



## **NASEMSO Medical Directors Council**

**March 6, 2023, 1:00 PM ET**

### **Meeting Record**

**Attendance** – Matt Sholl (ME), Curtis Sandy (ID), Patrick McDougal (GA), Jim Walery (SD), Jon Burstein (MA), Lynn Wittwer (WA), M Riccardo Colella (WI), Sam Hunthausen (MT), Carol Cunningham (OH), Bill Fales (MI), Angus Jameson (FL), Brian Amy (DC), Dan Bledsoe (PA), Dan Wolfson (VT), Gail Bradley (AZ), Jeff Beckman (CO), Joe Holley (TN), Tim Chizmar (MD), Rich Kamin (CT), Robert Rosenbaum (DE), Tripp Winslow (NC), Ed DesChamps (SC), Ken Williams (RI), Gam Wijetunge (NHTSA), Max Severeid (NHTSA), NASEMSO staff: Andy Geinapp, Mary Hedges, Alex Tyeryar

**Call to Order, Self-Introductions** – Dr. Matthew Sholl, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM ET. Members introduced themselves.

**Approval of January 25th Meeting Record** – Dr. Carol Cunningham, Secretary, presented the minutes, which were approved as submitted.

**Welcome and Self-Introduction of New Member** – Dr. R. Dan Bledsoe (PA) has recently been appointed as Pennsylvania's new state EMS medical director. Dr. Bledsoe commented it will be a challenge to fill the shoes of his predecessor, Dr. Doug Kupas.

**NASEMSO Update** – Andy Gienapp, NASEMSO Deputy Executive Director, briefly reported on several NASEMSO projects. They are very close to having a prehospital airway evidence-based guideline to submit for publication. The EMS workforce project has developed guidelines with five pilot states beginning implementation. The public health project is progressing and will require significant work by the pilot states. More recently, NASEMSO was awarded a new cooperative agreement from NHTSA to develop crash test standards for pediatric transport products used in ambulance transport. The Annual Meeting registration link has not yet been posted, but he advised to make hotel reservations now as the hotel block sells out quickly.

**NHTSA Office of EMS Update** – Gam Wijetunge, Director of NHTSA's Office of EMS, provided an overview of the National Roadway Safety Strategy and the role of EMS, particularly in regard to post-crash care, which is one of the top 5 strategies. The submission of triennial state highway safety plans is due to NHTSA by July 1. He encouraged those representing EMS to ensure they are involved in developing the triennial highway safety plan. These plans, which have been around for years, identify strategies and activities to promote highway safety and eventually result in grant funds to entities that are working with their highway safety offices to implement the plan. Gam's presentation is available [here](#).

**Post-Crash Care Ad Hoc Committee** – Dr. Sholl advised that NASEMSO is creating the Post-Crash Care Ad hoc Committee to specifically address the National Roadway Safety Strategy. They are looking for at least two members from each council and committee to serve. Dr. Sholl recommended the incoming MDC chair, Rich Kamin, as one of the committee members. Dr. Bill Fales volunteered as did Dr. Tripp Winslow. Dr. Gail Bradley also offered to help. Their names will be submitted.

**Medical Directors Survey Update** – Dr. Sholl thanked Mary Hedges and Rachael Alter for working on the survey. There have been 39 respondents to date. Mary will send the survey link again to those who have not yet completed it.

**Proposed Bylaws Change: Emeritus Status** – Dr. Cunningham and Dr. Taillac drafted a proposed change to the NASEMSO bylaws to create an emeritus status for those interested in participating as a nonvoting member of the council. The draft language was distributed with today's meeting materials. Andy reported that the Bylaws Committee is considering it now and will submit all proposed bylaws changes for a vote at the Annual Meeting. Dr. Rich Kamin moved that the MDC submit the proposal to the Board and Bylaws committee. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tripp Winslow. Motion passed.

**Annual Meeting Planning** – Dr. Sholl noted that the Annual Meeting format has changed with the general assembly meeting scheduled on Monday followed by council meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday. He asked for topic suggestions for the MDC meeting.

Topics for MDC Meeting – The following topics were suggested:

- Improving workplace culture in EMS (Dr. Tripp Winslow). Dr. Curtis Sandy reported that he taught at an EMS Leadership academy in Idaho and is willing to share more information at the MDC meeting in Reno.
- "EMS as an Essential Service" legislation (Dr. Curtis Sandy).
- Resilience training (Dr. Rich Kamin)
- State Reports – Dr. Kamin suggested members develop bullet points for their state reports prior to the meeting and these can be distributed to members.
- Evidence-based prehospital resuscitation course developed in Arizona (Dr. Gail Bradley). Dr. Bradley offered to share information.

Election of MDC Officers – Dr. Sholl reminded members the election of chair-elect and secretary will be on the agenda in June.

**Project and Committee Updates** – Various Members

- Mass Transport of Pediatric Patients Position Statement – Drs. Scollan and Taillac were not on the call to report on this project which was discussed at the MDC meeting in January.
- Prehospital Airway Management Evidence-Based Guideline Project – Dr. Sholl reported they have submitted a draft of the Prehospital Airway EBG to NHTSA for review.
- Interfacility Transport Position Paper - Dr. George Lindbeck was not available to report.
- IAFC EMS Stakeholder Group - Dr. George Lindbeck was not available to report.
- NEMSAC Update – Dr. Peter Taillac was not on the call to report; however, Dr. Sholl noted that NEMSAC met last month which was Dr. Taillac's last meeting as his term on the Council has ended.

**Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 PM ET. **Next Meeting** – May 1

**SAVE THE DATE:** [NASEMSO Annual Meeting](#) – June 11-15, 2023, Reno, Nevada

*The meeting record was respectfully prepared by NASEMSO Program Manager Mary Hedges with edits by MDC Secretary Dr. Carol Cunningham.*