



## NASEMSO Government Information Committee

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### MEETING RECORD

Sept. 18, 2018  
3:00 PM EDT

**Attending** – Paul Patrick (UT), Gary Brown (VA), Morgan Skaggs (KY), Dr. Harry Sibold (MT), Dr. Ritu Sahni (NAEMSP), Juliet Altenburg (PA), Tracy Cleary (KS), and Mary Hedges (NASEMSO)

**Call to Order / Call Roll** – Paul Patrick, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm EDT.

**Review and Approve July 17th Meeting Minutes** – Morgan Skaggs moved and Ritu Sahni seconded a motion that the meeting minutes as distributed be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

**NAEMSP Legislative Update** – Dr. Ritu Sahni said it has been difficult to get much traction on legislative initiatives. They have heard nothing further from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) regarding proposed rules to implement *Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act*. Drug shortages continue to be a major problem. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) adopted language NAEMSP proposed regarding “Essential Emergency Medications.” The FDA has announced their task force on drug shortages which will be limited to Federal personnel and industry representatives. They may be forming a panel on which NAEMSP will likely have a seat. Discussion occurred as to whether there should be a federal list of drug shortages, as the primary author of such lists is from Utah (Erin Fox, PharmD). The FDA acknowledged that manipulating markets may be one effective method of dealing with drug shortages.

**[HR 2801](#) and [S 1666](#) HOT Cars Act of 2017** – These related bills require the Department of Transportation to issue rules requiring all new passenger motor vehicles be equipped with a system for rear seating positions to alert the motor vehicle operator to check rear designated seating positions after the vehicle motor is deactivated. Paul commented that because of the deaths of children left in hot cars, this would be legislation that should find many supporters in Congress.

**[H.R. 6748](#), EMSC Program Reauthorization Act of 2018** – Morgan Skaggs reported that the bill to reauthorize the EMSC program for 5 years is being introduced early before Senator Orrin Hatch retires. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics news release, the bill would extend the authorization for the EMSC program at its most recently appropriated level of \$22,334,000 through Fiscal Year 2024. Although the current authorization for EMSC does not

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expire until Sept. 30, 2019, a push to reauthorize the bill early prior to the retirement of EMSC's long-time champion Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) at the end of the year is anticipated. An identical bill is expected to be introduced in the Senate by Senator Hatch and Senator Bob Casey (D-Pa.). Mary noted that while the bill would authorize the funding, it will still be necessary to get the funding appropriated during the yearly budget process.

**Society of Trauma Nurses** - Juliet Altenburg shared that a *"Stop the Bleed"* webinar was held and is available at the Society of Trauma Nurses website at no cost. Juliet will be providing a written update of various trauma related legislation. She offered to invite Adam Haley, the government relations coordinator from the Society of Trauma Nurses, to brief the committee if desired. Paul agreed that would be informative.

#### State Legislation Roundtable

- REPLICA – Dan Manz was participating in a panel presentation on state compacts and not available to report. Gary Brown shared that the NASEMSO and NREMT are working out the details in sharing responsibilities for REPLICA. There are 16 states that have passed REPLICA legislation. Paul added that Sue Prentiss, the former REPLICA Advocate, is now working for the American Trauma Society, which is also managed by ASMII.
- Utah – Paul commented that the Utah Bureau of EMS and Preparedness is not proposing any legislation this year. They are preparing data from the air ambulance cost report. They are working to implement legislation passed last year affecting children requiring trauma care.
- Virginia – Gary noted there were bills introduced in previous sessions in reaction to the cost of air medical transport. The bills were not well thought through and not supported by the EMS community, leading to their defeat. In regards to the *"Stop the Bleed"* effort, they are planning to train 800 EMS providers in hopes that they will go back to their communities and conduct the training. Virginia is also looking at changing the composition of their EMS Advisory Committee with more emphasis on discipline (including trauma) than representing various organizations.
- Pennsylvania – Juliet shared that there will be legislation introduced to restrict the number/proximity of higher-level trauma center designations. They have been a voluntary system and now see a need to restrict the number and placement of level 1 and 2 trauma centers.

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**Adjourn** - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:36 pm EDT.

**Next Meeting** – November 20, 2018

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

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