

National Association of State EMS Officials



Pediatric Emergency Care Council Strategic Plan Priorities and Strategies 2014

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Rural EMS Committee Strategic Plan

Purpose

- Engage NASEMSO on topics relevant to rural and frontier EMS.
- Provide rural input and expertise to the NASEMSO organization and executive committee.
- Promote interaction and collaboration with other rural EMS partners.

Committee Overview

The ***Rural EMS Committee*** of the National Association of State EMS Officials is committed to fostering the development of state-level leadership to support delivery of rural emergency care and to facilitate collaboration that improves care to patients in rural areas with time-sensitive injuries and illnesses.

The purpose of the Rural EMS Committee is to engage NASEMSO on topics relevant to rural and frontier EMS, provide rural input and expertise to the NASEMSO board and members, and promote interaction and collaboration with other Rural EMS partners.

The ***Joint Committee on Rural Emergency Care (JCREC)*** of the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health and the National Association of State EMS Officials is committed to fostering the development of state-level leadership to support delivery of rural emergency care and to facilitate collaboration that improves care to patients in rural areas with time-sensitive injuries and illnesses.

NASEMSO strategy and planning are categorized under three strategic goals:

- ***Leadership*** refers to the role of state EMS offices as “lead agencies” for EMS as well as thoughtful leaders in public policy development.
- ***Systems Development*** refers to the role of state EMS offices in the development of effective systems of emergency medical care.
- ***Performance Improvement*** is the process of continually reviewing, assessing and refining practices to improve outcomes.



NASEMSO

Strategy and Planning Under:

Leadership - the role of state EMS offices as “lead agencies” for EMS as well as thoughtful leaders in public policy development.

The EMS community looks to state EMS offices for guidance and approval, as well as regulation and licensure. NASEMSO works to support EMS officials nationwide in understanding and implementing processes that improve EMS practices and patient outcomes.

Leadership Strategic Priorities

The Pediatric Emergency Care Council supports Leadership through:

- Facilitating collaboration within NASEMSO and with external partners that improves care to patients in rural areas. ([SP1](#))
- Engagement of the Rural EMS Committee in national opportunities to promote awareness of rural/frontier emergency care issues and strategies for improvement by publishing a compendium of current EMS Service Manager and EMS Medical Director education programs. ([SP2](#))



NASEMSO Strategy and Planning Under:

Systems Development - the role of state EMS offices in the development of effective systems of emergency medical care.

The growing national awareness of the importance of coordinated systems of care places NASEMSO squarely in a leadership role, demonstrating the need for state offices to coordinate the disparate functions that support effective systems.

Systems Development Strategic Priorities

The Pediatric Emergency Care Council supports Systems Development through:

- Continuing to work with the Incident Emergency Medical Subcommittee (IEMS) on issues to support the deployment of EMS and other resources to wildfires. ([SP3](#))
- Engaging the National Ski Patrol (NSP) on issues of regulation and recognition of ski patrol education and ski hill operations. ([SP4](#))
- Engaging in continued development of community paramedicine / community health programs in the U.S. ([SP5](#))



NASEMSO Strategy and Planning Under:

Performance Improvement (PI) - the process of continually reviewing, assessing and refining practices to improve outcomes.

The steps of developing an effective cycle of collecting high quality data, reviewing it in proven multi-disciplinary processes, identifying strategies to implement needed changes and communicating them to all stakeholders are the keys to PI success and improving patient outcomes.

Performance Improvement Strategic Priorities

The Pediatric Emergency Care Council supports Performance Improvement through:

- Advocating for inclusion of EMS in development of local and system rural performance improvement by promoting inclusion of EMS in the statement of work for Quality Improvement Organizations. ([SP 6](#))



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Strategic Priority 1 (Leadership)

Facilitate collaboration within NASEMSO and with external partners that improves care to patients in rural areas.

The JCREC generally meets monthly (first Thursday of the month) to coordinate activities and to facilitate implementation of committee projects.

The Learning Sessions have been opportunities for state representatives from state offices of EMS and Rural Health to come together and learn how to join forces on common goals and interests concerning rural emergency care.

Supports NHTSA CAP001:

Task 5-C (Continue participating in current partnerships.....JCREC)

Activity	Lead	Timeline	Status
Activity 1.1 – Hold JCREC monthly conference calls and attend face-to-face meetings as appropriate.	Rural EMS Chair/ NASEMSO Staff	Monthly	
Activity 1.2 – Assist with planning the 2014 NOSORH Learning Session.	Rural EMS Chair/ NASEMSO Staff	Summer 2014	

Benchmark Activities

date	activity	who	notes



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Strategic Priority 2 (Leadership)

Engage the Rural EMS Committee and JCREC in national opportunities to promote awareness of rural/frontier emergency care issues and strategies for improvement by publishing a compendium of current EMS Service Manager and EMS Medical Director education programs.

Supports NHTSA CAP001, Task 3-D

Activity	Lead	Timeline	Status
Activity 2.1 – Implement updated Leadership Survey.	NASEMSO Staff	July 2013	Survey sent to State Directors
Activity 2.2 – Produce compendium of educational programs based on survey	Rural Co-Chairs / NASEMSO Staff	Aug 2014	

Benchmark Activities

date	activity	who	notes
July-13	2.1	Rachael Alter	Survey sent to State Directors



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Strategic Priority 3 (*Systems Development*)

The Rural EMS Committee will continue to work with the Incident Emergency Medical Subcommittee (IEMS) on issues to support the deployment of EMS and other resources to wildfires.

Supports NHTSA CAP001: Task 5-C (Continue participating in current partnerships.....IEMS)

Activity	Lead	Timeline	Status
Activity 3.1 – Attend IEMS bi-monthly conference calls.	Rural EMS Representative & NASEMSO Staff	Bo-monthly	Conference Calls regularly attended
Activity 3.2 – Blue Card Committee will continue to meet and determine ‘best practices’ for credentialing wildland fire EMTs in Idaho, Nevada, Utah & Wyoming	Wayne Denny (ID) NASEMSO Staff	Meetings held as necessary	Currently waiting for an NWCG System to allow for expiration dates to be input for EMT qualifications

Benchmark Activities

date	activity	who	notes
Bi-monthly	3.1	Rachael Alter/ Wayne Denny	Continue to participate in bi-monthly IEMS calls



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Strategic Priority 4 (*Systems Development*)

Engage the National Ski Patrol (NSP) on issues of regulation and recognition of ski patrol education and ski hill operations.

NSP/NASEMSO Joint Working Group: While NSP and ski patrols assert they should not be regulated they desire to work with NASEMSO to form a working partnership to answer these concerns and where changes are needed to accomplish those changes or where misunderstanding exist to correct those misunderstandings. Both organizations agree that several challenges and barriers related to ski patrollers’ medical interventions exist which necessitate further exploration of solutions. This joint workgroup is essential to mutually defining the issues, educating members and identifying paths of resolution and evidence driven solutions.

Supports NHTSA CAP001: Task 5-C (Continue participating in current partnerships)

Activity	Lead	Timeline	Status
Activity 4.1 – Continue conference calls on an as needed basis and face-to-face meetings as appropriate	Jim DeTienne (MT) / NASEMSO Staff	Ongoing/ As requested	Meetings stopped in the Spring of 2013 due to a change in NSP Leadership
Activity 4.2 – Survey states about current state of ski patrol oversight and provide summary to NSP/NASEMSO workgroup members.	NASEMSO Staff		
Activity 4.3 – Identify model best practices for ski area consideration.	NSP/NASEMSO Working Group / NASEMSO Staff		

Benchmark Activities

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Noc-13	4.1	Jim DeTienne/ Dia Gainor/ Rachael Alter	Held conference call with Interim NSP Director to identify next steps. Will revisit full working group meeting in the new year.

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Strategic Priority 5 (*Systems Development*)

Engage in continued development of community paramedicine / community health programs in the U.S.

NHTSA CAP001: Task 8

Activity	Lead	Timeline	Status
Activity 5.1 – Support activities of the Mobile Integrated Health/Community Paramedicine (MIH/CP) Committee on an as needed basis	Rural EMS Chair / NASEMSO Staff	Ongoing	

Benchmark Activities

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Strategic Priority 6 (*Performance Improvement*)

Advocate for inclusion of EMS in development of local and system rural performance improvement by promoting inclusion of EMS in the statement of work for Quality Improvement Organizations.

Performance measurement is not often a high priority in rural and frontier services struggling to recruit, retain and get volunteers out the door to emergency calls. In the modern era of “high performance” EMS in urban and suburban settings with performance benchmarks frequently linked to monetary incentives, rural and frontier services are likely relatively low performers.

JCREC will promote inclusion of language which requires CMS to fund quality improvement organization technical assistance activities for quality improvement to EMS providers

Supports NHTSA CAP001 Task 1 (Maintain, update and deliver Model State EMS Office Tools)

Activity	Lead	Timeline	Status
Activity 6.1 –			
Activity 6.2 –			

Benchmark Activities

date	activity	who	notes



Parked Priorities

Issues and strategies on the radar, but are currently parked due to various reasons, i.e. awaiting completion of dependent activities; a current lack of champions to whom an issue can be assigned; limited funding, etc.

As appropriate, these will be moved up into the current work plan or carried into a future year.

Parked Priority 1