



The NASEMSO Health and Medical Preparedness Council

Meeting Record
2:00 p.m.-3 p.m. CST
March 28, 2018

Attending: Ray Mollers, Prince Peke, Matt Dudley, Randy Linthicum, Dr. Rick Alcorta, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Dr. Rick Kamin, Matt Dudley, Karen Owens, Mel House (Co-Chair) and Leslee Stein-Spencer (NASEMSO).

Call to order/Roll Call: Mel House Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00CST.

Approval of Minutes 2/2018: Meeting minutes approved.

FICEMS update: No report

EMAC Meeting: Mel House reported on the EMAC meeting he attended on March 19 and 20th. The meeting discussion centered around the response to the hurricanes, especially the issues identified when responding to a territory. Some of the issues identified included mission-ready packages, security support and reimbursement. Of particular note is reimbursement for private resources that were sent thru EMAC. One of the team members for a CISM mission team that was sent to Florida is still waiting to be paid. Dr. Alcorta reported that they sent a team to Virgin Island and had a positive experience.

Federal Update: Ray Mollers gave the federal update. Federal offices continue adjusting to the new administration and its different style of leadership. The latest budget that was passed is positive for his office. A new office has been created called to work on Weapons of Mass Destruction; the office will be called the Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction (CWMD) office and will be responsible for CBRN detection, planning and preparedness for these increased threats. It basically combines two offices – the Office of Health Affairs and the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office. The staff will be moving forward and reassessing with a new focus on projects and looking at what it means for EMS. One of the

areas they will be working on is conducting a pilot for first responders' receiving anthrax vaccines. This has been an initiative for a while and now will be looking at implementing this initiative by moving to administer the vaccine to first responders from the strategic national stockpile. Another area that this office will focus on is looking at supporting operators in the field i.e. first responders esp. given CBRN threats. Other programs identified that will continue include Active Shooter and "Stop the Bleed".

There was a question concerning a rumor that FEMA is looking at moving regional staff into local EOC's for better communication. Ray has not heard that this will occur although the Department does want to move more resources locally.

Mel announced that Duodotes were now available for purchase at \$70.00/piece which is a significant reduction in cost.

Tactical/Casualty EMS: Dr. Kamin and Dr. Cunningham gave this report. The next meeting of the Committee on Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (C-TECC) is on May 14th. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of SOMA (Special Operations Medical Association), and interested parties are encouraged to attend. The link for their site:

<http://www.specialoperationsmedicine.org/Pages/default.aspx>

ACEP's High Threat Committee is moving forward. They are in the process of identifying gaps and what needs to be addressed. They are identifying what we don't know and what we need to know.

Active shooter response is at the forefront of discussions. NFPA 3000 is being finalized and then will be disseminated.

Old Business:

Replica/Compact Update: Dia reported that the compact rules have been adopted and that more states are looking to move in the direction of participating in the compact. There may be up to 18 states by the end of this legislative session.

EMSC Report: No report

NREMT Report: Dr. Cunningham gave the update. The National Advisory Council has an open seat for a prehospital care provider, and the NREMT is planning on submitting a candidate for consideration. The NREMT has recently met with several federal officials to request EMS representation on several key committees within FEMA.

HCID Project: Leslee reported that the project is finished and that the following documents are with ASPR for their review and approval: Three

exercises and toolkits, the HCID assessment, and a state template for the transportation of a CHID patient. Once approved, these documents will be disseminated and posted on our web site.

New Business:

Notification of State EMS Offices for Disasters: Tabled until the annual meeting.

EMS Disaster Took Kit: Tabled until the annual meeting

Topics for Annual Meeting: Please submit any ideas to Joe Schmider and Leslee. Ray Mollers will be giving a talk on DHS's new office, threats to EMS, and how we can all work together.

Leslee was asked by council members to see if there could be a call in number to participate in the council meeting. Leslee said she would ask.

Volunteers for Regional liaisons: Leslee asked for volunteers from the HMPC to participate in the regional meetings. It will not be time consuming and the responsibility includes participating on the regional calls and reporting out on the HMPC initiatives. Dr. Kamin volunteered for his region until members are identified. Joe House from Kansas has already volunteered for the Great Lakes Region. A liaison for the East, South, Western, and West regions are still needed.

NASEMSO Web site: Dia reported that NASEMSO is restructuring their web site. Jay Bradshaw is the lead on this project. Here is the link so that members can see how it will look. If anyone has any ideas, please send to Jay

<https://projects.invisionapp.com/share/SKFY6WSTMAG#/screens/284532675>

Action item: Leslee will look into the feasibility of having a call in number available at the Council meeting in May.

Next Medical and Health Preparedness meeting: May 21, 2018 (AM)