# NASEMSO of Directors

# June 11, 2020 – 2:00 PM EDT via teleconference

# Meeting Record

# Present

## Officers

President: Kyle Thornton (NM)

President-Elect: Andy Gienapp (WY)

Treasurer: Gary Brown (VA)

Immediate Past President: Keith Wages (GA)

Member-at-Large and South Region: Stephen Wilson (AL)

## Regions

East: Jason Rhodes (RI)

East: Raffaella Coler (CT)

Great Lakes: Tony Spector (MN)

West: Wayne Denny (ID)

## Councils

Data Managers: Tom McGinnis (CA)

Medical Directors: George Lindbeck (VA)

Medical Directors: Matthew Sholl (ME)

Pediatric Emergency Care: Morgan Scaggs (KY)

Trauma Managers: Alyssa Johnson (MT)

Data Managers Chair Elect: Jay Otsby (WY)

Medical Directors Chair Elect: Matt Sholl (ME)

Trauma Managers Chair Elect: Eileen Worden (MI)

## Others Present

Education: Terrie Godde (MI)

Dan Manz EMS Compact

Ken Williams, MD

John Lyng, MD

Marc Minkler

## Federal Partners

HRSA/EMSC: Jocelyn Hulbert

NHTSA OEMS: Jon Krohmer

NHTSA OEMS: Dave Bryson

NHTSA OEMS: Gam Wijetunge

## NASEMSO Staff

Dia Gainor

Kathy Robinson

Leslee Stein-Spencer

Mary Hedges

Rachael Alter

Hilary Bikowski

## Absent

Secretary: Steve McCoy (FL)

Health and Medical Preparedness: Joe Schmider (TX)

Personnel Licensure: Jamie Gray (AL)

Western Plains: Joe House (KS)

# Call to Order / Roll Call

President Kyle Thornton called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. Eastern time and Dia Gainor called roll. A quorum was present.

# Secretary’s Report

President Kyle Thornton presented the May 14, 2020 minutes.

**ACTION:** Tony Spector asked that his attendance be amended to reflect that he is from MN, not MI. Motion by Andy Gienapp, 2nd by Gary Brown to approve with amendment.

**Treasurer’s Report**

## Gary Brown indicated that no more activity has been reported regarding the incidence of credit card fraud. He explained that the Board had previously approved a deficit budget for 2020-2021 and that with the impact of the pandemic and cancellation of the annual meeting, we are tracking a slightly higher deficit than anticipated.

## Program Committee

## Gary provided an overview of the recent BOD survey and noted a lukewarm response to hosting a virtual meeting in light of members experiencing meeting fatigue and impacts of the pandemic and civil unrest. The Program Committee discussed the possibility of abbreviated sessions and Mary Hedges provided an online review of a possible matrix to the Board. Motion by Steve McCoy to approve, 2nd by Wayne Denny. Discussion on workload involved vs value added. Vote was unanimous.

# Federal Partner Updates

## HRSA/EMSC

Jocelyn Hulbert reported that she was on the Pain Management EBG Kick off call on June 10th. She is working with Tee Morrison-Quinata to identify a representative to be on the Pain Management EBG Technical Expert Panel in the role of patient advocate.

## NHTSA OEMS

Gam Wijetunge reported that NASEMSO and NHSTA had the Pain Management EBG Kick off meeting on June 10th. He said that Dr. Krohmer will continue in his role as lead for the COVID Prehospital Team it migrates from FEMA to HHS.

# Executive Director’s Report

## Current Projects

## NHTSA Fatigue in EMS

Kathy Robinson reported that the study is still ongoing. National enrollment and recruitment have relaunched. A mockup of the scheduling tool was approved.

**Pain Management Evidence-Based Guideline**

Mary Hedges reported that the Kickoff meeting with NHSTA was on June 10th. She said that about one-half of the Technical Expert Panel members have been identified.

## EMS for Children Innovation & Improvement Center Update

Rachael reported that the EMSC Innovation & Improvement Center grant was awarded to University of Texas in Austin (led by Drs. Kate Remick & Charles Macias). The new contract starts July 1, 2020. She said that the EIIC website will continue to be hosted by Baylor. She is working with Duane Lopez and Tom Winkler updating the EIIC website.

She reported that the Prehospital Pediatric Readiness EMS Agency Checklist is finalized. The Steering Committee will meet in July (virtually) to discuss piloting the checklist to 50 agencies and ask for feedback. They will compile the feedback and develop FAQs for the checklist.

**ASTHO Post Opioid Overdose Innovations**

Dia said that due to the COVID -19 pandemic the work on this project has slowed. Once the survey is finalized, we will be identifying states and local jurisdictions who are using innovative practices.

**NACCHO Focus on Falls Prevention**

Dia shared that, similar to the work with ASTHO, we will be identifying states and local jurisdictions who are using CP/MIH-like approaches to falls. The survey will be distributed in July.

**TASC LE/First Responder Opioid Overdoes Victim Diversion**

TASC final agreement is close to being finalized. NASEMSO will be providing subject matter expertise to this large non-profit who is receiving funding from the federal Bureau of Justice Assistance.

## Pending Projects

## Safe Transport of Children Crash Test Project

Dia Gainor reported that due to the pandemic, work on this project is largely in hiatus. The committee continues to meet to discuss ideas for future funding.

## Support for State EMS System Development

Dia Gainor reported that NASEMSO has been awarded the new umbrella agreement by NHTSA. Once specific projects are selected, this agenda item will move from under “pending projects” to the individual projects listed under “current projects”.

# Action Items

## Request from NASEMSE for NASEMSO to sign on to support the “Approaches for Initial EMS Education at All Levels Following COVID-19 Pandemic”

**Discussion:** Terrie Goode joined the call to discuss the request for support. She and Susan Bailey were participants on the writing group for this document. The document outlines that programs can make changes in their educational format to accommodate issues that came to light due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It provides guidelines for programs to use as they develop implement new ways to educate individuals. The document provides examples for individuals to have access to clinical experience during the crisis. The document will provide guidance on how programs can move forward if there is another crisis.

**ACTION:** Kyle asked for a motion to approve signing onto this document, Wayne Denny made the motion, 2nd by Gary Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

## For Board approval: “Recommended Minimum Equipment for BLS and ALS Ground Ambulances 2020: A Joint Position Statement”

**Discussion:** John Lyng, MD, NAEMSP (Project Lead), Ken Williams, MD (NASEMSO) and Marc Minkler, (NASEMSO) joined the call to discuss the document.

In 2019 our organizations undertook a review and revision of the 2014 version of this joint position statement. Part of this revision process included review of equipment lists established by individual state/territory rules and statutes for all 56 U.S. states and territories. Our review identified that the 2014 document and state/territory-level equipment lists required items that were no longer considered safe.

The writing team reviewed what was on the 2014 list and identified items that should be included in the update for 2019. He said that the group would like to have NASEMSO support the position statement.

Andy Gienapp thanked the writing group for their efforts in drafting this position statement. However, he said he does have some concerns regarding some of the statements in the document. He said that his issue is with lines 130 - 34. He said that he is resistant to the idea that the equipment and supplies carried on the vehicles be determined by the medical director. He asked why the writing group modeled this requirement after the Iowa Administrative Code. He said that not every state is in line with the Iowa Administrative Code. He said that lines 130 -134 conflicted with lines 88-99.

Dr. Lyng said the two paragraphs are supportive of each other and not in conflict. He asked if anyone had thoughts on the language.

Marc Minkler said that it is important to include the cooperative effort of local medical direction and state EMS offices. He said that this document should be the minimal guideline for equipment and supplies carried on a truck.

Dr. Williams said that he had no objection to edits that will maintain the integrity of the document and not create a standard for who is charge of the ambulance service but a document that outlines what should be on the ambulance for patient care.

Morgan Scaggs said that she interpreted lines 130-134 to begin an open discussion between the local medical director and state EMS. The language provides some empowerment to local services to add additional items to their service that are not on the list.

Kyle Thornton suggested to Dr. Lyng, Dr. Williams and Marc Minkler that they take this discussion offline.

The members of the writing group asked if NASEMSO can draft language that would be acceptable by them and send to Dr. Lyng, Dr. Williams and Marc Minkler for review.

Kyle asked Andy to draft the language and send it to Dr. Lyng for consideration by the writing group. The deadline to have the language to Dr. Lyng is June 19, 2020.

## Presentation and adoption of the proposed 2020 -2021 NASEMSO Budget

**Discussion:**

Gary said that he and Beth prepared the budget and sent it to the June 5, 2020 EC meeting for approval. It was approved by the EC for presentation to the Board.

Gary explained the logic behind the projections of income and the expenditures. He said that without the revenue from the regional meetings and the annual meeting, we have a deficit for 2020-2021. He said that if the annual meeting is held in July 2021 then the income from the meeting would offset a portion of the deficit.

Wayne Denny expressed concern about approving the 2020 -2021 budget with a deficit again. He said we need to figure out why this is the third year that we are working with a budget deficit. He said that we need to identify additional sources of income to offset the losses.

Andy Gienapp said that he agreed with Wayne and Gary and said that the Board needs to be made accountable before a final budget is approved. Is there a way that we can approve the budget for the next 6 months and have a special budget meeting in 4 months to discuss the remainder of the budget year?

**ACTION:** Kyle asked for a motion that the budget be approved through

 December 31, 2020 with the contingency that at 4 months the Board

has a special budget meeting to discuss the remainder of FY 2020-2021.

Andy Gienapp made the motion to adopt the 2020 – 2021 budget through December 31, 2020 with a review at 4 months. Wayne Denny seconded the motion.

Hearing no objections, the motion to approve the budget through December 31, 2020 was adopted with the contingency that it will be reviewed at the 4-month mark by the Board.

# Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:39 PM EDT at the motion by Gary Brown. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

*Meeting record respectfully submitted by Project Coordinator – Hilary Bikowski*