



## **NASEMSO Medical Directors Council**

**March 3, 2020 1:00 pm ET – 2:00 pm ET**

### **Meeting Record**

**Attending:** George Lindbeck (Chair), Matthew Sholl (Chair-Elect), Bill Fales (MI), Eric Ernest (NE), Gail Bradley (AZ), Sabina Braithwaite (MO), Daniel Wolfson (VT), Kate Zimmerman (ME), Joe Holley (TN), Riccardo Colella (WI), Peter Taillac (UT), Curtis Sandy (MD), Richard Kamin (CT), Michael Kaufmann (IN), William Fales (MI), Christian Knutson (NAEMSP), Tim Seplaki (NJ), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), Dia Gainor (NASEMSO), Hilary Bikowski (NASEMSO)

**Call to Order, Welcome, Self-Introductions** – Dr. George Lindbeck, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM ET. Dia Gainor called roll.

**Approval of January 8, 2020 Call Minutes** – Dr. Lindbeck called for a motion to approve the January 8, 2020 minutes. William Fales moved to approve the January 8<sup>th</sup> minutes. Richard Kamin seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed with no opposition.

**NHSTA Update** – Dr. Jon Krohmer was not able to join the call.

**NASEMSO Executive Director Update** – Dia Gainor

There are two major deliverables that NASEMSO is working to complete for the cooperative agreement with NHSTA. They are a 2020 EMS Assessment and the compilation of data and graphical analysis for Systems of Care.

NASEMSO anticipates a new cooperative agreement with NHSTA, which hopefully will begin when our current cooperative agreement ends on March 31, 2020.

We are working with NACCHO on identifying jurisdictions with novel approaches in preventing falls. The intent is to develop a protocol for EMS to use when responding to calls on falls.

Peter Taillac asked Dia if there had been any word on the Pain Management EBG proposal submitted to NHTSA last fall. Dia reported that she has not heard anything from NHTSA at this time.

**ASTHO-NASEMSO Post-Overdose Project** – Tim Seplaki (NJ) – Opioid Ad Hoc Committee Chair

The meeting will be in Atlanta, GA, March 10 – 11, 2020. The purpose is to identify creative approaches outside of naloxone for EMS to use when encountering an opioid overdose. New Jersey just implemented the 5-minute rule to help the overdose epidemic. One of the components of this new approach is to train EMS on how they approach addicts. Tim said we need to change the mindset of how we assess and judge people with substance abuse disorder. The goal is to standardize a system across the states to address this issue. Mary commented that we were successful in recruiting meeting participants with 20 people who are now registered. There should be a good representation of both state and local EMS people on the list.

Dr. Fales asked if there would be live streaming of this meeting. Dia said that there will be a stenographer taking notes. There should be a good record of the proceedings of the meeting.

**AHA/ASA Pre-hospital Systems of Care: Consensus Principles** – Dr. Peter Taillac

Dr. Taillac was invited to participate in an effort by the American Heart Association (AHA) to develop EMS destination guidelines for stroke patients. The AHA divided the recommendations between 3 areas: rural, urban, and suburban. Each of these areas has different considerations regarding logistics and resource availability which may affect the ideal time in which to get the patient to a thrombectomy-capable facility or to a comprehensive stroke center. He agreed with members of the MDC that ideal stroke care should be uniform, regardless of the patient's location; however, resource availability will, in reality, vary and require regional adjustment for patient destination and timing.

The paper that is being produced is not considered a position statement by the AHA but is a consensus position statement by multiple national stroke-related associations convened by the AHA that will assist with publication and support.

Peter presented the paper to the NASEMSO Executive Committee on February 27, 2020. They approved the use of the NASEMSO logo and would support NASEMSO's name on the paper. It is going to be published in a national journal shortly after all related associations endorse it.

Peter was asked by Bill Fales to share Utah's stroke protocol. Peter said he will share it with Dr. Fales and any other MDC members interested.

### **CARES State Scholarships – Dr. Doug Kupas**

An announcement was distributed to everyone about the CARES grant for states. It is intended for states who wish to participate in the Cardiac Arrest Registry for Emergency Survival (CARES) and need support to hire a CARES coordinator. There is enough funding for two states. The deadline for submitting applications is April 1, 2020.

### **Agenda Topics for Annual Meeting – Dr. Lindbeck**

There will be a presentation on a CDC pilot project which is the first to use probabilistic matching of EMS run data to emergency department (ED) visit data. It is part of the CDC's BioSense Platform for the National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP). He also said that he is seeking ideas for the annual meeting that might be of common interest the group. If you have any, please send them to Mary.

### **Project and Committee Updates**

Prehospital airway management systematic review – Dr. Michael Levy was not able to join the call.

Pain management EBG Proposal – Dr. George Lindbeck reported that we are waiting to hear from NHTSA on the proposal submitted in September.

NEMSAC Update – Dr. Peter Taillac said that NEMSAC not met since the last MDC meeting. The current topic for discussion is whether paramedics should have an associate degree for licensure. Several groups are opposed to this proposal. George would like to take some time at the NASEMSO Annual Meeting to get feedback on whether the additional educational is essential for licensure requirements.

Code of ethics for EMS medical directors – Dr. Lindbeck reported that Ken Williams initiated development of the EMS code of ethics which has since been edited and endorsed by NAEMSP and AMPA. He presented it to the NASEMSO Board of Directors at their February 12, 2020 meeting and it was approved. He believes that Dr. Williams will submit it to *Prehospital Emergency Care* for publication.

NAEMSP Equipment for Ground Ambulances document revision – Dr. Lindbeck said that the writing group is just now coming back together and will put something together soon to present to the committee. Ken Williams represents NASEMSO on this project.

Defining Ideal Pediatric Trauma System (Childress Grant) – Dr. Joey Scollan was not able to join the call.

National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP) – Dr. Joey Scollan was not able to join the call.

### **Other Matters of Interest**

National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines - Richard Kamin said he would like the National Model Guidelines to be listed under project and committee updates. He requested that this topic be returned to the agenda for next month's call. He needs additional guidance on how the project is going to be staffed and funded. George said that he will make a note to reinstitute this topic to the agenda.

EPIC Head Trauma EMS Training - The Head Trauma Management course from the EPIC research project is being taught in Pennsylvania. Doug Kupas hopes to replicate the outcomes benefit that AZ saw with this course. He offered to present the project at the June MDC meeting in Reno, and Gail Bradley offered to participate to provide the AZ perspective.

COVID 19 - Peter Taillac said that the COVID-19 virus should be an agenda item for the next call. They discussed the CDC guidelines and questioned the final screening recommendations. Matt said that this is difficult for some EMS systems as they will run out of masks. Anyone with a fever or a cough and has not traveled should be diagnosed and made to wear a surgical mask. Otherwise, there is significant risk of depletion of masks.

NAEMSP Medical Director Survey – Dr. Christian Knudsen said that he has developed a survey to gather information on EMS medical directors across the United States. He would like for NASEMSO to distribute the survey to its members and perhaps assist in gathering the information for the descriptions he is putting together for each state's medical director. He asked if he could send the template that they will be using to gather the information for the descriptions to NASEMSO. George indicated the NASEMSO MDC would be willing to assist.

NAEMSP Medical Director Course - Sabina Braithwaite reported that NAEMSP is updating the medical director's course and that the three-day course will be rolled out this summer.

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 1:48 pm ET.

*Meeting minutes were respectfully prepared by NASEMSO Staff Hilary Bikowski and Mary Hedges with editing assistance from MDC Secretary Dr. Carol Cunningham.*