



## HITS Committee Meeting

October 11, 2017

10:30 – 12:00 CDT

NASEMSO Fall Meeting, Oklahoma City

### Meeting Record

**Attending** – Steve McCoy, Chair (FL), Ken Holland (NFPA), Dave Bryson (NHTSA), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MD), Susan Bailey (LA), Jason Rhodes (RI), Jolene Whitney (UT), Susan McHenry (NHTSA), Paul Runkle (BioSpatial), Jeff Runge (BioSpatial) Jon Woodworth (BioSpatial), Jim Green (Intrepid Solutions), Tom Mitchell (NC), Gail Gibson (LA), Billie Collier (MS), Tim Seplaki (NJ), J. Sam Hurley (DC), Angie Poorman (PA), Justin Allen (MI), Brian Casey (AR), Donnie Woodyard (NREMT), John Cramer (ID), Dennis Bang (UT), Adam Fischer (Frazer), Dr. Carol Cunningham (OH), Dia Gainor (NASEMSO)

**Welcome and Roll Call** – Steve McCoy, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. CDT.

**Review & Approval of August 9th Meeting Record** – Steve McCoy reviewed highlights from the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**NCBP Application for Highway Safety** – Dr. Jeff Runge described how the National Collaborative for Bio-Preparedness (NCBP) uses NEMSIS and other data sources to provide early warning for health and safety events that are otherwise not detectable. The NCBP has been working with the state of Florida to connect and analyze crash and EMS data to provide insight into highway traffic safety. They have received 3 years of motor vehicle crash (MVC) data from Florida (1.3 million crash records). Severity-levels of crash injuries are based on T-RTS. They are classifying them as fatal, severe and non-severe. He demonstrated how different layers of data from these records can be visualized on maps. Steve McCoy shared his excitement about accessing this data and will be sharing it with the Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC) in his state as well as with law enforcement.

**Early Bird Overview of the Road to Zero Grant Opportunity for State EMS Offices** – Dia Gainor shared information about an upcoming grant opportunity for state EMS offices to be released in November. She represents NASEMSO on a multi-agency collaborative known as **Road to Zero** which is striving to eliminate deaths on our nation's highways. It is an initiative of NHTSA, FHWA and FMSCA. Any member of the Road to Zero Coalition is eligible to apply. The grant announcement will be made in November for grants in the neighborhood of \$150,000. More information on the Road to Zero Coalition is available at <http://www.nsc.org/learn/NSC-Initiatives/Pages/Join-the-Road-to-Zero-Coalition.aspx>

Dia reminded members of one of this committee's earlier projects which was the Model Inventory of Emergency Care Elements (MIECE). More information is available at <https://www.nasemso.org/Projects/HITS/HighwayMassCasualtyProject.asp>

**Safe Transport of Children in Ambulances: Taking it to the Next Level** – Jim Green briefly explained the STC Committee's effort to raise funds to undertake a research project to develop testing standards for equipment for securely transporting children in ambulances. This project would follow the same methods used to develop standards for adult patients and workers in ambulances. The proposal is to develop test standards for 3 scenarios--supine pediatric patient, seated pediatric patient and newborn/neonate.

Steve McCoy said that NASEMSO could apply for funding from his state EMS grant program and could potentially receive money to contribute to the project.

**NHTSA Update** – Susan McHenry mentioned the white paper "Above All: Do No Harm" that Dr. Doug Kupas developed on the use of lights and siren in EMS.

Steve commented that Susan will be retiring December 31 after more than 20 years of service with NHTSA. She will be missed by all her friends in EMS.

### **Project and Committee Updates**

- **TIM Executive Leaders Group** – Dia serves on the Traffic Incident Management Executive Leaders Group which focuses on training those who respond to traffic incidents on safe management of those events. There are now a quarter of a million EMS members have been trained although EMS only accounts for about 5% of those who have been TIM-trained.
- **AVL Committee / Ambulance Standards Update** – Michael Berg was not at the meeting to report

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m. CDT.

**Next Meeting** - December 13