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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

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These are my quick notes only so that others that were not able to be on the call can respond with comments and suggestions to the draft "Call to Action" with our discussions as background.

Present:

Subject	Discussion
Call to Action	This is being constructed as a call to action document, rather than an agenda document. This document will focus less on general problem statement (as the problem has been presented in other papers) and will focus more on the 'where we want to be in the future' and details of action steps.
1. Integration section	Discussion about whether the Related Priority Issues should be presented first and then wrap them up with the Integration last. - Does this require more explanation for each of the related issues if the idea of integration isn't present first to give context to the remaining items?
Who is responsible for EMS?	A discussion of this may be missing so far. Who is responsible at the federal, state and local level? - Because there is no clear local responsibility for EMS, who would be responsible for implementing local action steps? - States struggle with EMS leadership and responsibilities issues – reference the soon-to-be released NASEMSO model statute document - The 'who is responsible' section of this document needs to clearly state who is responsible for implementing an action step (eg. don't just state Congress has to fund xx, but state who's responsibility it is for convince them to fund an issue)
Reimbursement	Without fundamental changes in funding and reimbursement, many of the issues cannot be resolved.
Cost Benefit / Return on Investment	Need to be sure to introduce the cost benefit of system changes. This is what the system is costing now – if the system is changed to adopting a strategy, this is what the system of future will cost or what savings will be recognized. Introduce a discussion about evidence based medicine; pay for performance, etc that helps justify the investments in system change.
Introductory paragraph before each list of "where we are now" for each priority issue	Write a paragraph before each priority issues which helps the reader understand what system of the future will look like so that when they read each specific issue and the actions steps, they can put them into context of how they are important to fixing the system. State 'what do we really want it to look like' and then follow with the actions steps.
ComPar / REEMS	These are new terms – evaluate if they are needed and appropriate
Leadership	In addition to describing the need for EMS service and EMS medical direction leadership, describe the need to also educate primary care leadership, esp for regionalization, no transport and social service issues



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Hospital role	Need to bring in the importance of the hospital's role in the future of EMS, esp CAH. Use the term 'emergency care system' more than 'EMS system'.
Justify each strategy	Try to data and/or citations to justify each issue, strategy or action step
How should this read?	Have someone who doesn't know EMS read this at some point to see if it makes sense to a policy maker or other audience.
How is the audience	Primarily being written as a document for state and federal policy makers, but also will include elements important to other audiences. How this paper reads may change a bit as we develop action steps and see who is affected by them.
Private vs. government services	Needs to some thought about both types of services. Private services are an important part of the system of the future, but they are left out of many aspects, eg. funding, line of duty death. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - public relies on both equally - regionalization may depend upon a partnership of private services with government volunteer services - both types of services will have to deal with consolidation when necessary
Workforce / Profession / Leadership	Combine all these thoughts into one integrated section
Next Steps	<p>Review the draft document and provide comments to Kevin through the JCREC google group about your thoughts before EOB next Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - how is the structure of the document? - Is there anything missing? - Is there anything in there that should not be there? <p>Kevin will now begin to add meat to each of the sections in the draft document and he needs your specific comments, suggestions, data or citations which improve or support what's been drafted.</p> <p>Provide your comments back by EOB next Tuesday</p> <p>Kevin will begin incorporating these comments and our discussions into a more final draft before our August 20th conference call. He hopes to have a draft available a couple of days before the meeting so that you can study it and provide detailed comments.</p>
Next Conference Call	August 20 th – 8 am Pacific; 9 am Mountain; 10 am Central; 11 am Eastern