

# NASEMSO Personnel Licensure Council November 26, 2018 Minutes

### 1. Stakeholders

- a. NREMT
  - i. The National Registry is seeking comment on revisions to the Mark King Initiative Policy. The public notice and comment page is found at <u>https://www.nremt.org/rwd/public/document/public-notices</u>. Revisions to the policy include greater specificity on the criteria and the allowance for states to maintain a state-licensed-only status for providers that have never been Nationally Registered. The comment period closes on February 28.
  - The National Registry has revised the score reports for candidates that failed the cognitive examination. The new reports include information on the OVERALL performance relative to the passing standard for candidates that did not pass. These are reported by category: "near passing," "below passing" and "significantly below passing." We are currently evaluating reporting a scaled score that would provide more detailed information by converting the competency assessment into a numerical scale that can be reported to candidates that did not pass. State or program reports remain unchanged. A sample is attached as a file below.
    - Ray Moellers was introduced as the new Director of Stakeholder Partnerships.

# b. REPLICA

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- There Are two full meetings upcoming of the full Commission in March and May. There will be a Compact Meeting in association with the NASEMSO Annual Meeting on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning of that week in May.
- ii. Donna Tidwell (TN EMS Director) resigned from the Executive Committee and was replaced on an interim basis by Justin Romanello (NH EMS Director).

# 2. Council Priorities

There was discussion about pursuing a strategic planning session to develop further priorities. (In follow-up discussion, the Chair and staff felt that sufficient priority items had been developed/maintained during the course of the meeting without such a process being necessary.)

- a. Identify training requirements for investigators and inspectors (see #ii below) that can be developed into training modules for state EMS offices to utilize.
  - Workgroup has developed a draft document that has been placed in Basecamp for member comments (Investigator/Inspector Training folder).
     Still need feedback around this document. Helen asked for volunteers to continue this work as the Investigation Process Module Sub-committee and

especially for a group chair. (Subsequently Helen was pleased to have Curt volunteer as the chair of the group).

- ii. Dia noted that this Council's focus is investigator training while the AVL Committee should be handling inspector training and related issues.
- b. Develop strategies to promote EMS providers as allied health care professionals
  - i. No discussion other than topic being tabled for further discussion at Annual Meeting.
- c. Engage and provide input on EMS agenda 2050 reviews
  - i. Remove from priority list.
- d. Workforce Issues
  - Wisconsin has a new Workplace survey available at <u>https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02296.pdf</u> which presents trackable location of services among other data points.
  - *ii.* Discussed Georgia EMS workplace study. Need to dig this up and discuss at annual meeting. (A subsequent search was unproductive, so staff has requested related material from GA EMS as well as assistance in discussion at Annual Meeting if possible.)
  - iii. Curt said that KS does a workforce study periodically. He recommended two documents on workforce on the webs) and asked staff to make them available. (They were subsequently located by staff and may be found at https://nasemso.org/wp-content/uploads/EMS-Workforce-Guidelines-11Oct2013.pdf and https://www.ems.gov/pdf/workforce/Provider-Resources/National EMS Workforce Data Definitions 2013.pdf. In addition, an updated set of Data Definitions, including military-related personnel considerations is in Table 1 of the document at: https://nasemso.org/wp-content/uploads/NASEMSO-Military-to-Civilian-EMS-Transition-Project-Final-Summary-Report-Mar2017.pdf).
    The group discussed Workforce Data Definitions document and asked that it be a discussion item at the Annual Meeting.

### 3. Annual Meeting Topics

- a. Characteristics of Sexual Predators Joe Ferrell was to obtain speaker. Followup.
- b. Workforce
  - i. Survey (Georgia) and concept of standard survey.
  - ii. Review Data Definitions Documents (see links above) for application to survey and general use.
  - iii. Review EMS Workforce Guidelines (see links above) for utility of content.
- c. CLEAR presentation on training opportunities.

- d. Review work of Investigation Process Module Sub-committee: Mapping an investigation process to define education necessary to implement it.
- e. Strategies to promote EMS providers as allied health care professionals (?). Wellness issues for EMS providers (?).
- f. Psychomotor exam restructuring the Kansas Experience. Presentation by Curt.
- g. Licensing software Dia noted the large array of licensing software displayed at recent FARB conference. Group would like to discuss Licensing Management System versus other commercial and homegrown approaches. Are we putting too many eggs in one basket with one software provider vs. advantage of single provider?
- h. Prevention and Detecting of Drug Tampering: FDA Special Investigator Joe McCulley, Office of Criminal Investigations. Curt to arrange in coordination with staff.
- i. PLC Chair/Vice-Chair elections.
- j. NASEMSO officer check-in.

### 4. Hot Issues

- a. Curt asked whether there are any federal projects coming up that might involve PLC. Dia said that 10 states were asked to look at the status of professions and their licensing requirements. Dia will look at whether any states have taken the EMS licensee option and get back to PLC. Otherwise, nothing apparent.
- b. Dan is interested in other states' policies on licensing military-related personnel. Kevin suggested the "Military to Civilian" project site on the NASEMSO website.
- c. Jamie said that AL has developed a new form to be taken by applicants to a doctor to validate accommodations required, particularly on hearing and vision impairment. He will post a copy to Basecamp.
- d. Curt suggested having Special Investigator Joe McCulley, FDA Office of Criminal Investigations speak at the Annual Meeting regarding prevention and detecting of drug tampering.

Link to basecamp sign in page: <u>https://3.basecamp.com/3599967</u>

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