



NASEMSO Government Information Committee

MEETING RECORD

July 26, 2016
3:00 PM EDT

Attending – Jim DeTienne, Chair (MT), Kyle Thornton (NM), Keith Wages (GA), Joe Schmider (TX), Andy Gienapp (WY), Ritu Sahni (NAEMSP), Dale Adkerson (OK), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), Dia Gainor (NASEMSO), Peg Trimble (NASEMSO)

Call to Order / Approve Agenda – Jim DeTienne called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM EDT.

Approve Meeting Minutes – The May 17th Meeting record was approved as submitted.

HR 4365 & S 2932, Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2016 – Dr. Ritu Sahni reported that the House Energy and Commerce Committee held a hearing on trauma systems two weeks ago and HR 4365 was included. Brent Myers testified on behalf of NAEMSP. Craig Manifold testified on behalf of ACEP. The House Judiciary Committee may decide to take a pass on the bill, because it is not an enforcement issue. There are not many legislative days left during this Congressional session. He believes the DEA has delayed promulgating rules until this bill has passed, but may move forward if there if they believe this bill is not going anywhere this year. *(For more information, see [NASEMSO GIC website](#))*

Air Medical Balance Billing Update - Jim DeTienne reported that Montana has an interim legislative committee that is working on the issue of air medical balance billing. They are looking for transparency in what air medical services are billing and the Insurance Commissioner is posting billing information on its website. There are bills in Congress which probably will not get any traction this year. Dale Adkerson reported that a law firm in Oklahoma is representing several clients who have filed suit against air ambulance companies for excessive bills. The firm is considering pursuing a class action suit. Andy noted there is an article in EMS1 on the Oklahoma lawsuit.

NASEMSO Veterans to Civilian EMS Transition Project – Peg Trimble reported they are holding a second Veterans to Civilians EMS Transition stakeholders meeting in August in conjunction with the NAEMSE meeting. There have been at least two outside surveys conducted to identify educational programs that recognize the education and experience of military medics as they transition to civilian paramedics. Those surveys have identified only one program, which is in Lansing, Michigan. Joe Schmider reported that the University of Texas recognizes military

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experience and has for years. He will provide contact information to Peg. Peg reported the emphasis has now shifted to advanced placement for those with military medic experience. The concern from the education programs is that their pass rate will be negatively impacted for purposes of CoAEMSP accreditation.

Local Government Anti-Trust Act – Dia Gainor reported that the Federation of Association of Regulatory Boards (FARB) has joined forces with a multi-profession coalition seeking to extend the existing anti-trust protections currently offered to local actors to state licensing boards. NASEMSO is a governing member of FARB. The intent is to add another layer of protection to health licensing boards who are doing their job with regard to licensing of health practitioners.

State Legislation Roundtable (REPLICA and more) – Jim said he was at the ImageTrend Users conference last week and attended an excellent presentation that Donnie Woodyard gave on behalf of the National Registry of EMTs about REPLICA. Dia reported that NASEMSO is preparing to announce its new REPLICA hire. NASEMSO is also in the process of finalizing a contract with the Council of State Governments for a resource to states, such as New Mexico, where legal counsel has questions that require expert technical assistance about interstate licensure compacts. Kyle explained that New Mexico’s legal counsel believes language in REPLICA creates contingent liabilities for the state.

Joe Schmider pointed out that he was at a legislative hearing for EMS and Trauma a few weeks ago. Texas legislators expressed great concern about the cost of air medical transport being billed to patients.

Jim added that this will be his last meeting as chair of the committee, as the bylaws provide that the Immediate Past Chair of NASEMSO serve as Chair of the GIC. He said he intends to work with Mary to schedule a webinar featuring Utah’s law regarding Medicaid billing for EMS.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Next Meeting – November 15

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

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