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**NASEMSO / NOSORH Joint Committee on Rural Emergency Care**

*A coalition of NASEMSO and NOSORH EMS committees - formed to engage each association on topics relevant to rural and frontier emergency care*

**Minutes, January 7, 2010**

Present: NASEMSO: Jim DeTienne, Dave Boer, Susan Perkins, Norajeane Miles Harrell, John Cramer, Kevin McGinnis (staff);

NOSORH: Chris Tilden, Matt Womble, Cindy Miller, Ron Seedorf, Crystal Barth, Joyce Hospodar, Stephanie Hansen (staff).

Guests: Gary Wingrove (NRHA, NEMSMA) Daniel Patterson (Center for Emergency Medicine, PA), Victoria Freeman (NC Rural Health Research & Analysis Center)

Subject	Discussion
2010 Workplan and Budget (Jim DeTienne)	<p>Reviewed the draft workplan (sent to the committee on 1/7/10 and posted on the Google Group site). Norajeane suggested that we find a way to include continuing education for rural providers. Jim is going to accept additional comments, suggestions and "word crafting" over the next two weeks. <i>Workplan will be a living document over the next year.</i></p> <p>The committee is going to meet again on 1/21/10 at 3:00 ET to finalize the workplan. Please submit your comments to Jim next week.</p>
Center for Leadership, Innovation and Research in EMS (Gary Wingrove, Daniel Patterson)	<p>Daniel gave a presentation about the new EMS Agency Research Network for Quality &amp; Safety Improvement (EMSARN) <a href="http://www.emsarn.org">www.emsarn.org</a></p> <p>They want to recruit/enroll additional EMS agencies across the US, especially some volunteer services, to participate in their projects.</p> <p>Three projects: 1. Turnover 2. Safety Culture 3. Sleep - each requires a different level of commitment. Benefits to EMS agencies: financial incentives, individualized reports, technical assistance, tools.</p> <p>Gary and Daniel will be providing us with additional materials/flyer to share with EMS agencies.</p>
JCREC Strategic Planning Document (Kevin McGinnis)	<p>Kevin is now able to spend time working on the strategic plan once again. He will send the current draft to the committee, but he is still working on the final section. He should have the final draft available on the 18<sup>th</sup>, and then the committee will have two weeks for comments/revisions. Kevin would like to be finalizing the draft by the end of January.</p> <p>We will send to the Boards of NASEMSO and NOSORH for review. Then will send out to other interested parties for comment before finalizing.</p>
Health Reform (Gary Wingrove)	<p>House bill that passed has a donut hole – eliminates EMS bonuses, including "super rural". Senate bill reinstates all that the House bill proposes to eliminate.</p> <p>Gary will provide a summary of the issue of the group when it comes time for our voices to be heard.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>Meeting on January 21, 2010 at 3:00 ET – Workplan and strategic plan review. Next regular meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2010 at 3:00 ET.</p>