



NASEMSO Medical Directors Council
May 3, 2021, 1:00 PM ET

Meeting Record

Attending – George Lindbeck (Chair), Sharon Malone (TX), Michael Kaufmann (IN), Sabina Braithwaite (MO), Matthew Sholl (ME), Kate Zimmerman (ME), Jon Burstein (MA), Jason Kegg (IL), Riccardo Colella (WI), Rick Hong (DE), Tim Chizmar (MD), Joey Scollan (NH), Dan Wolfson (VT), Lynn Wittwer (WA), Richard Kamin (CT), David Duncan (CA), Mike Levy (AK), Joe Holley (TN), William Fales (MI), Alex Isakov (GA), Doug Kupas (PA), Elwin Crawford (AL), Jeff Beckman (CO), Ken Schepcke (FL), Jon Krohmer (NHTSA), NASEMSO Staff: Dia Gainor, Mary Hedges, Hannah Degn

Call to Order and Welcome– Dr. George Lindbeck called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM ET.

Approval of March 1st Meeting Record (attached) - The March 1st meeting record was approved as submitted.

NASEMSO Update – Dia Gainor, Executive Director, reported on the following initiatives:

- National Co-Responder Consortium (attachment) – A coalition of national organizations representing EMS, behavioral health, social workers, social services, community and first responders are working to establish a technical assistance center for help in addressing the needs of people with substance use and mental health disorders. The mission is to ensure appropriate resources are made available in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Dia has been working with the Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC) Center for Health and Justice to recruit national EMS organizations to join the coalition. EMS organizations who have joined the coalition, in addition to NASEMSO, include AAA, NAEMT, IAEMSC, and NAEMSP.
- ACS-COT/NASEMSO Joint Policy Statement on Data Linkage – ACS-COT and NASEMSO have crafted a joint policy statement addressing the linkage of NEMSIS data and trauma data using a UUID (universally unique identifier). The statement will be released pending approval from NHTSA OEMS. The opportunity to link the two data sets is a significant step forward.

NHTSA OEMS Update – Dr. Jon Krohmer provided a brief update:

- Data Linkage - NHTSA is awaiting a response from ASC-COT before releasing the UUID document referenced above.
- EMS Scope of Practice Model - The emergency changes made to the National EMS Scope of Practice Model to include nasal swabs and vaccinations was recently shared with

NASEMSO and the official document will be released soon. Revisions to the Education Standards associated with the changes in the Scope of Practice Model are being made as well.

- Rural EMS Crisis – NHTSA plans to meet with NASEMSO and other parties to see what steps can be taken to address the rural EMS crisis. This issue has been receiving a considerable amount of attention in national news.

NAEMSP Update – Mike Levy and Jeff Beckman reported on the chemical restraint (ketamine) legislation proposed in Colorado. The bill raised concerns among the EMS community and has undergone significant revisions. The bill language would now allow EMS to administer ketamine in a justifiable emergency, including excited delirium. The Colorado NAEMSP Chapter is coordinating the local response with updates posted in the NAEMSP Chapter basecamp website. The bill will be presented to the Colorado House this week and then the State Senate. Continued efforts on amendments are underway.

Council Election Discussion (June 2021 vs. at the Annual Meeting) – Mary Hedges reported that the NASEMSO councils can move their elections to the Annual Meeting in November, if they so choose, rather than conducting a virtual election in June. Doug Kupas moved to postpone the elections to June; Joe Holley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

COVID-19 and Vaccination Update from States

Bill Fales reported that Michigan's COVID numbers are declining now after a recent surge. He sees a concerning trend of EMS providers not taking COVID precautions when patients say they have been vaccinated. Ken Sheppke suggested that NASEMO MDC develop a position statement, perhaps with NAEMSP as well, regarding ongoing respiratory PPE beyond the pandemic for all cases where EMS is treating a patient with a respiratory complaint.

Project and Committee Updates – Various Members

- Pain Management EBG Project – George Lindbeck reported the manuscript is nearly complete and is due next week to NHTSA.
- NEMSAC Update – Peter Taillac was not available to report.
- NASEMSO National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines, Version 3 – Richard Kamin reported the Model EMS Guidelines are moving along with first drafts due in June.
- Prehospital Guidelines Consortium – David Lehrfeld was not available to report.
- Joint Commission Cardiac Certifications Technical Advisory Panel – Doug Kupas shared the Joint Commission process is moving slowly. They have submitted disclosures but have not yet had their first meeting.
- NASEMSO/USFA Responder Pandemic Continuity of Response Operations – William Crawford reported that he missed the initial meeting but understands progress is being made.

- Interfacility Transport Position Paper - Dr. Lindbeck shared that the NASEMSO Board approved the Interfacility Transport paper; however, it has been on hold while he focused on the Prehospital Pain Management EBG.

Other Matters of Interest

- Mask Guidance - Mike Levy inquired if there was an update on the OSHA mask guidance related to COVID. Jon Krohmer said he believes it is undergoing revisions and the CDC is continuing to revise their First Responder Mask Guidance.
- Julia Martin (KY) - Mary Hedges reported that Julia Martin had recently informed her she was stepping down as EMS Medical Director for the Kentucky Board of EMS. They are in the process of appointing her replacement.

Next Meeting – July 5th

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 1:36 PM ET.

NASEMSO Annual Meeting, November 14-18, Reno, NV (MDC to meet Nov. 15-16)

The meeting record was respectfully prepared by NASEMSO Program Manager Mary Hedges with editorial assistance from MDC Secretary Dr. Carol Cunningham.