



## HITS Committee Meeting

April 11, 2018

3:00 PM EDT

### Meeting Record

**Attending** – Steve McCoy (FL, Chair), Keith Wages (GA), Julie Rabeau (AK), Tim Seplaki (NJ), David Harden (AZ), Scot Phelps, Frank Cheatham (VA), Gam Wijetunge (NHTSA), Tim Wilson (NE), Joe Ferrell (NASEMSO), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), Dia Gainor (NASEMSO)

**Welcome and Roll Call** – Steve McCoy, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM EDT.

#### **Review & Approval of February 14th Meeting Record** (See [HITS Meeting Documents](#))

Steve McCoy reviewed highlights of the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting record and suggested that people send any corrections needed to Mary.

**Alaska Focus on Performance Indicators for Highway Safety** – Julie Rabeau presented information on the Alaska State Trauma Committee's focus on performance indicators for EMS. She explained that the Alaska trauma centers were noticing concerns with EMS morbidity and mortality. They sent a survey to EMS agencies, inquiring about quality improvement. The state trauma committee identified 10 EMS QI measures to follow. They noted that some EMS services had 70% under triage. Patients that met trauma criteria were not going to trauma centers. She reported that they have seen improvement since beginning this project, although some EMS services were not pleased when they started the project. They have seen more buy-in from medical directors since beginning this project. Steve said performance indicators are important in all we do. He asked committee members for input on how they have created measures, which will be valuable for our highway safety colleagues.

**TIM Brainstorming** - Dia Gainor and Steve McCoy will lead a discussion of how to increase EMS participation in the Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Training program and how EMS is counted. It is believed that the current reporting of EMS personnel trained is under-reported, with a primary problem being able to differentiate fire from EMS personnel since many EMS personnel are also fire personnel. One of the biggest challenges is how to differentiate fire-based EMS and non-fire-based. While some state EMS offices can differentiate, many cannot. David Harden had previously suggested combining fire with EMS in the count. Dia advised state directors need to get to know their counterparts in highway safety to help clarify these numbers. Keith Wages reported that Georgia is now requiring TIM training for EMS in the initial training as well as in the next two renewal cycles.

**NHTSA Update** - Gam Wijetunge reported that NEMSAC appointments are still pending, but they hope to announce the appointments soon. FICEMS will be meeting in June and it will be webcast for interested persons to watch online. He said he was pleased to hear the previous discussion about EMS

collaborating with their highway safety partners. He added that most states that are submitting NEMSIS version 3 data should have access to the Motor Vehicle Crash Dashboard.

### **Project and Committee Updates**

- TIM Executive Leaders Group – Dia Gainor said the quarterly meeting of the TIM ELG was a progress to date report. They discussed where and how technology can be used to improve highway safety concerns.
- Road to Zero Coalition - Dia reported that within the next two weeks, Road to Zero will be releasing its whitepaper. She is proud to say there are numerous references to EMS and trauma care throughout the document. Road to Zero issued their annual grants. She encouraged all to become familiar with the website at [Road to Zero](#)
- Safe Transport of Children (STC) Committee - Tim Seplaki reported that Eric Hicken has been working with their Traffic Records Coordinating Committee to acquire funding to develop the crash testing research project for pediatric restraints used in ambulances. The funding expected was delayed until the next federal fiscal year which begins in October 2018. Mary Hedges added that a special meeting of the STC group was held last month at NASEMSO headquarters. Funding strategies were further explored and progress was made.
- AVL Committee / Ambulance Standards Update – Sue Prentiss was not available to report.
- National Collaborative for BioPreparedness Update – Joe Ferrell reported they continue to have more states joining the collaborative. They developed an update reporting system for their members. He added they would be happy to share information on how they are coordinating highway crash reports with EMS data, which they are doing in Florida. Steve said he would like to report on their progress at the next HITS meeting (in Providence) if it is ready.

**Collaboration between State Highway Safety Officials and State EMS Officials** – All were invited to share examples from their state.

Dave Harden said that Governor in Arizona established a task force composed of state agencies that have some relation to highway crashes. The Bureau of EMS and Trauma provided several performance measures, one of which included hosting four TIM classes by the end of the year. There are several collaborative efforts underway to strategize and compare data among task force members.

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM EDT.

**Next Meeting** – May 22 at Annual Meeting