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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, December 3, 2009**

Present: NASEMSO: Jim DeTienne, Victoria Freeman, Paul Patrick, Debra Robbins, Susan Perkins, Norajean Miles Harrell, Kevin McGinnis; NOSORH: Chris Tilden, John Cramer, Bob Jex, Matt Womble, Cindy Miller, John Barnas, Chip Thompson, Stephanie Hansen (staff).

Subject	Discussion
Update from Austin	Matt Womble and Jim DeTienne provided an overview of the NOSORH Annual Meeting in Austin, TX. Copies of the presentations with EMS interest have been posted on the JCREC Google Group Site under Documents.
EMS Integration Policy Brief	Revision of the Policy Brief has concluded. It will now be presented to NASEMSO (Jim) and NOSORH (Chris) Boards for approval.  Will discuss next steps (tackling action items) during the January call.
EMS ARRA HIT Funding	Concern expressed that EMS is being left out of HIT funding. Matt's suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask yourself - 1) Does anyone else in my state share this concern? 2) What am I going to do about?</li> <li>• Find out who the Regional Extension Center application is in your area and make sure that EMS is included in their application.</li> </ul> <p>It was suggested that we invite Clay Mann, NEMSIS, to deliver a presentation on this topic, as soon as possible. Jim offered NASEMSO's WebEx Service, if needed.</p>
Other Business	Chris Tilden is leaving the Kansas SORH as of June 2010. NOSORH will need to find another co-chair for the EMS Committee. Chris's leadership will be missed, but he still plans to stay involved in the JCREC.  Talked about the urgent need to put something together specifically for the 35 mile rule for rural EMS cost-based reimbursement. The time is now to strike on this issue! "Due to the history of EMS delivery, oftentimes small, volunteer EMS providers have been established to meet individual, rural community needs. It is not reasonable or common to only have one EMS provider in rural America responsible for 3,846 square miles, the area required to meet the 35 mile rule. Rural EMS organizations that provide service to CAHs should receive cost-based reimbursement to help sustain this vital, yet fragile safety net provider."  Jim recommends that we begin planning for 2010.  Stephanie encouraged the group to observe appropriate listserv etiquette when sending messages to the entire JCREC Google Group. There are over 60 people on the email list, please "think twice" before sending message to the entire group. Does everyone need to see your message or would it be more appropriate to send to a select few?
Next Meeting	Next meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2010 at 3:00 ET.