



GIC MEETING RECORD

March 20, 2018

3:00 PM EDT

Attending – Paul Patrick (UT), Kyle Thornton (NM), Dale Adkerson (OK), Keith Wages (GA), Donna Tidwell (TN), Juliet Altenburg (PA), Rich Wisniewski (SC), Suzanne Prentiss (NASEMSO), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO)

Call to Order / Call Roll / Approve Agenda – Paul Patrick, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM EDT.

Review and Approve January 16th Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Federal Budget Status (Will Congress reach agreement on FY 2018 spending by March 23?) It is unknown if the FY 2018 budget will be agreed upon by March 23 and if there will be another government shutdown. Regarding the FY 2019 federal budget, Mary noted that the President did not include funding for the EMSC program again, and that hopefully there will continue to be EMSC champions after Utah's Senator Orrin Hatch retires this year.

Military Injury Surgical Systems Integrated Operationally Nationwide to Achieve ZERO Preventable Deaths Act or the "Mission Zero Act" ([S. 1022](#) and [H.R. 880](#)) would award grants to certain trauma centers to enable military trauma care providers and trauma teams to provide trauma care and related acute care at those trauma centers. HR 880 passed the House February 26, 2018. See <http://nasemso.org/Projects/Legislative-Regulatory-Issues.asp>.

Stop, Observe, Ask & Respond (SOAR) to Health & Wellness Act of 2017 ([H.R. 767](#) and [S. 256](#)) These companion bills would establish a pilot program in the health care system to provide training to address human trafficking. HR 767 passed the House February 26, 2018. See <http://nasemso.org/Projects/Legislative-Regulatory-Issues.asp>. Paul reminded members of the human trafficking presentation DHS sponsored at the NASEMSO Annual Meeting 2016. Keith agreed this was an important initiative.

NAEMSP Legislative Update – Paul reported for Dr. Ritu Sahni, who was unable to participate today. NAEMSP is sponsoring the Government Relations Academy on April 10, and the following day is EMS on the Hill Day, sponsored by NAEMT. Paul urged members to read the NAEMSP advocacy blog, written by Ritu, which is very good. See <http://www.naemsp-blog.com/emsmed?category=EMS%20Perspectives>



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Air Medical “Balance Billing” Legislation

SB 2231, became law in North Dakota in April, 2017. After previous legislative attempts were ruled unconstitutional, the state enacted a law requiring hospitals to notify patients in non-emergency situations which air ambulance providers have a contractual agreement with the patient’s health insurance company. The law also prohibits subscription services certain air ambulance services sold to counties to prevent “balance billing” for patients for out-of-network air transports. See <http://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/65-2017/documents/17-0231-03000.pdf>

HB 777 (requiring EMS personnel to obtain written consent from patient before requesting air medical transport unless patient’s health or safety is jeopardized) has been introduced in the Virginia Legislature. See <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?181+sum+HB777>

Efforts are underway by the Association of Air Medical Services (AAMS) and Association of Critical Care Transport (ACCT) to combine their 2017 bills [H.R. 3378](#) and [H.R. 3780](#) into one bill in order for the legislation to have a chance at passing the 2017-18 Congress. See <http://nasemso.org/Projects/Legislative-Regulatory-Issues.asp> Keith Wages said that the congressional sponsors want the the two associations to combine the bills, as they do not like to introduce contradictory bills. It is unknown of the associations will be able to combine their bills into one. NASEMSO endorsed HR 3378.

Due to the concern about excessive balance billing by some air medical providers, Paul Patrick said that Utah is conducting a study to collect billing information from the all-payer database. One of the air medical providers who did not want their bill information shared has since left the state.

Society of Trauma Nurses - Juliet Altenburg (PA) reported that the “stop the bleed” campaign is rolling out nicely. The Society of Trauma Nurses is developing an online program for the campaign. They are following some of the same legislation that NASEMSO is following, but there is one other that may be of interest: [S. 2266](#) /[H.R. 4720](#) “Abby Honold Act” deals with training law enforcement, emergency services, medical providers and school/university administrators how to treat victims of domestic/dating violence or sexual assault.

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- [South Carolina](#) – Rich Wisniewski reported REPLICA crossed over yesterday, so South Carolina is one step closer. Also, H.5003 was introduced on Feb. 22. This would require stop the bleed kits in all classrooms in SC. There have been some revisions to the bill already and it is unlikely to will pass this session which ends in May, but anticipate it being re-filed and ready for the January start of the next legislative session.

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- Oklahoma - Dale said Oklahoma is not pursuing REPLICA this year, but they are fighting a bill introduced that would lower the requirements so that a first responder could be the only person providing patient care in the back of the ambulance. The intent was to address staffing in rural areas, but Dale explained that their rules have ways of addressing this.
- Tennessee - Donna said Tennessee legislature is considering a bill that would allow emergency medical responders on motorcycles to respond until the ambulance arrives. The idea came from the Israeli system. They are concerned because they do not even allow law enforcement to respond on motorcycles. The bill has been referred to summer study.
- New Mexico – Kyle reported that they gave up on REPLICA this year while they pursue constitutional issues with compacts, including the nursing compact. Hopefully that will be resolved so that it can be introduced next year.
- REPLICA – Sue Prentiss said they expect REPLICA to pass in Nebraska. It is also moving in New Hampshire. Louisiana will hold its first hearing on REPLICA tomorrow. Unfortunately, they ran out of time in West Virginia (primarily due to the teachers strike) but will re-introduce it early next year. Maine is working on REPLICA for introduction next year. The REPLICA Commission will meet by teleconference on April 20 and in person at the NASEMSO Annual Meeting in Providence on May 22.

Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 3:57 PM EDT.

Next Meeting – May 15, 2018

The meeting record was respectfully prepared by NASEMSO Program Manager Mary Hedges.