



Rural EMS Committee
2013 Mid-Year Meeting
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Welcome & Introductions

Paul Patrick (UT)
Rachael Alter (NASEMSO)
Tom Nehring – Chair (ND)
Selwyn E. Mahon, MD (VI)
Greg Brown (AR)
Dale Adkerson (OK)
Ken Holland (NFPA)
Jaclynn Haymon (EMSC NRC)
Katrina Altenhofen (PECC – IA)
Tomi St. Mars (PECC – AZ)
Jolene Whitney (UT)
Sabina Braithwaite (KY)
Wayne Denny (ID)
Andy Gienapp (WY)
Gary Brown (VA)
David Boyd, MD

Wildland Fire (IEMS)

- Have created the “Blue Card Committee” – Wayne is the Chair. Looking to create a system for cross-border recognition for EMTs with Forest Service Region 4 states (WY, ID, UT, NV). WY will need a rule change, don’t have emergency authority. Group will continue to meet to determine best process. Will take ideas back to IEMS for further refinement.

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- Leadership survey review – Tomi asked about Tribal EMS. Will include questions regarding tribal EMS.

Community Paramedicine (CP)

- Need to think about integrated community health EMS.
- Forum: OCTOBER Let's get everyone in the same room and discuss how to resolve barriers and challenges. Research Grant Opportunity with AHRQ. (Data Collection, medical direction, education, etc) Panel would present their expertise, and then the crowd would add their input and as questions. End of the day would look at what the research questions are. Report has been released, and we will get that out as soon as we know it's ready to be released.
- Broader discussion on what is community health EMS. NAEMSP had this discussion at their annual meeting. What is it and what are we going to do with it? Continue with the national discussion. All of this will come back to the State EMS offices, and need to get ahead of it. Need to assist it's growth that is controlled and works.
- A private foundation is funding a meeting in Minnesota to continue this discussion. Policy type discussion – to continue those that have already happened.
- We need to figure out a name for this. And make sure it's integrated correctly. Will call on the Board to decide what our role is in this process and growing entity. Need someone to take the lead to facilitate these discussions. Example: we have no idea what programs are out there and what states have in legislation.
- Does NASEMSO need to take a larger role? Discuss and go: (Mobile Integrated Health System – Dale A. this is strengthening a system that should already be in place)
- Wayne was at the Briefing this morning. There are some very inventive things going on that are outside of what we would normally think of. Chemically dependent, Breathalyzer and send to mental health instead of ED. If we don't start driving it, we'll get run over by it.
- Tomi: may see more hospitals pushing this now with the Affordable Care Act and wanting to keep people health and out of the hospital.
- Katrina: open up the rule so that a Paramedic can work outside of an ambulance.

- Tomi: in Arizona as long as they are not called a paramedic they can provide care in any role the hospital puts them in.

Ski Patrol Joint Working Group Update

- Background: NSP wanted to talk with NASEMSO – want recognition without regulation. We told them can't happen but lets talk. Working on resolving issues – they are seeing the light that they can't go to each state with a legislative fight. Have a few meetings, have learned about each organization. Ski Patrol training is very close to EMR – want to get to where states can recognize this certification. Looking for portability. Their training is standard, but how can they be legal in states? How can we agree to regulation that still meets their needs, and integrating into the system. Not just on the slope.
- This conversation translates to BIA & their move to WFR training as well.

Western Region FLEX Conference

- Dia will be speaking at this conference in June. Flex Program Coordinators – want EMS to be a central focus – Emerging Issues in Rural EMS will be the topic. Have examples of cool things you've done as a result of a partnership with your Flex Coordinator. Also – If you have headaches/nightmares/frustrations – share as well. Message you would like carried to Flex Coordinators

Rural EMS 2013 Workplan Review / NHTSA Deliverables

- Please take a look at the Workplan on the NASEMSO website for the to be scheduled conference call.

Other Topics

- Paul mentioned that the Affordable Care Act is forcing his small town volunteer EMS department to put all personnel on the city payroll and they can't work over 30 hours per pay period (affects ability to swap shifts). If they work over they will have to provide them health insurance. Question on how this will affect others. Paul will do some research and update

- Rural Committee is currently meeting at the Mid-Year and the Annual - Would like to start meeting quarterly.