



NASEMSO Medical Directors Council

May 6, 2013

1:00 – 2:30 PM EST

Meeting Record

Members Attending – Joe Nelson, Chair (FL), Rick Alcorta (MD), Howard Backer (CA), Tim Cathey (OK), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO Program Manager), Joe Holley (TN), Richard Kamin (CT), Brian Moore (NM), Harry Sibold (MT), Murry Sturkie (ID), Pat Irwin (NV State EMS Director), Peter Taillac (UT), and Dan Wolfson (VT)

Call to Order and Roll Call – Joe Nelson called the meeting to order.

Model EMS Guidelines Update – Rich Kamin reported that the project is going very well. Small groups have been formed to work on guidelines. Comments are being received via the project's website. The next face-to-face meeting will be July 30 – August 1 in Minneapolis. Joe Nelson and Peter Taillac added that their small groups are developing the guidelines, utilizing the template for content but not formatting at present. Rich thought those could be formatted in the future. Rich also reported that NHTSA has expressed concern with the comment form and letter sent to the EMS community, as this method of gathering feedback on the project may not comply with the federal Paperwork Reduction Act. As a result, NASEMSO created a web portal for interested persons to submit comments about the project deliverables directly on the website.

Statewide Implementation of a Prehospital Care Guideline Update – Peter Taillac reported this grant is also moving forward nicely. They have created a toolkit for the participating states to help implement the EBG guideline on pain management for pediatrics and adults, thanks to the efforts of Rachael Alter who is the program manager staffing this project. The guideline was developed via the NHTSA-sponsored EBG project completed by Children's National Medical Center.

Regional Representatives Reports – Joe Nelson indicated that the Regional Representatives Report would be a standing agenda item for future meetings. This month the regional representatives were asked to report on their success of contacting state EMS offices without a state EMS medical director. Mary reported for Paul Satterlee, North Central Regional Representative. The North Central Region has more states without a medical director than any other region. Paul has spoken to officials from South Dakota and Iowa and left messages with Michigan and North Dakota. Harry Sibold, West Regional Representative, said he believes Oregon has hired a medical director, but it is not official yet. The other contact he has yet to make is the Northern Mariana Islands. Rich Kamin said he has little to report from the East Region, except that all states currently have a designated state EMS medical director. Sarah Nafziger, South Central Regional Representative, was not on the call.

Annual Meeting Agenda Planning – Joe Nelson said work has begun on the September meeting agenda. He asked Council members to submit additional suggestions.

- Orientation for New Members of the Medical Directors Council – Drs. Cunningham, Sholl, Kupas, Alcorta, and Mary Hedges previously volunteered to develop the orientation, which will be done during the first hour of the September 16-17 meeting. Peter suggested having some experienced Medical Directors speak on their respective roles. Mary suggested that the resource document and medical director survey results would be ideal to share with new members. Joe mentioned that a new medical director in Missouri will be replacing Samar Muzzaffar.
- Suggested Topics/Speakers – Peter suggested a Drug Shortages Update from Carol. Peter offered to speak on selective spinal immobilization. Joe asked if the Council wants to consider taking a position on it. Peter will distribute the position paper in addition to the journal article that was distributed with today’s agenda. Rick Alcorta asked if we should have a NEMESIS update from Clay Mann or Karen Jacobson. Peter suggested an update on helicopter EMS utilization guidelines. Rick Alcorta said they (Bob Bass and others) are working on it but he is not sure if they will be ready to release it. Howard Backer added that California could use guidance on helicopter utilization. Rick Alcorta volunteered himself or Bob Bass to speak on the HEMS guidelines. Rick Alcorta suggested a discussion on high-performance CPR (including ROSC and hypothermia) and termination of resuscitation in the field. Rick Alcorta and Peter Taillac agreed to help lead the discussion. Murry Sturkie said that the organ donation advocates in Idaho are encouraging ambulance transport of deceased individuals. Rick Alcorta commented that Maryland has a separate transport system for this purpose. Brian Moore added that there is a need to provide more prehospital training on pediatric arrest in the field, as EMS personnel are more likely to take unwarranted speed risks when transporting children who have arrested.
- Combined session with PECC and DMC regarding Targeted Issues Grant (Dr. Manish I. Shah) - Peter Taillac said that Beth Edgerton had recommended that Dr. Shah present his project on implementing an evidence-based protocol on pediatric respiratory distress. This will be scheduled for Tuesday afternoon for about an hour in a joint session with the EMSC and data managers.

Committee and Project Updates – There were no further updates.

Joe Holley asked if he should organize a social outing when members come to Nashville for the Annual Meeting in September. It was noted that the hosting medical director usually selects a restaurant and organizes a dinner outing on Monday evening. Joe said he is already planning that and asked members to contact him if they have any ideas for Nashville entertainment.

The next meeting is Monday, July 1.

The meeting adjourned at 2:02 PM EDT.

The meeting record was respectfully prepared and submitted by NASEMSO Program Manager Mary Hedges.