



**Highway Incident and Transportation Systems (HITS)
Committee Meeting
February 13, 2019
3:00 PM EST**

Meeting Record

Attending – Steve McCoy (FL), John Cramer (ID), Terry Ellsworth (WI), Amber Viitanen (CO), Drew Chandler (KY), Dia Gainor (NASEMSO), Zoe Renfro (NASEMSO), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), Billie Collier (MS), Justin Romanello (NH), Jeanne Marie Bakehouse (CO), Dave Zaimin (Biospatial), Joe Ferrell (Biospatial), Keith Wages (GA), Gam Wijetunge (NHTSA), Jeremy Kinsman (NHTSA), Clay Mann (NEMSIS TAC), Juan Esparza (FL), Tim Seplaki (NJ), Scot Phelps (NJ)

Welcome and Roll Call – Steve McCoy, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM EST.

Review & Approval of December 12th Meeting Record – Steve McCoy reviewed the highlights of the December HITS Committee meeting record, which was approved as submitted.

Special Presentation: What is a UUID and why it is important to EMS – Clay Mann, PhD, NEMSIS TAC
The presentation introduced the concept and potential of a universally unique and anonymous identifier (UUID) assigned to an EMS record, which would allow for deterministic linkage with other records at the State level. While the primary interest for HITS members is how a UUID could be used to link crash and EMS records, the UUID can also be recorded in a matched trauma registry record when a hospital abstractor is completing a trauma registry record.

The universally unique and anonymous identifier (UUID and also referred to as GUID) is a unique identifier that travels with a record. Every software can generate its own code independently and the probability they would ever generate the same number is extremely low. Each vehicle and personnel will get its own GUID. They are using a GUID in NEMSIS V3. The National Trauma Data Standard will be adding an element to document the NEMSIS GUID in 2020. There is no intrinsic relationship with the patient, so NEMSIS and NTDB data can be reported with no connection to personal health records. Use of the GUID is much more accurate than probabilistic linkage and available at a lower cost. Also, it fulfills the USDOT edict to ensure that vehicular injuries are associated with injury severity.

Steve asked if the vendors will need to build the GUID into the software and if it will impact EMS providers on the street? Clay affirmed that it will not impact EMS field providers but will be the responsibility of the software developers. Dia said she understood that it would eventually be available to first responders on the scene allowing law enforcement and EMS to exchange the GUID on the scene. Steve thanked Clay for the presentation.

Transportation Research Board (TRB) Annual Meeting – Dia Gainor attended the TRB Annual Meeting and is excited to see the progress of the newly created Joint Subcommittee for Emergency Response. The joint subcommittee was sponsored by four standing committees which demonstrates the level of interest and support. The first meeting was to organize and mobilize its objectives. BioSpatial gave a presentation using their dash board and highly impressed the audience. In another session, Dia shared the podium with Jack Sullivan, where she discussed post-crash opportunities to save lives. Dia

encouraged people to request to be included on the joint subcommittee email list. Contact Dr. Scott Parr at parrs1@erau.edu

NHTSA Update - Gam Wijetunge reported they now have an EMS 2050 document on EMS.gov which contains links and resources. They are planning a webinar on the recently released document. The National Quality Forum recently released a draft on trauma outcomes and are seeking comments by March 5. Jeremy Kinsman said that Dave Bryson wanted everyone to be aware of the Safety Stand-down issued by the IAFC. See <https://www.iafc.org/blogs/blog/iafc/2019/02/01/iafc-fire-and-ems-national-emergency-safety-and-survival-alert>

Project and Committee Updates

TIM Executive Leaders Group – Dia Gainor said the Traffic Incident Management group met earlier today. Already in 2019 there have been 23 struck-by fatalities at highway incidents. The numbers have never been that high so early in the year. They called out 3 states-- Alabama, New Mexico and Idaho--as lagging in conducting TIM training.

Road to Zero Coalition – Dia Gainor noted this program is suffering with the loss of Jeff Michaels and Debbi Hersman who recently left their positions. The group now numbers nearly 800 distinct organizations that are members. They have divided into 3 groups and Dia is leading one of the groups which includes EMS.

Safe Transport of Children Committee - Mary Hedges reported that the Committee is in the process of updating its pediatric transport product comparison list. Also, NASEMSO recently entered into a contract with Jim Green to develop a grant proposal to use for soliciting potential funders of the crash test research project.

AVL Committee / Ambulance Standards Update – Sue Prentiss or Dale Adkerson were not on the call to report.

Biospatial /NCBP Update – Dave Zaiman recently joined Joe Ferrell on the Biospatial team. He is the Director of Data Partnership. They now have partnerships with 17 states for EMS data. Florida is the only state where they are receiving crash data. Part of his role is to enter into more state crash data partnerships.

Collaboration between State Highway Safety Officials and State EMS Officials – No members offered to share examples from their state

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 3:54 PM EST.

Next Meeting – May 15, NASEMSO Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City

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