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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, March 3, 2011**

## Roll Call:

Norajean Miles, Dave Boer, Jim DeTienne, Ken Cook, Ron Seedorf, Dean Cole, Gary Wingrove, Megan Meacham, John Cramer, Joyce Hospodar, Tracy (LA)

Subject	Discussion
	I apologize for the time zone mix up on this call. Some called early and others missed the call. JimD
Learning Session Agenda	<p>Agenda for Learning Session was reviewed. There was consensus that it's ready to be final and distributed.</p> <p><u>Action items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Matt will develop a budget including any conference room, meals and breaks so that we can figure out financial stuff.</li> <li>- <b>Query JCREC members to contact JimD in the next couple of days if they have any other suggestions or comments.</b></li> </ul>
Poster Session	<p>North Central EMS Institute, Gary Wingrove has provided \$5,000 toward support of the learning session and poster competition. While he's provide us flexibility to use the funds as needed, he's primarily interested in monies being used to support an award for the poster presentation that best represents an example of EMS / SORH collaboration.</p> <p><u>Action items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Doug Koupas, Nora Jean, Meg and Joyce volunteered to be on a workgroup to plan this poster session out.</li> <li>- <b>Query JCREC members for any other interested volunteers</b></li> <li>- JimD will send out a Meeting Wizard list of potential times for an initial planning session for sometime in the next 2 weeks</li> </ul>
EMS Director Invitation	<p>Draft memo to State EMS Offices about the NOSORH conference and Learning Session was approved. One suggestion is to emphasize the potential for SORH funding for travel and encouragement of EMS directors to contact the SORH office for more information.</p> <p><u>Action items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Query JCREC members for any other comments or suggestions in the next couple of days.</b></li> <li>- Send out to EMS directors next week on the NASEMSO listserv</li> </ul>
Community Paramedicine	<p>Gary reported on efforts to touch base with IHS about interest in community paramedicine. In some areas, IHS or tribes run nursing programs and there may be some opportunities for nursing / CP collaboration in education and implementation of programs. It was noted that local programs may be tribal or IHS and the two are separate operations and different people.</p> <p>Gary is looking into information about the RPMS (Indian Health) and VA electronic health record programs. Both are open source and may be useful as supplements or enhancements to CP documentation needs.</p> <p>IRCP call – July 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm Eastern</p> <p>The discussion this month will be about the Nova Scotia program which has expanded into a couple of new areas. One involves CPs providing services in nursing homes resulting in 68% reduction in patient transports to hospitals.</p>



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The other program involves increased CP involvement due to physicians no longer being scheduled in ERs from 8:00 pm to 8:00 am, leaving the RN/CP teams to provide care under the phone direction of a physician. Gary will send out call information to the JCREC,

There was some discussion about some growing physician concerns about CP, particularly from family practitioners. An abstract from a recent article will be forwarded to the JCREC. Dean Cole is hearing some similar discussions in NB.

There is a CP discussion scheduled at the NAEMSP conference in Tucson in January. Doug Koupas was probably instrumental in making this happen and we will probably hear more later.

Next Meeting	August 4 at 3:00 ET, 2:00 Central, 1:00 MT, noon Pacific
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