



## **NASEMSO Medical Directors Council**

**November 7, 2022, 1:00 PM ET**

### **Meeting Record**

**Attending** – Matthew Sholl (ME), Chair, Joe Holley (TN), Angus Jameson (FL), Doug Kupas (PA), Patrick McDougal (GA), Jonathan Newman (WV), Jim Walery (SD), Riccardo Colella (WI), Lynn Wittwer (WA), Kate Zimmerman (ME), Jeff Beckman (CO), Michael Levy (AK), Ed Deschamps (SC), Erica Carney (MO), Gail Bradley (AZ), Joey Scollan (NH), Ken Williams (RI), Peter Taillac (UT)  
For NASEMSO: Alex Tyeryar, Mary Hedges, Dia Gainor

**Call to Order and Welcome** – Dr. Matthew Sholl called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM ET. Mary Hedges pointed out that Alex Tyeryar has joined ASMII/NASEMSO as a project coordinator. Alex introduced himself, noting that he recently completed his master's degree from High Point University and will be assisting with NASEMSO meetings.

**Approval of September Meeting Record** (attached) – The September meeting record was approved as submitted.

### **Self-Introduction of New Members**

- Dr. Jim Walery (pronounced Wa-LER-ee) of Brookings, South Dakota said he started his career as a firefighter paramedic during the Carter administration and has worked in the emergency department for more than 30 years. He recently moved back to South Dakota after several years in Alaska.
- Dr. Patrick McDougal has been the state medical director in Georgia for about a month. He is a former paramedic prior to medical school and now is the medical director for several EMS services in the Atlanta area.
- Dr. Erica Carney is the new state medical director in Missouri. She noted that her EMS experience is predominantly as medical director for fire-based EMS services. She looks forward to meeting everyone at the upcoming meeting in Tampa.

**NASEMSO Update** – Dia Gainor, Executive Director, reported that NASEMSO has a healthy slate of candidates for the new National EMS Information System (NEMSIS) liaison position at NASEMSO which they intend to fill by early December. This person will work primarily with the Data Managers Council and the NEMSIS Technical Assistance Center. The NASEMSO Board will convene for strategic planning December 14-15.

**Workplan Task 5: Survey of State EMS medical Directors (roles, responsibilities, resources, compensation, tenure)** – Dr. Sholl thanked Dr. Carol Cunningham for providing a copy of the original survey questions sent to members in 2007. It was suggested that the new survey retain many of the same questions and language used in the past so that results could be compared. The goal is to describe the current stature and activities of state EMS medical director and any changes or evolution in the position since the pandemic. Lynn Wittwer noted that the state of Washington does not have a hired or contracted medical director, so his duties would presumably vary greatly from other states. It was noted that a few other states operate similarly with an EMS physician committee, and the committee chair usually serves as the state medical director (Idaho, Kansas, Texas, Washington).

**Planning January 25<sup>th</sup> MDC Meeting Agenda** – Dr. Sholl asked for suggestions for the MDC agenda for the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting in Tampa. Mary noted the meeting will be in the afternoon of the 25<sup>th</sup>.

- EMS Workforce Shortages - Drs. McDougal and Jameson requested this topic. Dia reported that NASEMSO is completing a project on workforce, and Andy Gienapp will have a graphical analysis to share based upon the results of NASEMSO's state EMS office survey on workforce data collection practices. Dr. Sholl asked Drs. McDougal and Jameson to lead the discussion.
- Patient refusals and changing legislation, the AZ experience – Dr. Gail Bradley
- EMS Administration of Buprenorphine in the field – Drs. Taillac and Colella requested this topic. Dr. Tripp Winslow was recommended to share what some EMS agencies in North Carolina are doing with buprenorphine administration.
- EMS carrying Plan B – Dr. Collella noted the article in EMS 1 about Michigan authorizing EMS to carry this for rape victims, see <https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/news/press-releases/2022/11/02/gov-whitmer-announces-new-protocols> Mary will ask Dr. Bill Fales to discuss.
- Government Intrusion into EMS Practice, e.g., Aurora City council introducing ketamine ban from push from IAFF (which was withdrawn but generated a big problem) – Dr. Levy
- Ebola PSAP Screening Question – Dr. Beckman suggested discussing if anyone is recommending travel history screening either at dispatch or initial EMS patient assessment with travelers from Uganda entering the country with consideration of the relatively low risk of Ebola.

#### **Project and Committee Updates – Various Members**

- Role of State EMS Medical Director Position Paper Update – Dr. Doug Kupas said the update is based on the ACEP review and their scheduled update cycle of position statements. He noted that Ken Williams is on the review team also.
- Prehospital Airway Management Evidence Based Guidelines – Dr. Sholl reported that the Technical Expert Panel began meeting earlier this fall and are working to develop the guidelines. They will also be meeting at the NAEMSP meeting.
- Joint Commission Accreditation for Hospitals as Comprehensive Cardiac Centers – Dr. Kupas reported that this new process focuses on PCI, advanced cardiac arrest care, and post-ROSC care. This is similar to the process for Joint Commission stroke center accreditation. The first 3 hospitals have been accredited for this new process about 1-2 months ago. Geisinger, where he works, is one of the three accredited. For more info: <https://www.jointcommission.org/what-we-offer/certification/certifications-by-setting/hospital-certifications/cardiac-certification/advanced-cardiac/comprehensive-cardiac-center-certification/>
- IAFC EMS Stakeholder Group - Dr. George Lindbeck was not on the call.
- Interfacility Transport Position Paper – Dr. Lindbeck was not on the call.
- NEMSAC Update – Dr. Peter Taillac had to leave the meeting early.

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 2:01 PM ET.

**Next Meeting** – January 25, Tampa, FL

*The meeting record was respectfully submitted by NASEMSO Program Manager Mary Hedges and MDC Secretary Carol Cunningham.*