



NASEMSO Medical Directors Council

May 2, 2022, 1:00 PM ET

Meeting Record

Attending – Matthew Sholl (Chair), Richard Kamin (CT), Joe Holley (TN), Ed Deschamps (SC), Tim Chizmar (MD), Azeem Ahmed (IA), Kate Zimmerman (ME), Ken Williams (RI), Riccardo Colella (WI), Jonathan Newman (WV), Joey Scollan (NH), Doug Kupas (PA), Gail Bradley (AZ), Bill Fales (MI), Jason Kegg (IL), Robert Rosenbaum (DE), Angus Jameson (FL)

For NASEMSO: Andy Gienapp, Dia Gainor, Jennifer Robinson, Mary Hedges

Call to Order and Welcome – Dr. Matthew Sholl called the meeting to order a 1:05 PM EDT.

Approval of March 7th Meeting Record (attached) – The meeting record was approved as submitted.

Self-Introduction of New Members

- Hernando Garzon (CA) was not able to join the meeting

NASEMSO Update – Andy Gienapp, Deputy Executive Director, reported on the current NASEMSO projects, including EMS Workforce, Strategic Planning for State EMS Offices, Public Health Collaboration, and the newly awarded Airway Management Evidence Based Guidelines Project.

NHTSA OEMS Update – Gam Wijetunge, Director, was not able to join the meeting.

Review /Revise Annual Meeting Agenda (attached) – Matt reviewed the draft agenda. Doug Kupas recommended ensuring ample time for state reports as these are valuable. He also suggested a discussion on falls as the leading cause of traumatic injury, especially with the aging population. The group decided to include the topic of falls. Doug offered to help lead the discussion. Carol Cunningham was volunteered (by Rich Kamin) to discuss geriatric trauma also.

Project and Committee Updates – Various Members

- Airway Management Evidence Based Guidelines Project (new) – Dr. Sholl will be the PI on this new project that was recently awarded by NHTSA. Dr. Jeff Jarvis will be Co-PI. This will be similar to the naloxone EBG and Pain Management EBG projects.
- Role of EMS Medical Director Position Paper Update – Dr. Doug Kupas is representing NASEMSO on this project.
- IAFC EMS Stakeholder Group – Dr. George Lindbeck was not available to report.
- Interfacility Transport Position Paper – Dr. Lindbeck was not available to report.
- NEMSAC Update – Dr. Peter Taillac was not on the call. Dia reported that NEMSAC will be meeting next week. The meetings are publicly accessible. Andy will be reporting on the Model EMS Clinical Guidelines at the NEMSAC meeting.

- National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines, Version 3 – Dr. Richard Kamin reported that the model guidelines (version 3) were released. He thanked all those who participated in the effort.
- Prehospital Guidelines Consortium – Dr. David Lehrfeld was not on the call. Dr. Angus Jameson is also on the PGC board and reported there was no update.
- Joint Commission Cardiac Certifications Technical Advisory Panel - Dr. Doug Kupas suggested removing this project because it has been completed and they are using the criteria now. They completed the criteria without input from NASEMSO and NAEMSP.

Other Matters of Interest – Dr. Chizmar asked about the law enforcement/EMS interface, as there was a new law passed in Maryland. Rich Kamin said there was similar legislation in Connecticut, which seems to have put a strain on the relationship between the two entities. It was suggested this be added the June agenda.

Ken Williams said there has been inaccurate information about fentanyl exposure to law enforcement which has created some tension between law enforcement and EMS. Dr. Gail Bradley said she had to refuse to authorize a medical protocol for administering 8 mg dose of naloxone. This topic will be also added to the June agenda. Ken, Azeem Ahmed, Gail Bradley and Bill Fales will lead the discussion.

Jonathan Newman asked if anyone has developed protocol for BLS to take patients to urgent care, primarily due to the long ED wait times. They are considering this in West Virginia. Doug Kupas said they are doing this through the ET3 project. Tim Chizmar and Doug Kupas offered to send information to Mary to share with the group.

Meeting Calendar for 2022 – see <https://nasemsso.org/councils/medical-directors/>

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM,

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