

**Joint Committee on Rural Emergency Care
Teleconference Meeting
3 PM Eastern, Monday, January 14, 2019**

Attending: Andy Gienapp (Chair), Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse, Jim DeTienne, Matt Strycker, Kevin McGinnis, Andrea Abbas, Heidi Hedberg, Dale Adkerson, Christy Edwards, Chelsea White, Gary Wingrove, Tim Wilson, Lorah Ludwig, Nita Ham, Nicole Clement, Jon Krohmer, Doug Kupas, Tim Perkins

Agenda – Andy Gienapp, Chair

Andy Gienapp noted that NASEMSO's turn at Chair begins this month, so he has officially swapped with Joyce. Staff responsibilities remain the same.

1. Review of December Meeting Notes
No corrections were suggested.

2. Organization Reports
 - a. NASEMSO – Andy Gienapp/Kevin McGinnis
The Rural/Frontier Tactical Agenda draft went to NOSORH for submission to FORHP for vetting prior to the last public review and comment period. The NASEMSO annual meeting will be in Salt Lake City in May. Meeting of EMS Compact Commission is occurring the same week. The NASEMSO Board voted to support the National Rural EMS and care Conference on a request by Andy for \$5,000.
 - b. NOSORH – Joyce Hospodar/Teryl Eisinger
Matt reported that based on the EMS grant writing workshop that NOSORH has done at the National Rural EMS conference they plan to repeat the workshop and are developing Are developing an online EMS grant writing workshop in parts.
 - c. NRHA and Washington Update – Diane Calmus no report
 - d. NRHRC (TASC) – Nicole Clement/Tracy Morton
Supplemental funding received from FORHP. Many projects developed as a result: Guide to regionalization for EMS: how to do it, not to do it, etc. On-line self assessment for readiness in transitioning health system volume to value for EMS agencies. It is intended to show status, how to improve, and list sources of resources for improvement. In addition, we are convening a group of rural EMS stakeholders in March to identify opportunities for strategies for hospitals and EMS agencies to transform from volume to value successfully. Nicole reminded folks of the FLEX DC meeting in July.
 - e. NAEMSP – Chelsea White
Had a great annual meeting in Austin. Very strong support for continuing as a member of JCREC. NAEMSP's Rural Committee found that its major working interests align well with the draft Rural and Frontier Tactical Plan. Many rural presentations were featured and went over very well. There was Canadian and Australian representation in rural discussions as well.

3. 2019 Conference Update – M. Strycker
Planning group to meet soon. Registration going out soon. Room block is open.

4. ORHP Update – Christy indicated that her agency is not shut down as they were funded by September appropriations bill.
5. Community Paramedicine - Mobile Integrated Health
The NASEMSO CP-MIH Committee is trying to get more responses from states to update the website state by state status board and other information. Kevin previewed this month's CPIF program on cost planning for CP. Heidi Hedberg reported that they have hired staff to launch their CP-MIH program. Anchorage FD has a program which has demonstrated cost savings. She has a meeting tomorrow with United Health, Medicaid, and other plans in an effort to initiate CP-MIH reimbursement. Have support all the way the Commissioner.
6. Calendar Updates
Wyoming annual conference is in August. NASEMSO annual meeting will be in May.
7. Other Business/Open Discussion and Share EMS-Rural Health Partnership News in Your State

Wyoming - Legislative session has begun with about 10 health care bills up for consideration. Some on practice acts. One on air ambulance and Medicaid. One on workers compensation to correct issue with it (e.g. can take what they can get from that source or bill injured patient).

Montana – Jim reported great progress on CP: the State diabetes program gave EMS program a full-time community integrated health position for the next five years. Foundation grant supported an MIH program in a rural community and providing much data. Now running CP through legislature. FLEX funding being used to interview services on their status. The Hospital Association created an EMS task force stemming from concern by CAH CEOs. They feel we need to rebuild EMS in state. This is a good thing as it is at same time that we will be doing the service interviews.

Colorado – Jeanne-Marie reported that they licensed first Community Integrated Healthcare Service (CIHCS) in December (Eagle County). Licensed by Health Facility Licensing and EMS Licensing together since in same division. A link to the related regulations will be distributed.

NHTSA – Jon Krohmer reported that the EMS Agenda 2050 final document should be online this week. Awaiting final clearance on scope of practice document soon. Educational Standards document development process is beginning work. An EMS medical director survey should be out after OMB review soon. Now up to full staff at office. Eric Chaney, Kate Elkins, and Max Sevareid are recent additions. Lots of other projects under way. Not affected by shutdown because funded through Highway Safety Fund.