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

**Joint Position Paper Workgroup
Minutes, June 17, 2009 conference call**

Present: Jim DeTienne, Chris Tilden, Susan Perkins, Bob Jex, Victoria Freeman, Kevin McGinnis, Norajean Miles, Dean Cole, Nels Sanddal, Gary Wingrove, Matt Womble, John Cramer

Subject	Discussion
NRHA health care reform letter	<p>Shortly before the conference call, Gary Wingrove invited Allison Renner to speak to the group. Ali is on the government affairs staff of NRHA and they were crafting a letter relative to health care reform to be sent later in the day. A summary of Kennedy's bill was provided and Gary did a speed read of the bill, but was not able to come back onto the call before we adjourned. Subsequently Gary and JimD spoke with Allison afterwards and four suggestions were offered for the NRHA letter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - assure ambulances are listed specifically in minimum benefit sets - community paramedics in home delivery of healthcare should be considered - NEMSIS compliant software should be specifically allowed in HIT grants - "EMS" should be specifically listed in numerous sections, not assumed under the general term of health care provider <p>Gary forwarded the NRHA letter to the JCREC group later in the day. Thanks Gary for the heads up and the time sensitive response to this item.</p>
Workgroup workplan	<p>The skeleton workplan which was sent out earlier was modified a bit and approved. A new draft of the workplan is available on the group page for this project. The workplan schedule is very aggressive and contemplates a final, document approved by both organizations by the end of the year.</p> <p>A good draft needs to be ready for comment and discussion at the association meetings in September and November.</p> <p>Action item: Should Kevin be at the NOSORH meeting in Austin for discussions? His schedule is tight around that time and we need to be sure that his travel is budgeted. (JimD is planning to be at the meeting to represent NASEMSO and the committee.)</p>
Kevin McGinnis, principal author / facilitator for the position paper	<p>NASEMSO is providing the services and expertise of Kevin as a facilitator and author of the joint position paper. Kevin was principal author of the Rural and Frontier EMS Agenda for the Future and many other agenda type documents and projects. He will help with researching the issues, will be available for the August learning session in Park City and will provide drafts of the position paper for review.</p>
Workgroup page in Google site	<p>A new page has been created in the JCREC Google group so that documents, minutes and other stuff for this workgroup can collect in one place.</p>
Resource documents for this project	<p>Resource documents and other background materials which summarize potential issues for inclusion into the joint position paper are in the workgroup page for member review.</p> <p>Action item: Any other background materials need to be added to this page before then end of the page. Members can either upload documents</p>



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	<p>themselves or pass them along to JimD or ChrisT to get them loaded. Action item: Members need to review background materials before a planned July 13 or 14th workgroup conference call so we can have a discussion of what key priorities need to be in the position paper.</p>
<p>July 13th or 14th conference call</p>	<p>While there will be time on the July 2nd regular conference call, a workgroup meeting needs to be held July 13th or 14th to select key issues for the policy paper. Kevin can then begin drafting in time to present a draft document at least by the August meeting in Park City.</p> <p>Action item: Please contact JimD at jdetienne@mt.gov about your meeting preference so that it can be blocked off asap. What is your availability for: <u>Monday, July 13th at 12:00 noon Mountain time (or alternate time)</u> or <u>Tuesday, July 14th at 12:00 noon Mountain time (or alternate)</u></p> <p>Note: JimD will look into using NASEMSO's GoToMeetings membership so that we can use a whiteboard to display issues for all to see.</p>