



NASEMSO Medical Directors Council

March 7, 2022, 1:00 PM ET

Meeting Record

Attending – Matt Sholl (ME), Rich Kamin (CT), Joe Holley (TN), Tripp Winslow (NC), Ken Williams (RI), Angus Jameson (FL), Jonathan Newman (WV), Gam Wijetunge (NHTSA), Gail Bradley (AZ), Daniel Wolfson (VT), Jeff Beckman (CO), Michael Kaufmann (IN), Jon Burstein (MA), Michael Levy (AK), Rob Rosenbaum (DE), Tim Chizmar (MD), Bill Fales (MI), Kate Zimmerman (ME), Joey Scollan (NH), For NASEMSO: Mary Hedges, Dia Gainor, Andy Gienapp, Jennifer Robinson

Call to Order and Welcome – Dr. Matthew Sholl called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM EST.

Approval of January 12th Meeting Record (attached) - The meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Self-Introduction of New Members

- Jonathan Newman (WV) is the state EMS medical director from West Virginia. He previously served as a regional medical director, paramedic, and firefighter.
- Angus Jameson (FL) is the new medical director for Florida, replacing Ken Sheppke who was appointed as Florida's Deputy Secretary for Health.

NASEMSO Update – Dia Gainor, Executive Director, welcomed the two new members. She reported that NASEMSO is wrapping up two major projects – the National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines and the USFA Responder Pandemic Continuity of Response Operations.

NHTSA OEMS Update – Dr. Sholl congratulated Gam Wijetunge on his promotion to the director of the NHTSA Office of EMS. Gam mentioned that USDOT Secretary Buttigieg announced the National Roadway Safety Strategy in January, and it includes post-crash care as one of the five strategies. See <https://www.transportation.gov/NRSS>. They are delighted to see post-crash identified as a priority on the national level.

Project and Committee Updates – Various Members

- Role of State EMS Medical Director Position Paper Update – Dr. Doug Kupas had participated in the original draft and has been asked to participate in the revision of the document.
- IAFC EMS Stakeholder Group – Dr. Sholl said the IAFC is reconvening this stakeholder group which had created a handbook for EMS medical directors in 2012. Dr. Lindbeck had previously represented NASEMSO on this group, but he has not heard if he is willing

to do so again. See <https://www.iafc.org/topics-and-tools/resources/resource/handbook-for-ems-medical-directors> . Dr. Gail Bradley expressed interest.

- Pain Management EBG Project – Mary Hedges noted that the two manuscripts were published in *Prehospital Emergency Care*. A webinar will be held on March 9, which will include several of the technical expert panel as presenters.
- Interfacility Transport Position Paper – Dr. Lindbeck was not on the call. The next step was to seek endorsement by other national EMS organizations.
- NEMSAC Update – Dr. Peter Taillac was not available, but Dia reported that the March meeting was essentially a chance to regroup.
- National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines, Version 3 – Dr. Richard Kamin reiterated that version 3 will be released soon. He thanked all the partners who contributed, noting that ACEP has agreed to include the new trauma triage guidelines which have not yet been released.
- Prehospital Guidelines Consortium – Dr. David Lehrfeld was not available. Dia noted that the Prehospital Guidelines Consortium recently released a toolkit for EBG implementation <http://prehospitalguidelines.org/ebg-resources/> based largely on work NASEMSO accomplished in a prior NHTSA-funded project.
- Joint Commission Cardiac Certifications Technical Advisory Panel - Dr. Doug Kupas was not available to report.
- NASEMSO/USFA Responder Pandemic Continuity of Response Operations – Mary noted that Dia reported on this project earlier in the meeting.

Speakers and Topics for June 20-21 MDC Meeting – Dr. Sholl asked members for agenda items for the upcoming Meeting of the Medical Directors Council in Charleston, South Carolina.

- Dr. Kate Zimmerman said the prehospital canine movement has taken hold and there is a new group forming <https://navems.org>. She serves on the committee to develop the curriculum. Dr. Sholl commented this may be of interest if states enact legislation allowing EMS to care for working dogs. Massachusetts and Rhode Island passed such legislation. Dr. Burstein noted that the Massachusetts legislation wording was changed from “may provide” to “must provide”.
- Mary previously spoke with Dr. Aaron Burnett about presenting on the Minnesota Mobile ECMO program.
- Dr. Gail Bradley suggested “hospital at home” which has been a topic of discussion in Arizona.
- Dr. Tripp Winslow suggested hospital diversion; Tim Chizmar agreed and added “parking.”

Other Matters of Interest – Dan Wolfson asked if there has been any movement on funding for CARES. Matt said he will reach out to Bryan McNally.

Dr. Michael Levy said there is an interesting article about ketamine in a psychiatric journal <https://www.psychiatrytimes.com/view/perspectives-on-excited-delirium-and-ketamine>. Mike Levy Tripp Winslow, Tim Chizmar, Jeff Beckman offered to lead discussions on ketamine at the meeting in June.

Next Meeting – May 2

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.

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