



## **CAMTS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Meeting at Hyatt Regency Crystal City,  
2799 Richmond Highway Arlington, VA  
July 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>

**Board Members present:** Dr. Orr, Mr. A. Smith, Mr. Gapinski, Dr. Stuhlmiller, Dr. Cohen, Mr. Onorato, Mr. Benton, Dr. Becker, Dr. Martin, Mr. Sittig, Mr. Bowles, Mr. House, Ms. Treadwell, Mr. Sweeza, Dr. Miller, Mr. Seckel, Dr. O'Brien.

**CAMTS Executives:** Ms. Frazer, Ms. Eichel, Mr. D. Smith

**Board Members excused:** Dr. Guyette, Dr. Holcomb, Ms. Rush, Dr. Holleran, Dr. Chung, Dr. Reinhartz

**Guests:** Ms. Jana Williams, Dr I. Schmidt, Mr. Jim Houser

### **I. Meeting was called to order by Dr. Orr, Chair at 8:02 AM**

Special guest introduced by Dr Orr, Dr Ina Schmidt, board member of AMPA and attending to observe CAMTS accreditation process.

**II. Approval of Minutes** - Request from Dr Orr to approve April 2024 minutes. Previously distributed. Motion by Dr. Stuhlmiller, second Dr. O'Brien. Motion passed unanimously.

**III. Special Committee Report:** Dr Orr. and Mr. A. Smith presented an overview of the document being developed by transition committee in search of a candidate for current Executive Director planned retirement.

### **IV. Executive Directors Reports:**

#### **Ms. Frazer**

Ms. Frazer opened discussion on the EMS NPRM from OSHA. A draft copy of a response to OSHA from CAMTS was previously distributed. Discussion on how CAMTS should reply and possibly adding comments from accredited CAMTS programs as the proposed regulations may impact their medical transport services. Ms. Frazer encouraged a formalized response from the board. She has been coordinating with Sally Veith from AMOA. They have some organizations signing on with their response. Discussion was to send this separate CAMTS response to OSHA - due July 22nd.

Website update continues. Ms. Eichel requested board members submit photos from their programs for potential use on the website or other marketing materials.

CAMTS was approached by a group of professional security agents called Executive Protection Medical Services who provide security and medical professionals for their executives for corporations such as Amazon, Microsoft, META etc. to ask if they could apply for Special Operations accreditation. The medical teams for these security companies get together to discuss procedures and are concerned that

they are not standardized. They are interested in helping to create standards for these services and will get back to CAMTS after their meeting next month.

Site surveyor training is upcoming and hoping to recruit more pilots, international and MIH experienced applicants. Thus far we have 60 applicants. We are planning on SS training before the Verticon expo in March 2025 in Dallas.

Ms. Frazer reported that Ms. Eichel and Dr. Miller submitted an article for the ASK CAMTS column in the AMJ about the critical elements of medical protocols that are part of the accreditation process.

### **Mr. Smith**

Mr. Smith reported the Standards committee is now accepting comments online for 13th edition of the CAMTS Standards. Submitted suggestions are logged in for tracking. Each suggested change is reviewed by the committee and accepted or not. The list of accepted changes is posted on the website for additional feedback and additional suggestions.

The MIH Standards Committee also meets and reviews specific comments and suggested changes as they prepare the next draft to post on the website.

### **Ms. Eichel**

Ms. Eichel reported she attended Flight Bridge conference that was well-attended by air medical services.

Ms. Eichel then reviewed the QM report for this quarter. All aspects of process are being tracked including pre-reviews, board presentations and the board's accreditation decision. Review of scorecards was also discussed, stressing the importance of tracked data on survey monkey such as site surveyor's evaluation by the board.

Ms. Eichel then presented a developing new process to standardized evaluation of helicopter landing pads for site surveyors.

### **V. Treasurer Report**

Mr. A Smith presented an overview of the current budget. The need to develop a budget and benefits package for transition to new Executive Director and Associate Director is needed for the fall Board meeting. As the industry changes, a new process may be required for applicant fees.

### **VI. Committee Reports**

#### Election of Officers (2-year terms)

Ballots were returned and counted by the Executive Staff. All ballots were accounted for including from those who returned ballots digitally prior to the meeting.

Results were announced by Ms. Frazer:

Chair – Dr. Guyette

Vice-Chair – Dr. Tobin Miller

Secretary – Steve Sittig

Recording Secretary – Tammy Rush

Treasurer – Ashley Smith

### Critical Elements – Medical Protocols

An updated report was presented by Dr. Stuhlmiller to the entire board.

Each physician developed critical elements for one or two protocols and has reviewed those specifically. We have begun to share them to become more collaborative, developing consensus critical elements that any committee member may review.

When critical elements are below 50, the medical transport system is asked to submit a revised protocol, that is subsequently scored. If any board member wants to obtain the history of scores to look at the trend, e-mail Jan.

With the development of new critical elements, a medical transport system applicant will have different critical elements judged with each reaccreditation so that different critical elements are reviewed for each tenure of accreditation.

### Education Committee

Ms. Eichel presented information on a potential new communication specialists course the education committee will need to evaluate if content would be an acceptable substitution for already approved programs.

### Policy and Procedures

Ms. Frazer introduced changes to Site Surveyor reimbursement policy to raise the daily per diem for site surveyors from \$50.00 to \$65.00 per day. Policy change was approved unanimously.

## **VII. Accreditation Deliberations (Executive Session)**

### Reaccreditations (RW=Rotorwing, FW=Fixed Wing, S=Surface, ME=Medical Escort, SO=Special Operations)

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| Acadian Air Med Services - Lafayette, LA              | RW      |
| ACCESS – Yellowknife, NT, Canada                      | FW      |
| Air EMS Inc. – Tulsa, OK                              | ME/SO   |
| Air Methods North Central – Omaha, NE                 | RW/FW   |
| Air St. Luke’s – Boise, ID                            | RW/FW/S |
| Children’s One = Aurora, CO                           | RW/FW/S |
| Collier County Helicopter Ops – Naples, FL            | RW      |
| Cook Children’s Teddy Bear Transport – Fort Worth, TX | RW/FW/S |
| Corewell Health AeroMed – Grand Rapids, MI            | RW/FW   |
| Duke Life Flight – Durham, NC                         | RW/S    |
| Intermountain Life Flight – Salt Lake City, UT        | RW/FW/S |
| Kootenay Emergency Response = Nelson, BC Canada       | SO      |

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| LifeFlight – Pittsburgh, PA                             | RW/S    |
| Med-Trans Region 1 (Eagle Med)                          | RW/S    |
| Shannon AirMed – San Angelo, TX                         | RW/FW   |
| Sunstar Paramedics – Largo, FL                          | S       |
| Survival Flight – Ann Arbor, MI                         | RW/FW/S |
| ThedaStar Air Medical - Neenah, WI                      | RW      |
| University of MS AirCare – Jackson, MI                  | RW      |
| UVA Health Med. Transport Network – Charlottesville, VA | RW/S    |

**VIII. CAMTS Global**

Mr. Becker reported the Global board deliberated on 1 reaccreditation and 1 new applicant.

**IX. Adjourned** - The next meeting for CAMTS and CAMTS Global will be November 1-2, 2024, in Salt Lake City, UT.



Eileen Frazer, RN, CMTE  
Executive Director