

NASEMSO Board of Directors
March 9, 2023, 2:00 PM EDT via GoToMeeting
Meeting Record



Present

Officers

President-Elect: Joe House
Treasurer: Gary Brown
Immediate Past President: Kyle Thornton
Secretary: Jason Rhodes

Region Chairs

Western Plains: Marty Link
West: Todd McDowell
East and Member at Large on the EC: Justin Romanello
Great Lakes: Emily Bergquist

Council Chairs

Data Managers: Jay Ostby
Health & Medical Preparedness: Karen Owens
Personnel Licensure: Brett Hart
Pediatric Emergency Care: Marc Minkler
Trauma Managers: Eileen Worden
Medical Directors: Matt Sholl

Absent

President: Alisa Williams
South: Jamie Gray
Great Lakes: Kraig Kinney

Other NASEMSO Members

Rich Kamin
Jay Taylor
Anna Sessa
Dana Selover
Aaron Koehler
Steve McCoy

Federal Partners

HRSA EMSC: Jocelyn Hulbert
NHTSA/OEMS: Gam Wijetunge
NHTSA/OEMS: Brian Tegtmeyer
NHTSA/OEMS: Clary Mole

NASEMSO Staff

Andy Gienapp
Adrienne Wilson
Randall Eimerman
Kelli Perrotti
Mary Hedges
Leslee Stein-Spencer

Call to Order / Roll Call

President-Elect, Joe House called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. ET and Adrienne Wilson called roll. A quorum was present.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Jason Rhodes presented the Executive Committee report and the February 2023 Board meeting Minutes.

ACTION: Gary Brown moved, and Justin Romanello seconded to approve the February 2023 minutes as distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Financial Performance

Gary Brown reported that, as of February 28, 2023, NASEMSO's total income is \$749,950. The total expenses are \$731,996, versus a twelve-month budget of \$1,349,498. The net income from Operations is \$17,860 and the total net excess is \$10,954 (including other income). The net assets are \$674,032.

Program Committee

Gary Brown reported that the Program Committee met last month on February 14th. The Program Committee has updated the Schedule at a Glance, and Kelsie George, the new EMS liaison from the National Conference of State Legislatures, will now speak on Monday. The Education Council has also been added to the schedule. Representatives from the NHTSA Regional Office may attend to hear or join Gam Wijetunge's presentation. Gary Brown also reported that Annual Meeting registration fees have been raised to help provide lunches, receptions, breaks, AV equipment and meeting room rentals.

President's Report and Federal Partners Welcome

Grant Opportunities for Rural EMS Training

Joe House reported that there are two federal funding opportunities available to state offices. The first grant is for [Rural Emergency Medical Service Training](#) that is related to substance use and mental disorders. The second one is for [Mental Health Awareness and Training](#).

NHTSA OEMS

Gam Wijetunge gave a presentation related to trauma systems, post-crash care, and the importance of the National Roadway Safety Strategy. He stated that under the bipartisan infrastructure law, state highway safety offices, in addition to developing an annual highway safety grant application, are now required to submit a Triennial Highway Safety Plan. Many organizations submitted public comments on this process and the first Triennial Highway Safety Plans are due July 1. The presentation is included as an attachment.

Dia Gainor stated that the Board's decision to stand up a Roadway Safety Strategy Ad Hoc Committee is coming to fruition in the next three to four weeks, and shared the Governor's Highway Safety Associations list of links to every state's Office of Highway Safety: <https://www.ghsa.org/about/shsos>.

HRSA/EMSC

Jocelyn Hulbert reported that they are working with the Red Flash group to get a 90 second video completed by EMSC Day (Wednesday, May 24th, of EMS Week).

Jocelyn stated that the EMSC State Partnership grant is beginning a new four-year funding cycle on April 1, 2023. HRSA is trying to get their notices of award out to all 57 recipients. HRSA EMSC received an increase in their appropriation from Congress this year which is being directly passed on to State Partnership grantees.

Jocelyn shared that they are busy preparing for the bi-annual EMSC All Grantee Meeting for 2023. This will be a two and a half day meeting in Austin, Texas, Sept 12-14th. This is the first year that they will have a percentage of people coming in from the Pediatric Pandemic Network.

Executive Director's Report

Current Projects

EMS for Children Innovation & Improvement Center Update

Jocelyn Hulbert reported that the building of the NEMSIS Pediatric Dashboard, with Eric Cheney, is moving along very well. They are also continuing the work and planning for the upcoming National Pediatric Prehospital Readiness Project Assessment that will kick off in 2024. Jocelyn also stated that they are in the last month for data collection for the EMS for Children Survey that goes out to all EMS agencies in the states, through the State Partnership grantee. The participation is up this year, and they are very appreciative of everyone supporting the survey. The EMS for Children Survey closes at the end of March.

Community Opioids (TASC)

Mary Hedges reported that the Opioid project is about one third of the way through this year, and due to their success, additional funding has been received for an extension through December 2023. In February 2023, they provided a webinar to the COSSAP audience, which included over one hundred people. The audience included law enforcement, justice officials, and mental health professionals. The speaker, Tripp Winslow (North Carolina state EMS medical director), spoke about what North Carolina is doing with their community paramedics programs to follow-up with overdose victims and offer them access to treatment.

Mary stated that their next focus is organize opioid-specific presentations at the Annual Meeting, as well as another larger paper to be delivered to them in the spring.

Dia Gainor added that this week, one of the new directors from the Center for Health and Justice, reached out to her to discuss the possibility of NASEMSO helping them on a

project for the National Association of Counties, with some informational resources about utilization and opportunities specific to EMS.

Workforce—CAP 1 (NHTSA/OEMS)

Andy Gienapp reported that the Workforce project (CAP 1) is in a phase right now where they are getting data in from the pilot states. He had a preliminary discussion with CoAEMSP about information that they may be able to help provide to overlay onto the data that the pilot states are generating. CoAEMSP was very receptive to helping and Andy anticipates receiving their data in the next couple of weeks. A similar discussion is scheduled for tomorrow (March 10th) with the National Registry. The concept is to try to combine as many data sets as makes sense, on top of the state data, as a proof of concept for measuring the workforce.

Model Public Health Emergency Guidelines—CAP 4 (NHTSA/OEMS)

Andy Gienapp reported that the project has been difficult to stand up and define. He had a good conversation with Max Severeid from NHTSA OEMS this morning and he anticipates asking for a no-cost extension. He stated that the project remains open to any submissions from any states or organizations.

Airway EBG (NHTSA/OEMS)

Andy Gienapp reported that the Airway Evidence Based Guidelines draft manuscript was submitted to Max Severeid earlier this month and it will be edited and revised and submitted for publication in early April. He stated that another deliverable is to submit the Draft Guidelines in early April. The rest of the year for Airway EBG will be focused on the educational materials and the finalization of Performance Measures.

Adult Falls (NACCHO)

Dia Gainor reported that NACCHO Falls shows as having concluded in December, when in fact, they are operating on a not-yet-signed extension while waiting on a CDC extension to their agreement with the National Association of City and County Health Officials. Dia stated that NASEMSO was able to connect several local health departments with their state EMS office, specifically their data manager, to help these local health departments understand the kind of insight that is possible via state NEMSIS data. This is especially true for those health departments that have ten or eleven different ambulance services operating in their jurisdiction, to understand the frequency and outcomes of senior adult falls in their communities. Dia is hopeful that this turns into a follow up project.

Safe Transport of Children Crash Test Project

Dia Gainor thanked Dave Bryson, along with NHTSA OEMS and HRSA EMSC for children program, for their help in standing up the Safe Transport of Children Crash Test Project. This project, effective today, is a fifteen-month long effort that runs through early June of 2024. The team includes Jim Green, who recently retired from NIOSH, and who was the thought leader and scientist behind the last 10 or so crash test related methods that

were adopted by SAE International. Dia stated that this project is going to involve an unprecedented number of not only governmental partners from NHTSA's Office of EMS, but also NHTSA Occupant Protection, as well as industry partners, equipment manufacturers, ambulance manufacturers, and litter manufacturers.

Action Items

EMS Cardiovascular Health Grant Letter of Support

Discussion:

Maria Koepfel, of the Center for Fire, Rescue, & EMS Health Research at NDRI-USA, Inc. is focused, as a paramedic, on getting equitable treatment of EMS specific issues as NDR priorities. She has been preparing a research proposal to study EMS cardiovascular health. In advance of her proposal being fully completed, Maria is asking for NASEMSO's assistance in sending this letter in support of her preliminary proposal.

ACTION Jason Rhodes moved, and Gary Brown seconded that NASEMSO send this letter in support of Maria Koepfel's preliminary EMS Cardiovascular Health Grant proposal. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

Progress in States

No discussion on the NEMSIS Monthly Report, biospatial use, or other emerging issues.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM EDT

Meeting record respectfully submitted by Member Relations Coordinator, Adrienne Wilson.