



## Meeting Record

### Present

#### Officers

*President:* Alisa Williams (MS)  
*President-Elect:* Joe House (KS)  
*Treasurer:* Gary Brown (VA)  
*Immediate Past President:* Kyle Thornton (NM)  
*Secretary:* Jason Rhodes (RI)

#### Regions

*East:* Justin Romanello (NH)  
*Great Lakes:* Kraig Kinney (IN)  
*South:* Michael Poynter (KY)  
*West:* Wayne Denny (ID)  
*Western Plains Alternate:* Tim Wilson (NE)

#### Councils

*Data Managers:* Tom McGinnis (CA)  
*Health and Medical Preparedness:* Karen Owens (VA)  
*Pediatric Emergency Care:* Amanda Perry (LA)

#### Members

*East Alternate:* Raffaella Coler (CT)  
*Data Managers Alternate:* Jay Ostby (WY)  
Marc Minkler (MA)  
Aaron Koehler (WY)

#### Federal Partners

NHTSA OEMS: Gam Wijetunge  
HRSA EMSC: Jocelyn Hulbert

#### NASEMSO Staff

Dia Gainor  
Hannah Degn  
Rachael Alter  
Kathy Robinson  
Mary Hedges  
Leslee Stein-Spencer

### Call to Order / Roll Call

President Alisa Williams called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Eastern time and Hannah Degn called roll. A quorum was present.

### Secretary's Report

Secretary Jason Rhodes reported on the two executive committee meetings that took place since the January Board call. He presented the December Board meeting minutes.

**ACTION:** Amanda Perry (LA) moved, and Kraig Kinney (IN) seconded, that the minutes should be approved as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

## Treasurer's Report

### Financial Performance

Treasurer Gary Brown reported that as of December 31, 2021, NASEMSO had an operational income of \$772,240 versus a 12-month budget of \$1,340,967. Operational expenses were \$686,903 versus a twelve-month budget of \$1,337,939.

### Program Committee

Gary Brown reported on behalf of the Program Committee that they met this past Tuesday. Plans are still in place for an in person meeting in June in South Carolina. The call for proposals has gone out and is open, staff is finalizing the [schedule at a glance](#), and there will be a Covid Panel for one of the general sessions to go over how various states have handled their responses.

## President's Report

President Williams extended congratulations to Gam on being named NHTSA Director following Dr. Krohmer's retirement. She also informed the Board of staff changes in the Mississippi state EMS office and her job shift; however she will be able to retain her position at NASEMSO.

## Federal Partner Updates

### HRSA/EMSC

Jocelyn Hulbert had no updates for the Board.

### NHTSA OEMS

Gam Wijetunge will be in his new role effective January 29<sup>th</sup>. He expressed his appreciation of everyone's support. He discussed the bipartisan infrastructure law, in which Congress has mentioned NEMSIS has a national database. The law can be found [here](#) for review.

## Executive Director's Report

### Current Projects

#### Fatigue (NHTSA/OBSR)

Kathy Robinson reported that during the recent national webinar the project's new materials were rolled out and can be found [here](#).

#### EMS for Children Innovation & Improvement Center

Rachael Alter reported that the State Partnership team is working on creating onboarding videos for a new project: EMSC University. As the videos are published,

they will be shared (first videos are geared towards anyone who needs a better understanding of the EMSC Program history and current status).

#### **Adult Falls (NAACHO/CDC)**

Hannah Degn reported that the project is successfully wrapped up and that the final deliverables were submitted to NAACHO.

#### **Community Opioids (TASC)**

Mary Hedges reported that NASEMSO that the ad-hoc committee had their first committee meeting earlier this month. Tim Spelaki (NJ) is leading the committee with Stephanie Bush (VT) as the vice chair. Each call will start with a brief presentation from states on what they are doing to present.

#### **Workforce CAP 1 and Strategic Planning CAP 3 (NHTSA/OEMS)**

Hannah Degn reported on both projects and that NASEMSO submitted a no cost extension earlier this month.

#### **Model Clinical Guidelines CAP 2 (NHTSA/OEMS)**

Hannah Degn reported that this project is working on finalizing edits and will have their final briefing with NHTSA sometime next month to present the finalized guidelines.

#### **Model PH Emergency Guidelines CAP 4 (NHTSA/OEMS)**

Hannah Degn reported that this project is on track with deliverables and that NASEMSO is working to hire a new Deputy Director who will take the lead on this project.

#### **Pandemic Response Operations (FEMA/USFA)**

Hannah Degn reported on that Mel House has created state preparedness maps and slides as deliverables for potential outreach to state about pandemic responses and resources. The project is on track with its deliverables to FEMA.

#### **Pending Projects**

##### **Safe Transport of Children Crash Test Project**

Rachael Alter had no update at this time.

##### **Airway EBG (NHTSA)**

Hannah Degn reported that NASEMSO had submitted an application and responded to additional questions from NHTSA. NASEMSO staff is currently in a holding pattern while NHTSA determines the award of the project.

##### **2022 Council Workplans**

Hannah Degn presented a timeline for the six councils and reviewed the dates when they would be due to the board and when the board would review and provide any feedback.

## Action Items

### Evidence-Based Guideline Implementation Toolkit Released by the Prehospital Guidelines Consortium

The final version was shared with the board materials. The changes made were based off 2016-2019 pre-hospital care agreement with NHTSA. The ask is to promote the guidelines and to create a consolidated NASEMSO webpage for all Evidence-Based Guidelines that have been updated and created.

**ACTION:** Gary Brown (VA) motioned, and Mike Poynter (KY) seconded that NASEMSO will support the recommendation for the guidelines and the consolidation of the EBGs onto one webpage. The motion passed unanimously.

### Pediatric Emergency Care Council is seeking approval to share the Defibrillator and AED Pad Memo

Marc Minkler (ME – PECC Chair-Elect) presented on the Memo created by the PECC, which detailed several issues regarding defibrillator pad incompatibility (multi-function defibrillator and AED pads not being used in accordance with manufacturer’s recommendations, particularly in pediatric applications). This issue was brought to the PEC Council’s attention in early December and was discussed on the East Region call earlier this week. Justin Romanello commented that this issue is resurfacing and was prevalent with those on that call (East Region) as well. Due to the infrequency of defibrillator use for pediatrics, PECC wanted to seek the Board’s approval to share this with NASEMSO EMS directors requesting they share within their states/territories. Discussion took place on the process of sharing information without needing Board approval for issues that should be shared in a timelier manner. NASEMSO staff will create a process for review that addresses issues/items that are time sensitive for future calls.

**ACTION:** Justin Romanello (NH) motioned, and Amanda Perry (LA) seconded to support the memo and to share with states. The motion passed unanimously.

The board had a moment of silence to honor Jim DeTienne after discussing his legacy and contributions to EMS during his life.

With no further items to discuss the call adjourned at 2:51 pm at the motion of Mike Poynter (KY) and second of Joe House (KS).

*Meeting record respectfully submitted by Project Coordinator Hannah Degn.*