



## **NASEMSO Medical Directors Council**

**March 1, 2021, 1:00 PM ET**

### **Meeting Record**

**Attending** – George Lindbeck (VA), Joe Holley (TN), Jon Burstein (MA), Doug Kupas (PA), Michael Kaufmann (IN), Riccardo Collela (WI), Michael Levy (AK), Jeff Beckman (CO), Matt Sholl (ME), Ken Williams (RI), Joey Scollan (NH), Tripp Winslow (NC), Richard Kamin (CT), Kate Zimmerman (ME), Gail Bradley (AZ), Joy Crook (NM), Alex Isakov (GA), Rick Hong (DE), David Duncan (CA), Sabina Braithwaite (MO), Lynn Wittwer (WA), David Lehrfeld (OR), Elwin Crawford (AL), Jon Krohmer (NHTSA), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), Hannah Degn (NASEMSO), Dia Gainor (NASEMSO)

**Call to Order and Welcome**– Dr. George Lindbeck called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM ET.

### **New Member Welcome/Self-Introduction**

- **Rick Hong** (Delaware) – Dr. Hong is the medical director for the Division of Public Health and is currently the acting state EMS medical director. His background is emergency medicine and EMS. The long-time state EMS Medical Director, Dr. Ross Megargel retired in November.
- **Alexander Isakov** (Georgia) - Dr. Isakov is the new part-time EMS medical director for Georgia. He has been a professor of emergency Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine for 20 years and is the Director of the Section of Disaster and Prehospital Medicine which provides medical oversight for 911 communications centers in metropolitan Atlanta.

**Approval of January 4th Meeting Record** (attached)- The January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting record was accepted as submitted.

**Presentation: CP-MIH in Crawfordsville, IN** – Paul Miller, EMS Chief, Crawfordsville Fire Dept. presented an overview of the Community paramedicine program in Crawfordsville, Indiana. Indiana has seen the closure of 125 rural hospitals. They saw a need to address rural health needs and began with heart failure and have expanded into several other health needs. Montgomery County was ranked 9<sup>th</sup> of 92 counties most at risk for opioid abuse. “Project Swaddle” is their high-risk Obstetrics (OB) program and includes prenatal and postnatal home visits. Some of their OB patients are on medication assisted treatment for substance use disorder. They are participating in an in-home Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) bridge program. Dr. Mike Kaufmann praised their MIH-CP program, adding that Project Swaddle has been successful in reducing infant mortality.

**Interfacility Transport Position Paper** (2/25/21 draft attached)– Dr. Lindbeck said the previous draft was presented to the NASEMSO Board who had a positive response but asked that it be

circulated to NASEMSO members for review and comments. Those comments have been addressed in this revision. George suggested the paper be circulated to our partners for support and collaboration upon approval by the Board.

**NHTSA OEMS Update** – Dr. Jon Krohmer reported that more EMS agencies are participating in vaccine clinics. NHTSA OEMS has formed a group to consider a revision to the Model EMS Scope of Practice to include administration of vaccinations for EMTs and monoclonal antibody infusion treatment. He also addressed a question that recently arose on the MDC listserv regarding the screening of EMS personnel at the hospitals; apparently some hospitals are being cited for not routinely screening. He is not suggesting they should be screening because EMS agencies should have processes in place for screening EMS personnel at the start of their shifts.

**NASEMSO Annual Meeting 2021 (new date) Nov. 14-18** (MDC to meet 11/15-16) – Mary Hedges announced that the NASEMSO Annual Meeting has been rescheduled to mid-November to increase the likelihood that people will be able to safely travel and gather in-person. The location will remain The Silver Legacy in Reno, Nevada.

### **COVID-19 Update from States**

Dr. Kaufmann said EMS World Spring Conference is meeting virtually this week and will include a session on the Covid-19 vaccine, including the role of EMS in administering it. He and Dr. Schepkpe will be among the panelists.

### **Project and Committee Updates** – Various Members

- Pain Management EBG Project – Dr. George Lindbeck said the panel is completing the PICO questions and will soon be drafting the EBG manuscript.
- NEMSAC Update – Dr. Peter Taillac was not on the call to report.
- NASEMSO National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines, Version 3 – Dr. Richard Kamin reported the expert panel has been formed and sections have been assigned leaders.
- Prehospital Guidelines Consortium – Dr. David Lehrfeld said the implementation committee has been assembled and has met.
- Joint Commission Cardiac Certifications Technical Advisory Panel (new)– Dr. Doug Kupas reported this new project has not yet had its initial meeting. This group will help develop the criteria for cardiac accreditation by the Joint Commission.
- NASEMSO/USFA Responder Pandemic Continuity of Response Operations (new) – William Crawford, Rick Hong, Carol Cunningham – Hannah reported that the first meeting of the Technical Expert Panel occurred last week. Mel House, former director of Ohio state EMS office, is leading the project. Dr. Hong said he was impressed with the first meeting and the qualifications of the panel members.

**Other Matters of Interest** – Dia Gainor announced that despite the postponement of the Annual Meeting from June to November, elections will take place at a business meeting in June where the NASEMSO President-Elect and other officers are selected. That vote will take place electronically. The Medical Directors do not need to hold their elections in June but may do so at their regularly scheduled meeting in May or July. It was noted that Dr. Lindbeck will turn over the gavel to Chair-Elect Matt Sholl in May or June, and a new chair-elect will be elected.

**Next Meeting – May 3rd**

**Adjourn –** The meeting adjourned at 1:46 PM ET.

*The record was respectfully prepared by NASEMSO Program Manager Mary Hedges.*