



NASEMSO Medical Directors Council

May 2, 2016

1:00 PM EDT

Meeting Record

Attending - Harry Sibold (MT), James Bledsoe (AR), Jim Suozzi (NH), Joe Holley (TN), Dia Gainor (NASEMSO), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), Eric Ernest (NE), Joe Nelson (FL), Stephen Vetrano (NJ), Rick Alcorta (MD), Sarah Nafziger (AL), Curtis Sandy (ID), Jeff Beeson (TX), Ken Williams (RI), Peter Taillac (UT), Lynn Wittwer (WA)

Call to Order and Roll Call – Dr. Harry Sibold, Secretary, called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM. He noted he had been asked to chair the meeting until Dr. Taillac or Williams could join.

Approval of March 28 Meeting Minutes (attached) – The March meeting record was approved without changes. Motion made by Dr. Alcorta; seconded by Dr. Nelson. Passed.

NEMSAC Scope of Practice Revision to include Naloxone for EMR and EMT – Dr. Cunningham was unable to join the meeting. Dia Gainor reported that NEMSAC proposed that NHTSA undertake an “emergency” revision to the Scope of Practice Model for the purpose of adding the administration of naloxone to the scope of practice for EMRs and EMTs. Dia submitted comments indicating she did not think an immediate change in the Scope of Practice Model would impact the handful of states that do not authorize naloxone administration by EMRs and EMTs. She expressed concern about setting a precedent with an emergency revision, particularly in view of the fact that the Scope of Practice Model is scheduled for its next revision cycle beginning this fall, and would likely be completed via an 18-month cooperative agreement. NEMSAC has decided to hold a public meeting by webinar to obtain feedback on the issue. Dr. Sibold suggested members submit comments to Dr. Cunningham.

EMS Agenda for the Future: Writing the Next Version – Dr. Sibold encouraged members to register for the May 16th NHTSA webinar on the *EMS Agenda for the Future*.

HR 4365, Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2016 Update – Dr. Harry Sibold participated in the recent NAEMSP-sponsored Government Affairs Academy. There are now 65 co-sponsors on the bill. He encouraged members to ask their congressional representative to become a co-sponsor, which will increase the likelihood that the bill will get committee hearings before the 2-year Congressional session concludes at the end of 2016. Harry noted that this would be the first time the EMS Medical Director would be named in federal statute. The bill would not extend scope of practice but is intended to catch up with existing practice. For more information, see [NAEMSP Advocacy](#). Noting that New Hampshire has a requirement that controlled substances administered by EMS be purchased from a hospital, Dr. Suozzi asked if this would be a problem. Harry said he would put Dr. Suozzi in touch with NAEMSP Advocacy who could answer the question. Dr. Alcorta offered to share a 2016 memo from the FDA that he believes addresses this concern. See [FDA Guidance](#).

NASEMSO Spring Meeting and Board Report – Dr. Taillac was not at the Spring Meeting other than his attendance at the EMS Compass Evidence Review Group, which was composed of 10 people, 5 who were MD Council members (Taillac, Sholl, Cunningham, Kamin, Kupas). Mary reported that the Spring Meeting had good attendance, with three of the five councils meeting. Ambulance (safety) standards played a predominant role at this year’s meeting.

NASEMSO Update – Dia Gainor, Executive Director, urged members to submit comments on the EMS Compass performance measures recently released. Strategic planning for NASEMSO will be a new focus of the Board in the upcoming year. STEMI and cardiac arrest will be the next two performance measures to be released for comment. NASEMSO continues to work on the EBG project. Ambulance safety has taken a prominent role. NIST has funded NASEMSO to create a website on ambulance safety. See www.safeambulances.org. NASEMSO’s newest project is Fatigue in EMS and is funded by the Office of Behavioral Research in NHTSA.

Project and Committee Updates – Various Members

Model EMS Clinical Guidelines Continuation – Dr. Taillac reported that NHTSA will be investing funding into the NASEMSO Cooperative Agreement for the Model EMS Guidelines Project. Dia added that the umbrella Cooperative Agreement (CAP) funds much of the NASEMSO budget. Although it is good that the Model EMS Guidelines has been added, the downside is that the overall funding will be the same and the timeline extended from 12 months to 16 months for the same amount of funding.

Prehospital EBG Consortium – Dr. Taillac reported that the consortium held its first in-person meeting at the NAEMSP meeting in January. They have a draft set of bylaws, and have divided into committees. NASEMSO is on the Executive Committee.

Promoting Innovation in EMS (PIE) – Dr. Jeff Beeson described the NHTSA-funded project, known as PIE, which is intended to identify barriers to innovation in EMS. Co-PIs are Drs. Kevin Munjai and Jim Dunford. They have held multiple public meetings and the initial project results were distributed for public comment. One goal specifically addresses state medical directors, and they have received no comments from state medical directors. He will send it to Mary who will send it to the listserv. Dia added that NASEMSO is working on a master set of comments. More information is available and comments can be submitted at the project website is <http://dot.sinaiem.org/>. The project is different from EMS 3.0 or New EMS.

Open Forum – Dr. Taillac asked if others had any items for discussion.

Rick Alcorta reported that Maryland passed legislation concerning hospitals that are downgrading to free-standing emergency departments due to economic factors. This is concerning to his state and he wants to share it before it happens in other states. Dr. Taillac suggested this topic be included on the agenda at the Fall Meeting. Rick agreed to address it.

Ken Williams said that November 20-21, 2016, is the New England EMS Conference.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM EDT. The next meeting is scheduled for **July 11**.

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