

**Joint Committee on Rural Emergency Care
Teleconference Meeting
3 PM Eastern, Monday, December 10, 2018**

Attending: Joyce Hospidar (Chair), Nicole Clement, Teryl Eisinger, Nita Ham, Kevin McGinnis, Tim Held, Davis Patterson, Chelsea White, Dia Gainor, Andrea Abbas, Lorah Ludwig, Christy Edwards, Gary Wingrove, Doug Kupas, Amanda Broussard, Andy Gienapp

1. Review of September (no October or November meetings) Meeting Notes
Motion: Held, Eisinger. Approved.

2. Organization Reports
 - a. NASEMSO – Andy Gienapp/Kevin McGinnis
The Rural/Frontier EMS Tactical Plan project has been extended to include a second public comment period and some additional discussion before that begins. The draft is expected to be turned over to FORHP in early January for review before the second comment period. Changes in the current draft were discussed.
Dia Gainor reported that the NASEMSO Board strategic planning process continued with extensive work at an executive committee retreat. She discussed the three strategic priorities: external communications, internal communications, and management of emerging specialties (e.g. CP).
Andy spoke at the Texas state EMS conference where they highlighted rural topics. Texas EMS will put out another call for presentations in January.
He also said that Wyoming has established a contract with the Paramedic Foundation to pilot the informed self-determination process, to further the JCREC workplan and assist some rural services.
 - b. NOSORH – Joyce Hospodar/Teryl Eisinger
Thanks to Andy for his program on National Rural Health Day. It contributed to 8500 Twitter responses and Andy had a most popular show.
Joyce said there were also successful webinars done in AZ for National Rural Health Day.
 - c. NRHA and Washington Update – Diane Calmus - No report
 - d. NRHRC (TASC) – Nicole Clement/Tracy Morton
Waiting for FLEX and EMS grant guidance to drop. The organization of FLEX program is available at www.ruralcenter.org. When the new guidance is received it will be on that site. Some new EMS projects this coming year will include regionalizing EMS, an on-line assessment for EMS providers for volume to value considerations measurement, a conference in early 2019, and funding for the National Rural EMS Conference. July 10 and 11 will be the FLEX reverse site visit in DC with an EMS-specific meeting on July 9th.
 - e. NAEMSP – Chelsea White
There will be a rural EMS track set of presentations at the NAEMSP Annual Meeting. It will be held in Austin, TX in the first full week of January. The Board of Directors approved a position paper on making epinephrine available to all levels of EMS providers for anaphylaxis.

3. 2019 Conference Update – We are finishing the last steps of confirming the hotel in Charleston. There will be a call for speakers.
4. ORHP Update – Christy Edwards
FLEX program grant guidance is to be released early next week. Waiting for HRSA final clearance process to finish. Starting next September, the FLEX program will be offering eight awards for EMS having to do with EMS. Sustainability projects will follow along the same lines as 2018 sustainment guidance. December 18 and 19 are tentative webinar dates on this. Only FLEX programs can apply. Sign onto webinar and find out more. FORHP has to give 60 days from release of the announcement to submission of applications deadline. EMS officials should circle back with FLEX program coordinator. Go to www.Ruralcenter.org for guidance. There will be two categories: sustainable financial models, EMS care quality (EMS quality metrics).
5. Community Paramedicine - Mobile Integrated Health – No report
6. Calendar Updates
National Rural EMS and Care Conference: April 15 and 16, 2019 in Charleston, SC.
First Annual Native American and Rural Emergency Medicine Conference in Flagstaff AZ. naemc.org (Navajo Emergency Care Consortium) is website. May 2-4, 2019.
7. Other Business/Open Discussion and Share EMS-Rural Health Partnership News in Your State

JCREC chairmanship rotates to NASEMSO (Andy Gienapp) in January. Staff assignments remain the same.