

**Joint Committee on Rural Emergency Care
Teleconference Meeting
3 PM Eastern, Monday, February 11, 2019**

Attending – Andy Gienapp, Chair, Kevin McGinnis, Chelsea White, Heidi Hedberg, Joyce Hospodar, Lorah Ludwig, Andrea Abbas, Dale Adkerson, Tim Held, Scott Helle, Alia Hayes, Christy Edwards, Jim DeTienne

Andy noted that he had discussed with Kevin the process for completing the Rural and Frontier Tactical plan and then considering it for development of the 2019 – 2020 JCREC workplan. Kevin reiterated the process. Andy continued by emphasizing National Rural Health Day (November 2, 1 2019) and his commitment to work on this more in future. Joyce said that NOSORH does put out information out in advance around which states can create programming. She mentioned that Arizona has done EMS photo contests. Maybe we can have NOSORH help us see what other states have done on this in past. Tim Held said that his Governor’s proclamation is done for the coming year and a “whereas” was added regarding EMS. He will share that with us.

1. Review of January Meeting Notes
No corrections; notes approved.
2. Organization Reports
 - a. NASEMSO – Andy Gienapp/Kevin McGinnis
NASEMSO’s Annual Meeting will be in Salt Lake City in May. The Board is conducting a strategic planning process which will impact how NASMESO communicates externally and internally and how it takes positions on emerging EMS specialty practices (e.g. CP). NASEMSO has changed its meeting schedule with an annual meeting in the spring and regional meetings in the fall. Andy asked folks to get involved in NASEMSO regions. His Western Plains Region will meet in Kansas City in September.
 - b. NOSORH – Joyce Hospodar/Teryl Eisinger
Joyce noted that NOSORH will sponsor the EMS grant writing session at the National Rural EMS and Care Conference again.
 - c. NRHA and Washington Update – Diane Calmus
No report.
 - d. NRHRC (TASC) – Nicole Clement/Tracy Morton
No report. Joyce said that reverse site visit will be in DC on July 10 and 11. Sites that received supplemental funding in current year will meet the 9th.
 - e. NAEMSP – Chelsea White
He is trying to get NAEMSP support for the Charleston National Rural EMS and Care Conference. In relation to the Tactical Plan, NAEMSP portions align perfectly with their Rural Committee’s program. There are EMS medical directors meeting in New Mexico, Wyoming and Kansas in the near future and he will speak to the Tactical Plan piece on developing a rural EMS medical director course. The Rural Committee is committed to this.
3. 2019 Conference Update – M. Strycker
Joyce reported that registrations open and notices were sent out today. Please disseminate. Did do planning call and built draft agenda.
4. ORHP Update – Christy Edwards

FLEX grant writing is going on now. It's a five year cycle. EMS category is now separate. Attendees thanked Christy for the impact she has had on great planning for EMS.

5. Community Paramedicine - Mobile Integrated Health
Jim DeTienne is working with Kevin to complete the NASEMSO CP-MIH survey to generate updates on program development in the states. There are about twenty states outstanding at this time.
6. Calendar Updates
Wyoming annual conference will be held in August.
7. Other Business/Open Discussion and Share EMS-Rural Health Partnership News in Your State

Wyoming – After a slow start, community paramedicine/EMS is gaining traction. Heart disease and stroke and diabetes programs all have approached Andy with interest. Setting up internal discussion within DOH on this. It's been five years since we had a statewide stakeholder meeting. This can no longer be a side job for Andy. It's a good problem to have. BCBS of Wyoming is going to have a discussion with them. Looking at Wyoming air ambulance and Medicaid bill to authorize Medicaid to go to CMS and ask for a waiver to make every citizen eligible to be benefitted if flown by air ambulance.

New Hampshire – Alia reported that following NHTSA assessment, we are trying to get a workforce survey. She asked what states have similar work in place.

A lot has been done, noted Andy, and he will share Wyoming work. Joyce will send an AZ survey. Try the EMS office in Georgia.

Andrea said that Michigan has rolled out a live workforce survey that is going now. Doing a rural EMS QI survey too.

Joyce proposed to talk to Teryl to have a repository of information that these surveys produce.

Alaska – Heidi noted that this Wednesday the Governor announces the budget with a \$1.3 billion cut.

Andy asked Joyce to chair next month's meeting.