

Meeting Record



Present

Officers

President: Kyle Thornton (NM)
President Elect: Andy Gienapp (WY)
Treasurer: Gary Brown (VA)
Immediate Past President: Keith Wages (GA)

Regions

East: Justin Romanello (NH)
Great Lakes: Kraig Kinney (IN)
South Region: Michael Poynter (KY)
Western Plains: Joe House (KS)
West Region: Wayne Denny (ID)

Councils

Data Managers: Jay Ostby (WY)
Pediatric Emergency Care: Amanda Perry (LA)
Trauma Managers: Alyssa Johnson (MT)
Health and Medical Preparedness: Karen Owens (VA)
Medical Directors: Matthew Sholl (ME)

Members

Dale Adkerson
Eileen Worden
Raffaella Coler
Dan Manz
Terrie Godde

Federal Partners

HRSA/EMSC: Jocelyn Hulbert
NHTSA OEMS: Gam Wijetunge
NHTSA OEMS: Jon Krohmer

NASEMSO Staff

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

Absent

Secretary: Steve McCoy (FL)
Member-at-Large: Jason Rhodes (RI)

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

Call to Order / Roll Call

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

Secretary's Report

President Kyle Thornton presented the revised July Board meeting minutes.

ACTION: Joe House moved, and Gary Brown seconded, that the minutes should be approved as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Financial Performance

Treasurer Gary Brown presented NASEMSO's 2020-2021 year-end financial report. He commended ASMI and NASEMSO staff for their diligent work on maintaining the budget. Treasurer Gary Brown reported that as of June 30, 2021, NASEMSO had an operational income of \$1,040,338 versus a 12-month budget of \$1,507,186. Operational expenses were \$1,039,190 versus a twelve-month budget of \$1,505,685.

He also reported the financials for July 2021 which are: NASEMSO had an operational income of \$152,355 versus a 12-month budget of \$1,340,967.

Program Committee

Gary Brown and Mary Hedges reported on behalf of the Program Committee that they are still working to host the meeting in person and will make a final decision regarding possible postponing later.

ACTION: No action.

Federal Partner's Reports

HRSA/EMSC

Jocelyn Hulbert reported that HRSA awarded one Regional Pediatric Pandemic Network cooperative agreement. The purpose of the program is to coordinate among the Nation's pediatric hospitals and their communities in preparing for and responding to global health threats, including the coordination, preparation, response, and real-time dissemination of research-informed pediatric care for future pandemics. The project's performance period is from September 1, 2021, to August 31, 2026. More updates will follow as the project gets underway.

NHTSA OEMS

Jon Krohmer and Gam Wijetunge provided an update on the current COVID climate and the ongoing calls that are taking place again to address ongoing issues and concerns.

Executive Director's Report

Current Projects

NHTSA Fatigue in EMS

Kathy Robinson reported that they are working to make the data more user friendly and to continue conversations about making it easier to use and understand. For people to be able to download data it would require a significant financial investment that is currently not available. However, NASEMSO will still be able to share the results of the report. The project stands close to being complete.

EMS for Children Innovation & Improvement Center Update

Rachael Alter reported that they had good turnout for the July Webinar and that the recording has been posted on their website if anyone would still like to view it.

NACCHO Adult Falls

Dia Gainor reported that the city and county health officials are continuing to finalize a manuscript to work to reduce ground level falls. The focus group interviews are ongoing and will conclude by mid-September.

TASC

Mary Hedges reported that the opioid related projects are in good standing and that work is being done to develop a webinar on state EMS offices submitting overdose data to ODMAP.

NHTSA Pain EBG

Mary Hedges reported that the TEP has completed the last two deliverables: the performance measures and the training module. Both have been submitted to NHTSA and the TEP will work to produce a webinar.

Workforce (CAP 1)

Dia Gainor reported that Jim DeTienne continues to conduct research and that the next TEP meeting will take place in September. While Jim is committed to continuing to work on the project it is also likely that NASEMSO will also work with another program manager for this project.

Model Clinical Guidelines (CAP 2)

Dia Gainor reported that the draft was submitted to NHTSA and will be shared soon for public comment. It will be posted on the website and largely distributed for everyone to weigh in. They will also be holding an in person meeting this fall for the editing team to review and finalize the document and any received comments.

Strategic Planning (CAP 3)

Dia Gainor reported that three states have expressed interest in engaging with the project.

Pandemic Study

Dia Gainor reported that Mel House has been using all pandemic related materials that were have been posted on state's websites as a starting point for further research for the project.

Sled Buck

Dia Gainor reported that New Jersey's EMS for children program donated funds to develop a device to test pediatric safety restraints in the back of an ambulance and that project will be concluding next month when they finish the final testing.

Action Item

Joint Statement on Protecting and Preserving the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Workforce in the Face of COVID Surge

President Kyle Thornton presented the statement sent out and asked if the board is in favor of supporting it. Discussion took place on the language and what tools are at our disposal to combat COVID-19. Andy Gienapp suggested that moving the bullet relating to vaccinations higher on the list could improve it. Overall, comments were in favor of supporting it. Discussion took place on the COVID surge and the ongoing challenges that the EMS Workforce faces state to state. Some concerns were raised on supporting the statement, however the language presented is fairly generic.

ACTION: Andy Gienapp moved, and Matthew Sholl seconded that NASEMSO support the statement. A vote took place with the majority in favor of supporting. Keith Wages abstained.

Olympic Committee Letter

Kathy Robinson presented a letter endorsed by the Trauma Managers and Pediatric Emergency Care Councils which addresses skateboarding in the Olympic games and the lack of helmet requirements for participation at the elite level. The letter encourages requiring helmets for future events to prevent traumatic brain injuries. Discussion took place regarding the letter and position with favorable comments being shared.

ACTION: Amanda Perry moved, and Alyssa Johnson seconded that NASEMSO endorse and send the letter. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Progress in States

NEMSIS Monthly Report

It was included with the materials for this call.

EMS CompAct

No update at this time.

Biospatial Use

No update at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:02 PM EDT.

Meeting record respectfully submitted by Project Coordinator Hannah Degn.