



**2017 NASEMSO AIR MEDICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING RECORD – MARCH 6, 2017**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON/S	STATUS	
				OPEN	CLOSED
Call to Order @ 1300 hrs.	Chairman House welcomed the group and self-introductions were conducted.	Attendance was recorded via sign in sheet.	KR		3/6/17
Approval of agenda	The Chair presented a proposed standing agenda and future monthly meeting schedule.	Accepted by those present.	JH		3/6/17
Background of committee	Mr. House provided a review of the committee's history and mission. The purpose of the committee is to share, discuss, collaborate, and work to resolve common issues related to emergency medical care of patients transported by air ambulances. NASEMSO members and non-members are welcome to participate in discussions. A link to sign up for the group's mailing list was provided. Those in attendance offered email addresses, requesting to be added to the committee's mailing list. Participants were strongly encouraged to be respectful of opinions and seek to work collaboratively with a goal of improving patient care. Mr. House noted that we have much to learn from one another in moving forward.	None	JH		3/6/17
Review of Air Medical Model Rules (i.e. State Model Rules for the Regulation of Air Medical Services, September 2016)	A brief summary of NASEMSO's Air Medical Model Rules (AMMR) was provided. It was noted that these were developed by NASEMSO with legal input and federal guidance. States were reminded to interpret and apply them in a manner that would confine their scope to matters solely related to medical care and not construed in a way that could constitute regulation of aviation safety or economic matters. The document was circulated to the public following NASEMSO's 2016 Fall Meeting and Ms. Robinson provided a summary of the input received to date. CAMTS standards were frequently referenced as "missing" in the AMMR. Robinson stated that omission of specific standards was deliberate. She noted that CAMTS Standards are highly respected by state EMS officials, the EMS industry, and the public. However, states that have required CAMTS accreditation have been subjected to federal preemption issues related to their focus on aviation safety. Instead, the working group provided an opportunity for states to consider "deemed status" for accreditation services meeting certain conditions, choosing to focus the document strictly on those items within the state's regulatory authority. It was also noted that CAMTS standards are copyrighted and entities using them should seek permission before duplicating them as written. Correspondence received from one industry group suggested several areas perceived to be duplicative of or possibly preempted by federal regulations, however, the committee was assured that those areas were very carefully reviewed with DOT's Office of General Counsel during the development of the document and worded in a way that reflects the state's authority to regulate activities that affect the health and welfare of its citizens. Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse thanked NASEMSO for its efforts in this regard and noted the Model Rules were very useful when Colorado recently revised its own regulations.	The AMMR is a final document and only minor revisions that do not change the scope/intent of the model rules will be considered. Rather than attempt to adjudicate individual comments or to reconcile the AMMR with outside documents, the committee agreed that going forward committee efforts should focus on providing assistance to states to implement the model rules in the form of a "toolkit." A toolkit could provide a repository for providing best practices, sample documents, and other resources as determined by the committee. A workplan was initiated as a spreadsheet to enable the committee to track implementation issues and identify potential resources during future meetings to help clarify and/or resolve them. Comments were received and added, several talking points were also identified. The	JH KR		3/6/17 3/6/17



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		workplan document will be considered a “living” committee resource with frequent revisions intended to provide guidance to the toolkit.			
Liaison Reports	Mr. Robert Byrd graciously provided an update on the meeting he attended last week related to the insurance industry.	Persons with questions were encouraged to contact Mr. Byrd directly.			3/6/17
Next meeting followed by adjournment at 1500 hrs.	The next meeting will be held via Go To Meeting on April 25, 2017 at 3 PM, eastern time.	An Outlook reminder will be circulated to the members of the list serve.	KR	3/6/17	

Location: New Orleans, LA
 Chairperson: Joe House (KS)
 Staff: Kathy Robinson

Attendance:

Name	State or Org	Name	State or Org	Name	State or Org	Name	State or Org
Donna Tidwell	TN	Bill Doyle	MedFlight				
John Englert	PA	Gary Wingrove	Mayo				
Jack Fleeharty	IL	Sailesh Tangivala	Ferno				
Wayne Denny	ID	Robert Byrd	AMGH				
Stephen Wilson	AL	Jim Green	CDC				
Gary Brown	VA						
Steve McCoy	FL						
Andy Gienapp	WY						
Jim Sweeney	NJ						
Jeanne Bakehouse	CO						
Guy Dansie	UT						
Veronica Seymour	OR						
Bill Brown	IBSC						
Dave Bump	IBSC						