

NASEMSO Board of Directors
February 9, 2023, 2:00 PM EDT via GoToMeeting

Meeting Record



Present

Officers

President: Alisa Williams
President-Elect: Joe House
Treasurer: Gary Brown
Immediate Past President: Kyle Thornton
Secretary: Jason Rhodes

Region Chairs

East and Member at Large on the EC: Justin Romanello
Great Lakes: Kraig Kinney
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Council Chairs

Data Managers: Jay Ostby
Health & Medical Preparedness: Karen Owens
Personnel Licensure: Brett Hart
Pediatric Emergency Care:
Trauma Managers: Eileen Worden

Other NASEMSO Members

Tim Wilson
Amber Viitanen
Raffaella Calciano
Rich Kamin
Jay Taylor
Anna Sessa
Dana Selover
Aaron Koehler

Federal Partners

HRSA EMSC: Jocelyn Hulbert
NHTSA/OEMS: Gam

NASEMSO Staff

Andy Gienapp
Adrienne Wilson
Randall Eimerman
Kelli Perrotti
Mary Hedges
Leslee Stein-Spencer
Rachael Alter

Absent

South: Jamie Gray
West: Todd McDowell
Western Plains: Marty Link
Medical Directors: Matt Sholl
Dia Gainor
Management Counsel: Beth Armstrong

Call to Order / Roll Call

President, Alisa Williams called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. ET and Adrienne Wilson called roll. A quorum was present.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Jason Rhodes presented the Executive Committee report and the January Board meeting Minutes.

Discussion: Marc Minkler brought it to the Board's attention that JEMS is spelled incorrectly.

ACTION: Marc Minkler moved to approve the December 2022 minutes, with Marc Minkler's proposed correction and Justin Romanello seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Financial Performance

Gary Brown reported that, as of January 31, 2023, NASEMSO's total income is \$679,119. The total expenses are \$648,706, versus a twelve-month budget of \$1,349,498. The net income from Operations is \$(7,780) and the total net excess is \$30,413 (including other income). The net assets are \$684,141.

Program Committee

Gary reported that the Program Committee does not have a report for this month as they have not yet had a meeting in February.

President's Report and Federal Partners Welcome

HRSA/EMSC

Jocelyn Hulbert reported that data collection for the annual EMS for Children Survey is ongoing. This survey was deployed in January and will close at the end of March. The survey was sent to all EMS agencies that respond to 911 calls and is assessing two EMSC Program performance measures. Jocelyn thanked everyone who is helping to encourage participation. She heard from the EMSC Data Center (formally NEDARC) that the response rate is up four percent from this time last year.

NHTSA OEMS

Gam Wijetunge thanked NASEMSO for signing on to be a first mover on the National Roadway Safety Strategy. NHTSA OEMS just passed the one-year mark for the National Safety Strategy. Gam reported that last year NASEMSO commented on the Uniform procedures for the Highway Safety Grant Programs. The final rule for that was posted in the Federal Register on February 6th, 2023. It includes a summary of the comments on EMS and 911. Also, out right now for public comment in the Federal Register, are the Draft Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria Guideline Sixth Edition, or MMUCC. This is what NHTSA, and their Crash Partners use for

collecting crash data. There are EMS elements in there, thanks to work by NASEMSO and NHTSA Staff Eric Cheney as well as the NEMSIS TAC.

Gam noted that Dia attended the Emerging Threats Committee, that was established by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. One of the things that was discussed at that last meeting was the infiltration of xylazine into the illicit fentanyl supply throughout the country. It is known on the street as TRANQ and has deleterious effects on patients. Gam stated that he is interested in hearing from NASEMSO and NASEMSO's partners about finding xylazine in their illicit fentanyl supply. Those who have something to report regarding xylazine, can report back to NHTSA or ONDCP.

Executive Director's Report

Current Projects

EMS for Children Innovation & Improvement Center Update

Rachael Alter reported that on Tuesday they hosted the quarterly Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project Steering Committee Meeting. This project is ramping up for the release of the 2024 assessment, which will be based on the Joint Policy Statement and Technical Report (Pediatric Readiness in Emergency Medical Services Systems), that was released in 2020. It will be in lieu of the annual EMSC survey that is currently ongoing. They are working on getting the word out on the importance of the project and the importance of the getting EMS agencies to respond to it. Rachael stated they hope that they can engage all state EMS offices to help get the word out on that survey in early 2024.

Rachael also reported that two weeks ago the State Partnership teams from both the EIIC & the EMSC Data Center met in Rockville at HRSA headquarters to discuss state partnership grants and needs for grantees. HRSA is currently determining where site visits will be in 2023 and early 2024 .

Community Opioids (TASC)

Mary Hedges reported that they have submitted one deliverable already this year, which is a short article on EMS involvement in the opioid epidemic and alternative approaches, including medication assisted treatment. They will write a longer article that will be put together later in the spring. Mary also stated that they will have a webinar on February 23, 2023, at 3 PM ET, which will feature North Carolina's State Medical Director, Dr. Tripp Winslow. Dr. Winslow will talk about North Carolina's efforts in addressing the opioid epidemic. This will include discussion about some of their community paramedic programs that are following up with overdose victims and providing medication assisted treatment as well as other harm reduction activities. Mary reported that they will continue to have their Opioid Ad Hoc Committee meetings and that they will now meet bi-monthly.

Workforce Cap 1 (NHTSA/OEMS)

Andy Gienapp reported the report on the Workforce scan went out and it can be found on the [NASEMSO website](#). The report will guide the future work for the project period. Andy said that everyone should feel free to reach out to him with any questions that they have. Andy also thanked Rachael for her work with helping him edit and create graphics for the report.

Strategic Planning CAP 3 (NHTSA/OEMS)

Andy Gienapp reported that this project is in the close out period. The project will be finished once the final paperwork and invoices are submitted to NHTSA OEMS.

Model PH Emergency Guidelines CAP 4 (NHTSA/OEMS)

Andy Gienapp reported that it has been a challenge to determine what the final product and deliverable of this project will look like. Andy is awaiting feedback, after newly submitted ideas and suggestions to Max Severeid, regarding the shape of the final product.

Airway EBG (NHTSA/OEMS)

Andy Gienapp reported that the Airway Evidence Based Guidelines continues to progress. They had an in-person meeting in Tampa in conjunction with NAEMSP. It was a very productive meeting in which they scoped out what the manuscript is going to look like. They also did some tentative work on the Guideline. They are both deliverables that will come right on the heels of each other at the beginning of March and then the beginning of April. They are going to try to publish both of them at the same time.

Adult Falls (NACCHO)

Andy Gienapp reported that we are currently beyond the contract period with NACCHO. They, however, continue to provide NACCHO assistance as partners, especially as they interact with the State EMS Offices. Most recently, they are contacting the Montana office about a project that is going on in the Yellowstone area. It continues to be an enduring relationship with NACCHO.

Pending Projects

Safe Transport of Children Crash Test Project

Andy Gienapp reported that the project is not finalized yet, but he is confident that it will be just as soon as Dave is able to navigate it through the approval process. Rachael Alter added that the Scope of Work required a modification, so there is still some work to be done.

NHTSA Task Order on Cataloguing EMS Resources

Andy Gienapp reported that there was a partner that NASEMSO has worked with before who submitted a bid and they had asked NASEMSO to join in with them on

that. However, the partner was not selected and thus, NASEMSO will not be part of that project.

Action Items

Request from NAMIHP for NASEMSO Support/Distribution of a Proclamation Calling for “National MIH Week”

Discussion: Andy reported that NAMIHP is a partner organization with NASEMSO, that is led by Executive Director Martha Peribono. Tim Wilson and Andy sit on NAMIHP’s task force and NAMIHP is plugged into NASEMSO’s CP-MIH Committee. Kraig Kinney commented that he is a member of NAMIHP and stated that he was unsure whether NAMIHP was seeking for NASEMSO to take on this as their proclamation or were they just interested in taking it to the States. Andy stated that he felt that they were looking for a letter of support from NASEMSO.

ACTION Kraig Kinney moved, and Joe House seconded that NASEMSO support NAMIHP proclamation and encourage States to consider participating in an MIH designation as NAMIHP had proposed. The motion carried with an abstention from Brett Hart.

CoAEMSP Response to NASEMSO Inter-Organizational Agreement and Next Steps

Discussion: Kyle Thornton provided a historical perspective of NASEMSO’s past relationship with the CoAEMSP including noting the requirement to pay dues to both CAAHEP and CoAEMSP, the original offer from NASEMSO to CoAEMSP seeking to establish a reciprocal agreement similar to the agreement with the NREMT, the response from CoAEMSP declining the offer, the NASEMSO Board vote to withdraw from CoAEMSP and CAAHEP dues payment, the subsequent outreach from CoAEMSP in 2021/2022, and NASEMSO’s re-extension of the offer for a reciprocal agreement. Thornton reported that the Executive Committee met with CoAEMSP leadership and that in that meeting, CoAEMSP advised NASEMSO that they were unable to accept the reciprocal agreement. Thornton also reported that CoAEMSP and NASEMSO had reached a professional understanding that communication would continue routinely between leadership.

As part of the discussion, Brett Hart (PLC), offered that he felt that it was important for NASEMSO to continue to maintain membership on the CoAEMSP board, regardless of any reciprocal agreement.

ACTION: Hart moved that the matter of NASEMSO membership be put before

the Association Membership for a vote at the annual meeting. President Williams called for a point of order on whether NASEMSO's by-laws would allow for this procedure. Dep. Dir. Gienapp reported back that the by-laws were not entirely clear, but that the bylaws, Section V3. Indicate "The Board of Directors shall have the authority to conduct the affairs of the Association between regular meetings of the membership." Gienapp indicated that one option would be to accept the motion, but table it rather than voting until such time as the Board could consider whether the matter could be brought to the entire membership, or alternatively, the Board could simply interpret the by-laws as allowing the Board to exercise discretion on the matter. President Williams restated the motion and called for a second. The motion died for lack of a second.

ACTION: Kraig Kinney moved that the Executive Committee continue to explore the communication channels agreed to by NASEMSO and CoAEMSP, and report back at the next Board meeting, and that Brett Hart be charged with engendering discussion within the PLC to compare benefits of CoAEMSP membership as opposed to non-membership. Joe House seconded. The motion carried.

Discussion Items

Appointees for the Education Council

State directors will receive a request for their Council appointees for the Education Committee by Friday, February 10th, 2023.

Discussion:

There was no discussion.

Second Meeting with the White House COVID Team

Andy and Dia met with the White House COVID Team and representatives from NAEMSP and NAEMT. They are looking to produce a playbook for the pandemic that they are interested in turning into a real document. They are interested in what was done around clinical practice of EMS during the pandemic. This is still in the early stages, and they will keep the Board updated on the progress.

Discussion:

There was no discussion.

NASEMSO's Tagline and Graphic

Andy reported that the Board created a NASEMSO tagline at the Board Retreat in December. They then sent the tagline to one of their cohorts in graphic design and they constructed the graphic of the tagline.

Discussion:

Brett commented that NASEMSO is not the voice of the system, they are the voice of the States. Kraig Kinney added that this was discussed at the Board Retreat, and they considered using "voice of the States", but the Councils really wanted "systems" in the tagline. Kraig Kinney stated that he thinks the graphic looks professional and achieves what the Board had hoped with their advocacy and with their wanting to put NASEMSO out there.

Other Business

Progress in States

No discussion on NEMSIS Monthly Report. Biospatial use, or other emerging issues.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM EDT

Meeting record respectfully submitted by Member Relations Coordinator Adrienne Wilson.