

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

Attending: Andy Gienapp (Chair), Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse, Jim DeTienne, Kevin McGinnis, Andrea Abbas, Dale Adkerson, Christy Edwards, Chelsea White, Gary Wingrove, Tim Wilson, Lorah Ludwig, Tim Perkins, Max Isaacoff, Jody Ward, Tim Held, Alia Hayes

1. Review of April Meeting Notes (TBD)
With no corrections offered, Andy said to consider these approved.
2. Organization Reports
 - a. NASEMSO – Andy Gienapp/Kevin McGinnis
The annual meeting was held in Salt Lake City. Kyle Thornton (NM) was elected President and Andy Gienapp (WY) was elected President-Elect.
The meeting was very productive. The Rural Committee, which meets in-person at the Annual Meeting and then defers to JCREC for monthly meetings and workplan, had updates on priorities such as informed community self-determination and ET3 The Association had a resolution on ET3 and will be meeting with CMS about coordination and implementation issues and plans.
 - b. NOSORH – Joyce Hospodar/Teryl Eisinger
No report.
 - c. NRHA and Washington Update – Max Isaacoff
No report.
 - d. NRHRC (TASC) – Nicole Clement/Tracy Morton
No report.
 - e. NAEMSP – Chelsea White
Chelsea said that he had no report but NAEMSP is watching ET3 progress.
3. 2020 Conference Update – M. Strycker
Andy offered that he thought Charleston went well, and he was happy with the content. Stay tuned for first planning session for Columbus.
4. 2019-20 Workplan Development
Kevin said that as soon as NOSORH and FORHP finalize the content of the Rural and Frontier Tactical Plan, JCREC should be ready to design our workplan. The following volunteered to help: Gary, Jim, Alia Hayes, Andrea, Chelsea.
5. ORHP Update – C. Edwards
Christy reported that she had no update at this time.
6. Community Paramedicine - Mobile Integrated Health

a. CMS/CMMI – “ET3” Program Update

Kevin described the implementation of ET3 to date. Andy said that most rural areas eligible but preference given to counties with 7,500 or more 2017 Fee For Service Medicare ambulance transports. A state minimum transport level of 15,000 leaves only Alaska out of eligibility. He noted that it takes a county like Ida County in Idaho, with a center as large as Boise, to make the 7,500 cut.

Chelsea came to the same conclusion. He assumes it is so they can get adequate numbers to study. Seems non-rural, favoring urban/suburban. Each agency has to apply for themselves, so can't have agencies applying together to make the minimum.

Alia has the same situation in NH: only 2 counties qualify. Discussed whether a served region can be used to achieve the 7,500 level and it was concluded that at least one county has to have 7,500.

Jody asked if ANY piece of this can be pulled out to benefit rural? Andy and Kevin said that NASEMSO will push to encourage regional approaches that favor rural services.

7. Calendar Updates

Jody suggested that we need to nail that 2020 Rural EMS and Care Conference date. North Dakota has a potentially conflicting statewide meeting. Would like to have next Rural Conference dates announced at previous year's conference.

8. Other Business/Open Discussion and Share EMS-Rural Health Partnership News in Your State

Andy reported that Wyoming is having a coordinated statewide 911 effort with NG 911.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 8 at 3 PM Eastern