



NASEMSO Medical Directors Council

May 1, 2023, 1:00 PM ET

Meeting Record

Attending – Matthew Sholl (ME), Tim Chizmar (MD), Jim Walery (SD), Jon Burstein (MA), Kimberly Pruett (NM), Carol Cunningham (OH), Kate Zimmerman (ME), Walt Lubbers (KY), Robert Rosenbaum (DE), Ken Williams (RI), Dan Wolfson (VT), Dan Bledsoe (PA), Ed DesChamps (SC), Gail Bradley (AZ), Jeff Beckman (CO), Jerrilyn Jones (AR), M. Riccardo Colella (WI), Bill Fales (MI), Joe Holley (TN), Eric Ernest (NE), David Lehrfeld (OR), Hernando Garzon (CA)

NASEMSO Staff: Mary Hedges, Alex Tyeryar, Dia Gainor

Call to Order, Welcome, Self-Introductions – Dr. Matthew Sholl, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM ET, and called roll.

Approval of March 6th Meeting Record (attached) – Dr. Carol Cunningham, Secretary, presented the March minutes which were approved as submitted.

NASEMSO Update – Dia Gainor reported that on March 9th, NHTSA awarded a cooperative agreement to NASEMSO for the first stage of developing crash testing standards for devices used to transport children in ambulances.

NHTSA Office of EMS Update – Gam Wijetunge, Director, was not available; however in his absence, Dia Gainor reported that the NHTSA Office of EMS has been focusing on preparing information about the availability of funding for EMS and trauma resulting from the National Roadway Safety Strategy and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law enacted in 2022.

Medical Directors Survey Update – Mary Hedges presented preliminary results of the survey conducted earlier this year. There were 46 respondents, which included state directors in states where there were not medical directors. Thirty-six respondents indicated they serve as the state EMS medical director, 7 responded that they serve as the state's representative to the Medical Directors Council, and 2 respondents stated the position is currently vacant. Full-time employment by the state was reported by 8 medical directors, part-time employment by 8, 18 reported they were contractors, and 2 were volunteers. Additional results will be reported when the council convenes in June at the annual meeting.

Proposed Bylaws Change: Emeritus/Honorary Status – Dr. Sholl thanked Drs. Taillac and Cunningham for drafting language proposing to include honorary members to council membership. Dia reported that the proposed language was considered by the Bylaws Committee and has been sent to the other councils for their feedback. If the proposed bylaws change is accepted by the committee, it will be distributed prior to the annual meeting for a vote by the NASEMSO voting members.

Annual Meeting Planning (draft agenda attached) – The draft MDC meeting agenda for the annual meeting was reviewed and input requested. Mary noted that she listed the topics suggested by members and noted that there is room for revision as not everyone listed will be presenting. Dr. Holley said the CAPCE Board of Directors will be meeting in conjunction with the NASEMSO Annual Meeting and would be interested in meeting with the

MDC. Carol Cunningham commented that a form for submitting state reports prior to the meeting has been drafted.

Project and Committee Updates – Various Members

National Roadway Strategy Safety Ad Hoc Committee – Drs. Fales, Bradley, and Kamin are on the committee. Bill Fales and Gail Bradley reported that the initial meeting was informative about grant funding that will be available.

Mass Transport of Pediatric Patients Position Statement – Drs. Scollan and Taillac were not available to report. This initiative is led by Dr. Kathleen Adelgaïs.

Prehospital Airway Management Evidence-Based Guideline Project – Dr. Matthew Sholl reported that the Technical Expert Panel presented its recommendations on time and have received feedback on their first draft submitted to PEC. The next deliverable is to disseminate a guideline which will be in the format utilized in the NASEMSO National Model Clinical EMS Guidelines.

Other Items of Interest – All

Dr. Hernando Garzon joined the meeting and was asked to introduce himself. He has been the state EMS medical director in California for a year, and this is his first meeting of the Medical Directors Council. He plans on attending the Annual Meeting in Reno.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 1:58 PM ET.

Next Meeting – June 13-14, Reno

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