



## HITS Committee Meeting

June 13, 2012

3:00 P.M. EDT

### Meeting Record

#### Attendance

Dennis Blair, Chair

Dia Gainor (NASEMSO)

Mary Hedges (NASEMSO)

Jay Bradshaw (ME)

Gary Brown (VA)

Robert Cooney (PA)

Chip Cooper (NH)

Carol Cunningham (OH)

Jim DeTienne (MT)

Susan McHenry (NHTSA)

Julie Rabeau (AK)

- I. **Welcome and Roll Call** – Dennis Blair called the meeting to order. He welcomed new member Julie Rabeau from Alaska who is replacing Jolene Whitney from the Trauma Managers Council.
- II. **Toward Zero Deaths - Revision of National Strategy Document** – Dia Gainor summarized the TZD Project and referred members to the attachment containing the EMS Strategies. Of 140 strategies in the document, over 30 are EMS-related. Dia will be participating in a workshop on Friday where the TZD Strategy document will be further edited. There is concern that some of the EMS strategies may be eliminated in the final editing, but she will make a strong argument for retaining them.
- III. **EMS-Related Highway Safety Problem Statement for NCHRP Project** - Dia explained that we have an opportunity to submit a “problem statement” for a NCHRP Project, an opportunity that arises annually. It is important that EMS participates in the NCHRP projects as there is tremendous opportunity for funding projects and research in this TRB program.
- IV. **EMS Presentation at Governors Highway Safety Association Annual Meeting** - Dia reported that we have made progress in getting on the annual meeting agenda for the GHSA. During the past two years we have had a breakout session at this conference. This year EMS will be on the main meeting agenda with a 3-person panel on trauma systems and tactics. Dr. Scott Sasser, who works with Dr. Rick Hunt at the CDC, will be on the panel along with Dia and possibly Dr. Michael Rotunda.
- V. **Project and Committee Updates**
  - A. NTIMC: National Traffic Incident Management Coalition - Scott Winston was not on the call but sent information indicating there is nothing new to report since the last HITS meeting.
  - B. NCHRP 20-24(37)K, Measuring Performance among State DOTs: Sharing Good Practices -- Serious Crash Injury – Dia shared a copy of the draft work plan which she was asked to review.
  - C. NCHRP 20-05, Models for Effective Emergency Medical Services Response to Motor Vehicle Crashes in Rural Areas - Jim DeTienne, who serves on the panel, reported that the

consultant has submitted a draft survey which will be going out to 14 rural state EMS directors. The 14 states were selected based on their high rural fatality rates.

- D. NCHRP 17-57, Development of an Improved Metric for Serious Traffic Crash Injuries – Dia reported the kick-off meeting has not yet occurred but she should have more to report in future meetings.
- E. NCHRP 20-07, Developing a Framework for Emergency Responder/Roadside Worker Struck-by/Near-miss Database - Mary Hedges, who is on the panel, stated the kick-off meeting was held at the end of April and the project is underway. The contractor will develop framework for the database.
- F. Highway Safety Partners Venture -Dia Gainor meets with this group quarterly in the Washington, DC area. The next meeting is June 26.

**VI. Federal/State Partner Interaction (Examples of State EMS partnering with Hwy/Transp) –**

Susan McHenry reported that NHTSA is wrapping up the application cycle for 408 grants, with which she has been involved over the years. She continues to remind the grant reviewers that NEMSIS improvements are still an important part of the 408 program as states migrate to version 3. Susan added that FICEMS meets on June 25 and the Joint EMS National Leadership Forum meets afterward.

**VII. Other Business / Member Questions / Comments**

Bob Cooney asked if others had received notice copy of the NTIMC webinar. He has registered for the webinar and will forward a copy of the notice.

Jim DeTienne reported on his EMS presentation at the two-day meeting involving the Montana Highway Safety Plan last week. He used the power point presentation that Dia created for this purpose and received positive feedback. Jay Bradshaw used the original presentation which has been refined and updated and will continue to be improved. Dennis Blair requested the presentation for use in Alabama.

Susan McHenry announced that Dia Gainor will be receiving a NHTSA award at the Lifesavers Conference later this week in Orlando. Mary Hedges reported that she will be presenting at the Lifesavers Conference on the Toward Zero Deaths National Strategy, and will focus on how EMS is an integral part of the strategy. She will be accepting the award on Dia's behalf, as travel costs have prevented Dia from attending.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 4:05 P.M. EDT.

*The meeting record was respectfully prepared by NASEMSO Program Manager Mary Hedges.*