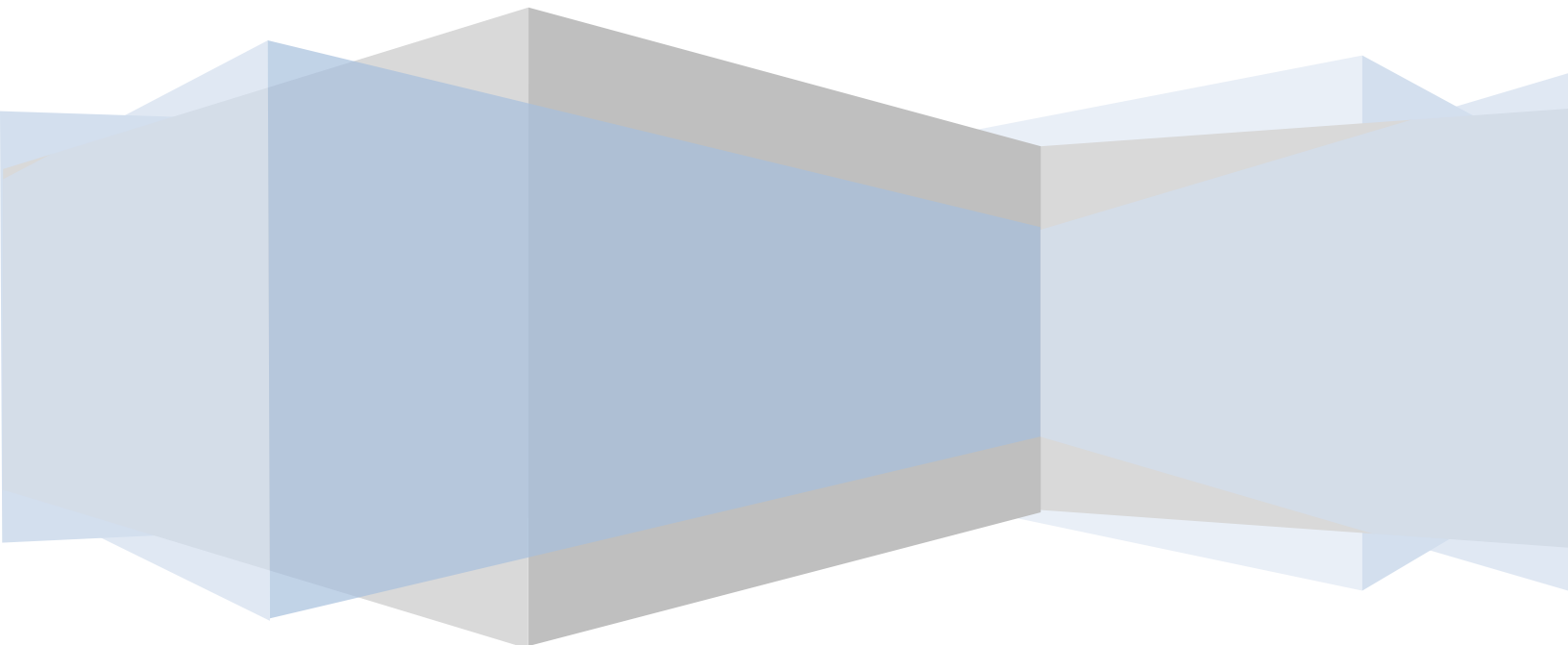


**NASEMSO / NOSORH /
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Joint Committee on
Rural Emergency Care**

2016-17 Work plan



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A coalition of organizations formed to engage each association on topics relevant to rural and frontier emergency care

The **Joint Committee on Rural Emergency Care** of the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health, the National Association of State EMS Officials, the National Rural Health Resource Center, and the National Rural Health Association is committed to fostering the development of state-level leadership to support delivery of rural emergency care and to facilitate collaboration that improves care to patients in rural areas with time-sensitive injuries and illnesses.

The JCREC Workplan delineating September, 2016 to September, 2017 goals, objectives and action steps is as follows:

Goal 1: Facilitate collaboration to improve rural EMS.

Objective: Assess the Current JCREC Memorandum of Understanding

Assess the Contributions of the Four Partner Organizations to the Current JCREC Memorandum of Understanding - Assess and enforce equal budgetary, staff support and other contributions to efforts which implement the activities of this workplan.

Objective: Conference Calls/Teleconference Meetings

JCREC Conference Calls - Generally monthly, to coordinate activities and to facilitate implementation of committee projects and provide education. We plan to continue to utilize these calls and teleconference-type sessions as necessary to continue the Committee's activities.

Objective: NOSORH/NASEMSO Learning Session

Learning Sessions – Learning Sessions have been opportunities for state representatives from state offices of EMS and rural health to come together and learn how to join forces on common goals and interests concerning rural emergency care. Learning sessions are planned for 2017: One constituted by the National Rural EMS Conference in April, 2017, and one in conjunction with the NOSORH Annual Meeting (September, 2017).

Objective: National Rural EMS Leadership Conference

Leadership Conference – A major, national conference for rural emergency care leaders to be held in April, 2017. A major conference for rural emergency care leaders to be held prior to the NASEMSO Fall meeting and the NOSORH annual meeting, so that the results can form meeting content for the Learning Session at the latter and a report at the former.

Objective: Strengthen Relationship with Office of Rural Health Policy (USDHHS)

Identify Opportunities – Create opportunities to strengthen and maintain this relationship.

Task	Responsibility	Due Date	Budget
Review the current JCREC Memorandum of Understanding in order to assess and enforce reasonably proportional budgetary, staff support and other contributions to efforts which implement the activities of this work plan. Review membership "requirements" for current partners, plan for leadership transition and administrative support.	All JCREC partners.	November and December 2016	N/A

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Adopt and revise work plan annually, create budget and determine other resources to achieve the work plan.	JCREC Committee.	March 2017 Will this work for TASC, NRHA, NASEMSO	N/A
Continue to plan and conduct monthly conference calls to provide organizational updates, policy updates, CP/MIH updates, partner/state updates and to pursue progress on work plan.	JCREC co-chairs, with support staff from NOSORH, NASEMSO.	Ongoing	JCREC volunteers NASEMSO supports calls
Develop the Learning Session for 2017 at NOSORH Annual Meeting	JCREC co-chairs, support staff from all organizations.	June, 2017	\$1500
Plan for a 2017 National Rural EMS Conference. Draft site-selection criteria, conference budget including expected income and expenses and attendance. Set up conference manager - fiscal/revenue/risk agreement for conference, sponsor solicitation plan, confirm conference facilities and services, registration fee, schedule of planning activities, marketing materials and website, conference agenda and speakers.	JCREC Chairs appoint Conference Planning Committee. Support staff from all organizations. NOSORH to act as conference/logistical contractor.	Book conference facility by September, 2016 Hold by April, 2017	\$62,000 expense budget - ensure reserves for the next year
Investigate the feasibility for NOSORH and NASEMSO to plan for a joint meeting in 2018. Consider strategies for revenue and registration, sponsor solicitation and needs for meeting space.	JCREC co-chairs with NASEMSO and NOSORH staff.	Decision by December, 2016 on joint conference after NASEMSO and NOSORH Fall, 2016 meetings	N/A
Identify opportunities to engage with FORHP to grow funding and technical assistance for rural EMS. Meet with FORHP at least twice per year to discuss this.	JCREC Chair to schedule calls or meetings.	September, 2016 and March, 2017	N/A

Goal 2: Engage the Rural EMS Committee and JCREC in national opportunities to promote awareness of rural/frontier emergency care issues and strategies for improvement

Objective: National Rural Health Day

National Rural Health Day – NRHD will be in November. This event is a good opportunity to showcase the excellent work that is happening in rural America in EMS. Make this available on NOSORH, TASC and NASEMSO website

Objective: EMS Rural Agenda

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“The Agenda II” – Twelve years have elapsed since the NRHA publication of this important work. Ideally, this would utilize an expert panel and/or consensus process to assess the progress made on the recommendations it made and to establish recommendations for the next decade. Alternatively, it might be folded into a comprehensive national EMS Agenda for the Future process.

Task	Responsibility		
JCREC engages in NRHD with all four partners working to create an EMS component in NRHD. Develop key messages, outreach to EMS, such the collection and dissemination of EMS success stories and media interviews on rural EMS.	NOSORH NRHA NRHC/TASC NASEMSO	September/ November, 2016 May/September 2017 (in advance of NRHD 2017)	NOSORH NRHD staff & contractor funds
Draft and promote a series of visionary recommendations for use by national, state and local emergency stakeholders to improve emergency services and can build on the former Rural EMS Agenda for the Future.	JCREC chairs guide partner conversation, approach to ORHP, and to NHTSA as required. FORHP – NOSORH meetings are an opportunity	Outline basic elements of the process and estimated cost for developing a process for the recommendations to share with federal agency & other partners. Plan for an initial meeting of JCREC, NHTSA & FORHP in February 2016 to gain engagement in the recommendation activity including resources & other funding Adopt a plan for the drafting, vetting, adoption and action on the proposed recommendations.	TBD

Goal 3: Engage in discussions and initiatives to improve mobile integrated health care and community paramedicine.

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Objective: Monitor the NASEMSO CP-MIH Committee, and assure rural input to NASEMSO CP-MIH Committee and Community Paramedicine Insights Forum (CPIF)

Monitor and Assure Rural Content in CP-MIH and CPIF Efforts - JCREC will participate in NASEMSO CP-MIH and CPIF planning, discussion and projects to make sure that they are addressing the needs of rural areas. The CPIF monthly forum serves as a regular meeting place, educational opportunity and discussion group for people interested in establishing or learning more about community paramedicine

Task	Responsibility	Due Date	Done	Budget
Participate in NASEMSO CP-MIH Committee and CPIF meetings to represent rural health and EMS interests.	NASEMSO and NOSORH delegates and others as interested	Ongoing		None

Goal 4: Advocate for inclusion of EMS in development of local and system rural performance improvement

Objective: Promote the Concept of Informed Self-Determination (ISD)

Informed Self-Determination – This concept was coined in the 2004 *Rural and Frontier EMS Agenda for the Future*. It recommends an objective third party evaluation of a community's EMS, recommendations for improvements, and a description of the cost implications for those improvements. Armed with this information, citizens (or their elected officials or planning body) can determine the type and level of EMS system desired and their investment in that system.

Objective: EMS Leadership Training

Promote EMS Leadership Training - Assess the Options for Evaluating EMS Leadership Training.

Objective: Flex Monitoring Team

Flex Monitoring Team - Work with the Flex Monitoring Team (FMT) to monitor and learn more about quality improvement initiatives.

Objective: Identify and Endorse EMS Performance Measures

EMS Performance Measures - Identify and endorse EMS performance measures. The University of Southern Maine (John Gale) project is reviewing and developing rural EMS performance measures for ORHP. Provide input to this project.

Task	Responsibility	Due Date	Done	Budget
Promote Informed Self-Determination – Assess resources for third-party service evaluations and evaluate methodologies for possibility of standardizing. Include ISD in Learning Sessions, Rural EMS Conference, and NRHD 2017 activities.	JCREC chairs name ad hoc committee to assess and make recommendations. Conference Planning Committee. NOSORH, NRHA, NASEMSO, NRHRC disseminates information.	January, 2017 for National Rural EMS Conference kick-off		N/A

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<p>Assess leadership training <u>impact evaluation</u> methodologies.</p>	<p>Partners to discuss this with regard to impact of training with Aaron Reinhardt and other experts.</p> <p>Share findings with FORHP.</p>			
<p>Engage the Flex Monitoring team and the Southern Maine Research Center to provide regular updates on any EMS efforts to the JCREC and support information dissemination of FMT work on EMS to JCREC partners' members</p>	<p>JCREC Chair invites FMT to provide quarterly updates to JCREC as needed</p> <p>Follow-up on SMRC project results when published.</p> <p>Then NRHA, NASEMSO, NRHRC disseminate information on FMT work on EMS</p>	<p>Quarterly</p>		<p>N/A</p>

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