

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

Attending:

Joyce Hospodar, Kevin McGinnis, Jeanne-Marie, Amanda Broussard, Heidi Hedberg, Matt Strycker, Christy Edwards, Tim Held, Chelsea White, Tim Perkins, Nicole Clement, Alia Hayes, Doug Kupas, Dane Meuler, Gary Wingrove, Dia Gainor, Diane Calmus, Jody Ward, James DeTienne

1. Review of August Meeting Notes (TBD)

The August meeting notes were approved on a motion by Doug Kupas and second by Nicole Clement.

- a. Follow-up on Joint Commission Stroke Center Letter – This was a discussion of the NAEMSP reply to this effort that is not in favor of the letter crafted for this purpose.

Doug Kupas emphasized that NAEMSP email circulated on this was unofficial/informal. Several board members had concerns. They thought it might have been on the verge of being sent and they didn't want to just sign on, since they were new members and hadn't been a part of the extensive discussion. If JCREC is still getting comments on it, then they would add theirs and try to come to a negotiated document. Discussed the numbers on related evidence regarding PCIs and trauma intervention and standards for those facilities. The evidence there is strong and it is presumed that the would be true for stroke intervention. So having low or no numbers for small rural centers wouldn't make sense. There are some places that can do interventional procedures and EMS knows this but doesn't mean those centers should be considered interventional stroke centers.

It was consensus to table this and to let this come back around for consideration by Andy and his stroke expert in Wyoming. Doug welcomes opening this up for further discussion. Perhaps a discussion among Chelsea, Doug, Andy and his physician might be fruitful.

2. Organization Reports

- a. NASEMSO – Andy Gienapp/Kevin McGinnis

The Rural/Frontier Tactical Plan document has gone for public review.

The NASEMSO Board is having a strategic planning retreat to update its plan.

- b. NOSORH – Joyce Hospodar/Teryl Eisinger

National rural health day needs to be promoted. "PowerofRural.org" is a good resource. Call or email Matt if questions or suggestions.

Trying to get EMS impact on hospital closure resource published by end of October.

There will be an EMS Learning Session on the day before the NOSORH Annual Meeting.

c. NRHA and Washington Update – Diane Calmus

It was a busy summer. Congress is going through the appropriations process more than in the past. Some very positive movement on funding bills for rural. Labor/HHS funding bills: both versions have strong support for FLEX grants and for SORHS and telehealth and opioid provisions. Different House and Senate opioid bills may not come together. We will have to monitor after mid-term elections. Hopefully, there will be no shutdown at the end of the month.

d. NRHRC (TASC) – Nicole Clement/Tracy Morton

Just finished last program year. Starting new five-year cycle, getting workplan activities figured out. Applied for some sustainment funding. Some additional EMS funding coming.

3. 2019 Conference Update – M. Strycker

Fifteen cities proposed conference sites for one or more of the next three years. Committee will be meeting next soon.

4. ORHP Update – Christy Edwards

Working on the upcoming FLEX guidance. Eight awards of \$250K each for 3 years starting next September will be made for EMS.

5. Community Paramedicine - Mobile Integrated Health

Joyce working on Rio Rico project and doing analysis of three-year project. Anxious to release results.

Kevin announced the Community Paramedicine Insights Forum topic upcoming.

6. Calendar Updates

None

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

Heidi Hedberg has a new EMS position posted on Alaska website to coordinate CP.