

## Meeting Record



### Present

#### Officers

*President:* Alisa Williams  
*President-Elect:* Joe House  
*Treasurer:*  
*Immediate Past President:*  
*Secretary:* Jason Rhodes  
Member at large on the EC: Justin Romanello

#### Regions

*East:* Justin Romanello  
*Great Lakes:* Kraig Kinney  
*South:*  
*West:* Todd McDowell  
*Western Plains:* Marty Link

#### Councils

Jay Ostby  
Karen Owens  
Anna Sessa  
Curt Shreckengaust  
Marc Minkler

#### Councils continued

Eilleen Worden

### Absent

Emily Bergquist  
Jamie Gray  
Matthew Sholl  
Gary Brown  
Kyle Thorton  
Jamie Gray

#### Members

Tim Wilson  
Rich Kamin  
Jay Taylor  
Amber Viitanen  
Aaron Koehler  
Terrie Godde  
Eric Hicken  
Aaron Koehler  
Jay Taylor

#### Federal Partners

Gam Wijetunge  
Jocelyn Hulbert

#### NASEMSO Staff

Dia Gainor  
Andy Gienapp  
Adrienne Wilson  
Kelli Perotti  
Mary Hedges  
Leslee Stein-Spencer

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM EDT.

## Call to Order / Roll Call

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

## Secretary's Report

- NASEMSO Board Meeting Minutes – October 2022  
September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Board meeting minutes.

**Action:** Jason Rhodes moved to approve the October 13th minutes, as proposed, and Marc Minkler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## Treasurer's Report

### Financial Performance

Gary Brown was not present to read the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's report sent by Kelly Eigler detailed the following: As of October 31, 2022, NASEMSO's total Income is \$402,919. Total Expenses are \$408,217, versus a twelve-month budget of \$1,349,498. The Net Income from Operations is \$2,035 and the total Net Excess is \$(5,298) (including Other Income). Net Assets are \$701,695, the Balance sheet reflects \$127,140 cash at TD Bank. Accounts Receivable is \$42,297 from Contracts and total Investments are of \$532,258 at UBS.

### Program Committee

Mary Hedges stated that the Program Committee's new schedule is set with members meeting all together on Monday, for general sessions and opening, and then, breaking off into councils and committees on Tuesday and Wednesday. The schedule allows for everyone to come back together again on Thursday. Mary also reported that they went over different speakers for the general sessions, The Lunch and Learn, and the Opening Session.

## President's Report and Federal Partners Welcome

### Update on CoAEMSP Deliberations

Dia stated that on October 27<sup>th</sup> a letter was sent to the staff of CoAEMSP, as well as an updated organizational Agreement. They are looking forward to hearing back in the form of a positive response from CoAEMSP staff.

## **HRSA/EMSC**

Jocelyn Hubert reported that EMSC State Partnership application for their next funding cycle has closed on the seventh of November, and that they are moving into the review phase. This will be for funding beginning April 1st, 2023 for all of their State Partnership grantees. During that next funding cycle, in the prehospital arena, they we will be introducing two new performance measures having to do with pediatric prehospital recognition systems at the agency level and a disaster plan, including pediatrics at the agency level. They will be retiring their higher data collection beginning April first.

Jocelyn stated that they are working on a pediatric dashboard project where they are sourcing evidenced based guidelines to include on the dashboard and identifying feasible and meaningful patient and EMS agency level demographics to build the dashboard filters around. The tentative timeline for development of the dashboard, will allow it to be available for use prior to the launch of the Pediatric prehospital readiness survey in 2024.

Jocelyn also reported that they are currently working closely with federal agencies and non-federal agencies regarding the current pediatric respiratory surge across the country

## **NHTSA OEMS**

Gam Wijetunge reported that Crash Responder Safety Week will start off on the November 14th with a webinar hosted by the Federal Highway Administration. Gam also stated that the National EMS Advisory Council met last weekend and finalized two letters to the Federal inter-agency Committee on EMS on post-crash care. The letters include recommendations for how to improve post-crash Care in the country. Gam said that the next online meeting is coming up on December seventh at 10 PM and will include presentations from San Antonio, MS on their whole blood program as well as a presentation on the Pre-Hospital Pediatric Readiness Project from the EMSC.

Gam reported that they have resumed state assessments and said that if states are interested in conducting an assessment, then they should reach out Dave Bryson, the coordinator for the program, Dave Bryson. Gam also gave an update on the nationwide shortage and delays in ambulance production. The White House National Economic Council, along the with support from the Department of Commerce, have taken the lead on investigating the shortage issue.

## **Executive Director's Report**

### **EMS for Children Innovation & Improvement Center Update**

Rachael Alter reported that they are working, with a small group of people, to update the Performance Measure Manual by the end of the year. They aim to have it ready for the new grant cycle coming in April. They are still working on updates to the Program

Manager Welcome or the Program Manager Toolkit, which is for new program managers to help them understand their role on the EMSC program.

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

Mary Hedges reported that they are in the process of getting their sub award extended. They will be putting together a webinar for COSSAP on what EMS does to address the opioid crisis, and will be submitting a short paper and a longer paper for publication.

### **Workforce Cap 1(NHTSA/OEMS)**

Andy reported that the CAP1 survey has received around 30 responses and that he is looking for maximum state participation with this scan.

### **Strategic Planning CAP 3 (NHTSA/OEMS)**

Andy reported CAP 3 is wrapping up the final documents and that they just need to get back to the Pilot States.

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

Andy reported that the Guidelines' scan is still live and that a link to a website housing the project will be coming out soon as a part of the communications plan. Andy also stated that the feedback he is seeking is an explanation from the states on the behind-the-scenes work. He wants to know how they got to that point and what were the things that they figured out. Andy ended by saying, that states may be getting a request from him or others, to do a deep dive interview to find out the workings behind it.

### **Airway EBG (NHTSA/OEMS)**

Andy reported that Airway EBG is rolling along and that they may need to add some meetings to stay on track.

### **Adult Falls (NACCHO)**

Dia reported that NASEMSO's award with NACCHO ends in December, however, she suspects that they have realized the utility of involving NASEMSO in their interactions with local health departments that are trying to stand up for intervention and fall prevention programs. Dia also shared that the state EMS offices in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New York have local health departments in their states with an interest in querying or otherwise taking advantage of the state Nemesis data for the multiple EMS agencies within the jurisdiction in which the Health Department is trying to stand these programs up. Dia also noted that they are finding, often, that the local health department does not know that the State and NEMSIS data exists are often surprised at what it can tell them about falls in their community and, more importantly, they make changes in full frequency over time after they do their program intervention.

## Pending Projects

### Safe Transport of Children Crash Test Project

Dia did not have anything to report

### NHTSA Task Order on Cataloguing EMS Resources

Dia did not have anything to report

### H.R.8994: Supporting Our First Responders Act

Dia did not have anything to report

## Action Items

**East Region Meeting a motion was made, carried, and voted in favor of to present to the Board of Directors and make a motion there to make the Education Committee an Education Council.**

Justin reported that the East Region Meeting wishes to make the Education Committee an Education Council to give it a higher authority within NASEMSO. Justin went on to say that this request was also based on some of the national concerns that we all have with education and some of the stuff we saw occur earlier in the year with some of our partners, and organizations. He stated that the East believes that the issues we're having with education aren't going anywhere, and that it might be time to increase our visibility and ownership of it within NASEMSO.

Terrie Godde added, as the Chair of the Education Committee that she supports the move to a Council. She also asked that the State Directors send someone from their state to the Education Committee's next meeting.

**Action:** Justin brought the motion forward to move to make the Education Committee an Education Council and Kraig Kinney Seconded the motion. A vote was made, and it was unanimously decided for the motion to carry to make the Education Committee an Education Council.

## Recommendation to Retire list of Pediatric Transport Products for ground Ambulances – Safe Transport of Children Committee, Eric Hicken, Chair (Invited)

Eric Hicken reported that the Safe Transportation Children Committee created a list for pediatric transport products for ground ambulances several years earlier, which it updates every couple of years. He stated that, in doing so, there has been some heartache through the process and some pretty strong opinions on whether this list should be there or shouldn't be there. During the process, there had been some question about liability and some misleading comments by manufacturers that almost make it look like NASEMSO is endorsing the items on this list. One manufacturer, Saplacor, has posted the NASEMSO logo on its website.

At their last meeting of the safe Transport for Children, a motion was made and passed, to retire to list until evidenced based data can be received on what should or should not be on a list that is safe for children, in a transport environment in the back of an ambulance. Marc Minkler countered, that in Maine, they use the list as a tool not as a recommendation. Marc also stated that he worries that if we make this document go away and States are relying upon it, does that suddenly seem like we're no longer supporting using a device for safe pediatric transport?

**Action:** Marc Minkler made a motion for NASEMSO to table this discussion to allow the Pediatric Emergency Care Council to survey the state members on their use of this document, and bring that back at the next meeting. Joe House seconded the motion. The motion carried to table the issue and to poll our membership.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Action:** Joe House made a motion that we direct staff to reach out to Saplacor and ask them to either remove our logo or clearly identify that we're not endorsing their product. Kraig Kinney seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

## NASEMSO Sign On Request: Response to JEMS “Take Your EMS Class to Church” Article

Dia reported that NASEMSO is being asked to sign on to the response to JEMS “Take your EMS Class” Article by tomorrow

**Action:** Joe House made a motion to sign the letter and make any suggestions on edits or distribution additions, including our staff and the Editorial Board. Justin Romanello seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## The West made a recommendation to Form an Ad Hoc Committee on State Strategic Highway Safety

Dia reported during the West regional meeting the members discussed working together to create materials that could be used to, more adeptly, apply for opportunities with the National Roadway Safety Strategy. More broadly, they decided it would be beneficial for all of NASEMSO to form an ad hoc committee for the purpose of creating and eventually sharing templates and resources that would allow members to better access these opportunities. The committee would include a couple of seasoned, strong, state EMS directors, at minimum, trauma managers, data managers, and pediatric, as well as at least HITS, and the Agency, and Vehicle licensure committee.

**Action:** Alisa stated that there was not downside to forming the committee and concluded that NASEMSO should move forward with the steps needed to form the committee.

### Other Business

- Progress in States
  - NEMSIS Monthly Report
  - Biospatial Use
  - Other emerging issues

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM EDT at the motion of Jason Rhodes and the second of Justin Romanello.

*Meeting record respectfully submitted by Member Relations Coordinator Adrienne Wilson.*