



# NASEMSO Government Information Committee

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## MEETING RECORD

**January 19, 2016**

**Attendees:** Jim DeTienne (MT), Kyle Thornton (NM), Andy Gienapp (WY), Katherine Hert (AL), Tom Nehring (ND), Paul Patrick (UT), Ritu Sahni (NAEMSP), Joe Schmider (TX), Robert Seesholtz (TN), Keith Wages (GA), Donnie Woodyard (LA), Dia Gainor (NASEMSO), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO)

**Call to Order / Call Roll / Approve Agenda** – Jim DeTienne called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM EST.

**Review and Approve Meeting Minutes** – Joe Schmider moved adoption of the November 17 meeting minutes; Kyle Thornton seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

**Massachusetts MIH Legislation** - Jim reported that he and others spoke with representatives of the Council of State Governments (CSG) about concerns with the Massachusetts MIH legislation they intended to offer as a model bill. As a result, the CSG decided to submit a note about it rather than offer it as model state legislation.

**REPLICA and NREMT Support** – Dia Gainor reported that Tre Rodriguez presented the NREMT's proposal at the Board Strategic Planning Meeting in December. The NREMT has offered to develop an EMS personnel disciplinary database which would eventually become the property of the REPLICA Commission. Many states are reluctant to query the National Practitioner Data Base due to the fee charged for each query. Dia clarified that this proposal is much different than the concept proposed by former NREMT Executive Director Bill Brown in 2008, which was rejected by NASEMSO members at that time. An important difference is that the database (necessary for the interstate compact to function) will become the property of the REPLICA Commission.

Dia added that eight states have REPLICA legislation introduced this year. The bill is progressing in Virginia as it passed the relevant House committee unanimously this morning with last year's opponent fully supporting it this year. Tre Rodriguez has offered to arrange a meeting with Lori Moore of the IAFF to address their concerns with the REPLICA legislation.

**HR 4365, Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2016** – (*For more information, see [NASEMSO GIC website](#)*). Dr. Ritu Sahni reported that HR 4365 was introduced

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in Congress last Tuesday, January 12, by Representative Hudson (R, NC). It has 7 cosponsors, and been endorsed by all the major EMS related organizations. The bill was referred to two House committees. NAEMSP has posted a toolkit with helpful information about the bill on its website. The bill language allows EMS practitioners to administer controlled substances by standing order from the EMS agency's medical director. It also allows for EMS agencies to apply for DEA registration (rather than rely on the medical director's DEA registration). If the EMS agency has several locations, it would need only one DEA license for each state.

**Field EMS Bill** – Paul Patrick was unable to provide an update on the Field EMS bill due to technical difficulties with the audio function on the teleconference. Jim reported that Paul had new information about the bill.

**Drone Exemption from FAA Rules (see attached)** – Jim DeTienne referred to the Notice in the Federal Register regarding the request for an exemption to FAA distance requirements for drones. Several members expressed support of the draft letter opposing the exemption due to the hazard they create for air medical operators who also fly at low altitudes.

**NASEMSO Liaisons (see attached)** – Jim commented that Rachael and other NASEMSO staff have been working on updating the official liaison list. What is presented today is a partial list. Keith added that there are still some liaisons that need updating. He noted that the liaison function is an important part of what NASEMSO does. Joe Schmider suggested emailing all those on the list to learn if their assignments are currently active. Mary agreed to work with Rachael on further updates to the list.

**Adjourn/Next Meeting** – The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM EST. The next meeting will be March 15.

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