



NASEMSO Medical Directors Council

November 4, 2013

Meeting Record

Attending: Joe Nelson, Chair (FL), Howard Backer (CA), Carol Cunningham (OH), Joe Holley (TN), Brian Moore (NM), Sarah Nafziger (AL), Ken Williams (RI), Dan Wolfson (VT), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO Program Manager)

Call to Order and Roll Call – Joe Nelson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

Approval of September 15-16 Meeting Minutes – The September 15-16 meeting minutes were approved.

NASEMSO Drug Shortages Summit, March 19 or 26 – Mary Hedges explained that NASEMSO staff leadership proposed convening a one-day drug shortages summit in mid-March as part of the revised contract with NHTSA. The intent is to invite representatives from the nation to present a variety of best practices for coping with pre-hospital drug shortages. Representatives from the NASEMSO Medical Directors Council would lead the summit. Mary suggested inviting a speaker on the GAO drug shortages study which is nearing completion. Carol suggested including Erin Fox, PharmD, University of Utah Drug Information Service again. Dr. Fox gave an excellent presentation at the NASEMSO Annual Meeting 2012 luncheon session. Joe Nelson suggested holding a web-enabled meeting so that others can participate. Members agreed it would be valuable to reach more people through a web-enabled meeting.

Suggested Model Documents for NASEMSO – Joe Nelson and Mary Hedges explained that NASEMSO will be selecting two or three additional model documents to create and the NASEMSO councils are being asked for ideas. Carol suggested Model EMS Disaster Clinical Guidelines, which could be tacked onto the Model EMS Clinical Guidelines. Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) model statutory language was suggested by Carol Cunningham and Sarah Nafziger. Dr. Nelson will present these suggestions at the NASEMSO Board Strategic Planning Session in December.

Work Plan 2014 – Joe Nelson explained that he and Peter Taillac will be presenting the revised 2014 Work Plan at the NASEMSO Strategic Planning Meeting in December. He asked Mary to send the current work plan and any suggestions for a revised 2014 work plan to the membership for input and feedback. He suggested including in a place holder for a disaster guidelines project.

Agenda for January 15, 2014 Meeting, Tucson – Members were asked for additional topics for the January 15 meeting agenda. Crisis Standards of Care (Carol Cunningham), increased time for state reports (Joe Nelson), more on selective spinal immobilization (Dan Wolfson), Hartford Consensus and needle compression by law enforcement (Ken Williams), Pre-hospital use of Ketamine (Dan Wolfson) were suggested for inclusion on the January meeting agenda.

NEMSIS Non-Emergent Data Module (for Community Paramedicine) – David Lehrfeld (OR) was not on the call to address this topic but has requested it be included for discussion at the January meeting.

Federal Partner Updates – There were no federal partners on the call, but Carol Cunningham reported on behalf of NEMSAC. She said NEMSAC was tasked with deciding if the EMS Education Agenda needed to be revised, so information is being gathered from stakeholders now. The intent is not to undertake major revisions since states are at various stages in adopting the prior changes, but it could include some smaller changes.

Regional Representatives Reports – Drs. Cady, Kamin and Sibold were not on the teleconference. Dr. Nafziger said she does not have any further update from her region, but she wanted to inform the Council that her predecessor, Dr. John Campbell, fell ill while in Greece and is currently in the ICU in Birmingham. Mary will send a card from the MD Council.

Model EMS Guidelines Project Update – Carol Cunningham reported the project is moving along well. The draft guidelines will soon be available for the technical writer, Kevin McGinnis, to put into a consistent form and style before the draft is released for public comment in the spring.

The meeting adjourned at 1:52 pm.

Next meeting is January 15 at the NAEMSP meeting in Tucson.