



HITS Committee Meeting

February 14, 2018

3:00 PM EST

MEETING RECORD

Attending – Steve McCoy (FL), Keith Wages (GA), David Harden (AZ), Dia Gainor (NASEMSO), Tim Seplaki (NJ), Eric Hicken (NJ), Frank Cheatham (VA), Julie Rabeau (AL), Joe Ferrell (NASEMSO), Jean-Marie Bakehouse (CO), John Cramer (ID), Billie Collier (MS), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), Stephen Wilson (AL), Gam Wejitunge (NHTSA)

Welcome and Roll Call – Steve McCoy, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM EST.

Review & Approval of December 13th Meeting Record – Steve McCoy reviewed the December meeting record with members. <http://nasemso.org/Projects/HITS/documents/HITS-Minutes-13Dec2017.pdf>

Wyoming Traffic Records Assessment – Andy Gienapp gave a presentation about the state traffic records assessment (STRAP). All state highway safety offices are required to conduct these in order to receive MAP 21 funding. The state's four injury surveillance systems are assessed among many other relevant records. You can compare your records to other states in your NHTSA region. He inquired with the NHTSA regional office to obtain the data from other states. Luke Johnson at the NHTSA regional office was very helpful in providing him the information. Steve McCoy and David Harden (AZ) commented that they participated in their STRAP assessments and while it involved significant work, it provided helpful information.

Transportation Research Board (TRB) – Dia Gainor reported on the increased attention to EMS at the TRB Annual Meeting 2018. See [HITS Meeting Documents](#). She gave opening comments at a workshop to address the need to create a new subcommittee on emergency responders. She also provided a presentation on issues which are of particular concern to rural EMS, specifically the distance from a trauma center and how that impacts the likelihood of recovery of injured crash victims. There were four papers on EMS presented, which is the most ever presented at the TRB Annual Meeting.

NHTSA Update - Gam Wejitunge added that he was able to attend the workshop at the TRB Annual Meeting and was pleased to see the attention to EMS. March 1 is the final regional meeting on the EMS Agenda 2050 and will be held in conjunction with the Eagles meeting. Ed Gabriel from ASPR will be the new FICEMS Chair. The appointments for the new EMS Advisory Committee are pending and will soon be announced.

Project and Committee Updates

TIM Executive Leaders Group – Dia Gainor said the TIM ELG is maturing. She has been urging them to get the state EMS offices wired into the announcements of TIM training opportunities. She believes there are opportunities to increase the percentage of EMS personnel taking the TIM training. Dia commented that she was pleased to participate in a public affairs event held by DOT Secretary Elaine

Chou, who recognized the importance of EMS. She thanked Frank Cheatham for driving a Virginia EMS vehicle to the public affairs event.

Road to Zero – Dia reported there are now over 460 associations who have joined the Road to Zero Coalition. The goal of this initiative is to eliminate traffic fatalities by 2050. They are developing a paper that is structured similar to the *EMS Agenda for the Future*, which will contain multiple references to EMS. The National Safety Council is leading this initiative which is sponsored by National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. See <http://www.nsc.org/learn/NSC-Initiatives/Pages/The-Road-to-Zero.aspx>

Safe Transport of Children Committee - Mary Hedges reported that the STC Committee is making progress in its efforts to obtain funding for crash testing research of restraints and devices used to secure children being transported by ambulance. She asked Tim Seplaki and Eric Hicken to share information on the success they had in obtaining funding through the New Jersey Traffic Records Coordinating Committee. Eric said he was recently informed that they are in the process of transferring the 402 funding to the Health Department for this project.

AVL Committee / Ambulance Standards Update – Sue Prentiss was not able to join the meeting but wanted to remind members of the Ambulance Remount Webinar the AVL Committee is holding on February 22.

National Collaborative for BioPreparedness Update – Joe Ferrell informed the committee that the NCBP has been working to connect the crash records and EMS records. They are overlaying the records now. He hopes that he will have something available next month to demonstrate.

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

Davin Harden said that the Arizona TIM Coalition is working to create specifications for becoming a TIM-qualified agency.

Steve said he would like for Julie Rabeau to share the performance measures Alaska is using at a future meeting.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 3:58 PM.

Next Meeting – April 11