00 B Associate Executive Director, 01.04.00A Board Member Selection Process, and 03.02.00C Site Survey During COVID. Seconded by Dr. Guyette. Motion passed by majority with 3 abstentions.

The following policies will be brought back to the October meeting with suggested changes: 01.08.00 Standing Committees and 02.02.00 Site Surveyor Selection Process.

E. Quality Management.....Ms. Eichel

Ms. Eichel provided a summary of the QM data collected over the past 6 months.

F. Marketing/PR..... Ms. Frazer

Ms. Frazer stated we will be doing a running ad prior to and throughout AMTC to describe the differences between accrediting agencies for medical transport and to announce the standards and accreditation for Mobile Integrated Health.

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

The CAMTS Global Board met in person and virtually. A Supplemental visit to nine new bases, conducted in May, was reviewed. The Global board decided to accept the new rotorwing bases and continue with Full accreditation for this program that expires in July 2024.

**VII. New Business.....Dr. Orr**

Discussion about the process of split deliberations and it was decided to continue this process.

Discussion regarding revisiting the CAMTS.org email or an alternative since there are firewalls and some Board members cannot access their personal emails during working hours.

A Strategic Planning session was held by the Full Board on July 22, 2023, from 8:00 AM to 12 Noon with Dr. Jeff Bailey. A pre-transition committee was established to assist in facilitating succession planning. The committee consists of Ms. Corbett, Dr. Reinhartz, Dr. Miller, and Dr. Becker.

**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 12 board accreditation deliberations with 9 Full Accreditations, 1 Provisional Action, 1 Preliminary Denial and 1 Deferral decision. Congratulations to these services that achieved accreditation!

**CAMTS Reaccreditations**

- Air Evac Services – PHI Air Medical – Phoenix, AZ.....RW/S
- Air Methods Southeast Region – Griffin, GA.....RW/FW
- Childrens Medical Center - Dallas, TX.....RW/FW/S
- Life Force Air Medical – Chattanooga, TN.....RW
- Life Lion Critical Care Transport – Hershey, PA.....RW/S
- Med Flight Air Ambulance – Albuquerque, NM.....FW
- Nationwide Childrens – Columbus, OH.....RW/FW/S
- Sanford AirMed – Sioux Falls, SD.....RW/FW/S
- UMass Memorial Life Flight – Worcester, MA.....RW/S

**Meeting Adjourned** - The next meeting for CAMTS and CAMTS Global will be October 20-21 in Columbus, Ohio prior to the AMTC.



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