



Domestic Preparedness Committee
Annual Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2013

Members Present:

Joe Schmider: Texas, Chair

Paul Patrick: Utah

Mike Harryman: Oregon

Gary Brown: Virginia

Wayne Denny: Idaho

Jason Rhodes: R.I.

Chris Bell: Vermont

Mel House: Ohio

Bob Bass: Maryland

Jack Fleearty: Illinois

Richard Gibbons: Pa

Gam Wijetunge: NHTSA

Steve Murphy: AAA/AMR

Ray Mollers: DHS/OHA

Jim Grove: DHS

NASEMSO Staff: Leslee Stein-Spencer

Welcome:

Joe Schmider, Chair welcomed the group and introductions were made.

June Meeting Minutes:

It was moved and seconded to approve the June meeting minutes. These minutes are posted on the DP web site.

FICEMS report and MUCC Triage:

Bob Bass presented a status report on the MUCC system for triage. There was a lengthy discussion on transiting to the MUCC system. Bob Bass presented information about the system and that a transition document to this new system was presented to FICEMS in July. They formally adopted the transition document, which we will post on the Web Site (the link is as follows:

http://ems.gov/pdf/2013/ficems_meet/07FICEMS_MUCC_Implementation_Plan.pdf)

- The committee will review the MUCC document,
- Vermont's new protocols which are adopting MUCC and

- NASEMSO's resolution from last year and make this part of discussion at the board retreat.

In addition there was concern voiced on what the publishers of EMT textbooks are identifying as triage systems. Gam informed the group that NTHSA has been tasked with doing an addendum for education of the MUCC system.

Chris Bell informed the group that Vermont is adopting the MUCC system and will go into effect Jan 1, 2014. He will share his protocols with Leslee to share with committee members.

Action item:

1. Leslee to post Transition document on web site and make available to committee members.
2. Leslee will also include the Adopted Resolution on MUCC that NASEMSO adopted at the last annual meeting.
<http://www.nasemso.org/documents/Resolution2012-01MCI-MUCC-Implementation.pdf>
3. Chris will send Vermont's protocols to Leslee for posting.

National Health Preparedness Index Project:

Mike Harryman led the discussion on the Index project. Mike, Paul Patrick, Joe Schmider participated on this project. Mike provided an overview of the Index including the 6 Domains and how important this report is to state EMS Offices. This final report is due out on October 9th.

This is very positive for EMS as we have been included from the beginning on the development of the index. DP Committee of NASEMSO also provided comments to the index on the first draft and changes were made in draft 2 from our comments.

The biggest area of interest for EMS and actually the largest of the domains is Medical Surge. EMS Directors should watch for this index to be released and use the results as in a positive way. The highest score is 1 per domain. There are 6 domains and this document will probably replace the Trust of America document...*This maybe a way to justify receiving grant money in order to close the gaps identified.*

On Sept 26th ASTHO will present a webinar on the index. All are encouraged to participate.

Action item: Mike will send Leslee the final document and she will send it out to committee members.

Credentialing Project:

Joe went over this project, which is headed by Kathy Robinson. The purpose of this committee is to look at standards for specialized groups i.e. TEMS, Federal EMT's and Wildland Fire EMT's. The end result of this project is a document/process on how to help EMS Directors credential these specialized groups and using one type of system for verification.

Action item: Joe will keep the group informed and share the final document with this committee.

DP Survey:

Joe gave an overview of the purpose of the DP funding survey. This survey is completed every two years. There was a total of \$48.5 million of grant money for EMS that came into states. This has been a decrease from previous years. Rachael then presented the results of the 2012 DP survey including the questions asked and the results. The DP committee identified some of the questions

that were confusing and recommended a better way to ask them in order to be clarified for a future survey. Mike H. from Oregon asked that the DP Committee conduct a mini survey to find out which EMS Offices are also responsible for Preparedness initiatives.

Action item: A mini survey will be sent out to EMS Directors asking the above question. Members were encouraged to identify future questions for a future survey and to send them to Leslee and Joe.

Federal Partner update:

Jim Moller gave an update on some of the projects and initiatives that DHS is working on including a number of guidelines for EMS folks to use i.e. Way ambulances communicate with Hearing Impaired. Once these guidelines are finalized Jim will share them with NASEMSO so that they can post on our web site.

Action Item: Jim will send final documents/guidelines to Leslee in order to post on the DP web site and to circulate to committee members.

Model Compact and Preparedness initiative:

NASEMSO has received, from DHS, OHA, a two-part grant;

- Part 1 is a model interstate compact and
- Part 2 is a paper to identify how a state can meet preparedness gaps.

Dia presented the initiatives by first discussing the state of the compact. The purpose of this compact is for states to adopt and use prior to a Governor Declaration and prior to an EMAC request. The title is EPIC (**E**MS **P**ersonnel licensure **I**nterstate **C**ompact). The document is to be completed by May 2014. A committee has already been meetings and parts of the document written. This compact will in essence create a system of self-regulation by the states whereby national policy can be put into place but remain flexible enough to change as needed.

Part 2 will be the development of a document on solutions of how states can address domestic preparedness issues and meet preparedness gaps within states and nationally. The solutions will focus on the state and local levels. There will be two in person meetings for this grant project.

Action item:

Dia will share the final draft compact to states for comments.

Communications Drill results:

Joe went over the results from the “no notice” drill. The results, AAR, and updated version of the notification procedures are posted on the DP section of the web site.

Action item: Leslee and Joe will plan the next communication drill for 2014.

National Ambulance Contract:

Joe gave an update of the visit with FEMA’s acting coordinator of the NAC. In addition, Joe said that the issues identified by the DP Committee concerning notification of state EMS Offices when ambulances in their state are deployed have still not been resolved. Follow up on this issue with FEMA will be ongoing

Action item: Leslee and Joe will follow up with FEMA.

Strategic Plan 2013-2014:

There wasn’t time to discuss this but we did notify the committee that it will be discussed at the next

conference call and that there is a new format. Joe solicited ideas for new tasks for the committee and to submit them to him or Leslee

Action item: Leslee will circulate a draft of the 2014 Strategic Plan for comments. Comments should include future direction for the DP Committee.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Meeting minutes respectively submitted by:
Leslee Stein-Spencer.

Attachments:

Dia's Power Point

Resolution 2012

Strategic Plan 2013-2014