



NASEMSO Medical Directors Council

July 11, 2016

1:00 PM EDT

Meeting Record

Attending - Ken Williams (RI), Harry Sibold (MT), Rick Alcorta (MD), Carol Cunningham (OH), Suzanne Martens (WI), Daniel Wolfson (VT), Howard Backer (CA), Curtis Sandy (ID), Lynn Wittwer (WA), Doug Kupas (PA), Dia Gainor (NASEMSO), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO)

Call to Order and Roll Call – Dr. Ken Williams, Chair-Elect, called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM EDT.

Approval of May 2nd Meeting Minutes – The May 2nd meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

NASEMSO Update – Dia Gainor, Executive Director, reported that the new 16-month NHTSA Cooperative Agreement for NASEMSO is in place. It is the primary funding source for NASEMSO and includes the next phase of the Model EMS Clinical Guidelines project. The Model Air Medical Rules, which has been under review by NHTSA's Office of Chief Counsel for several months, is expected to be released any day. Seven states have passed REPLICA, which provides for an interstate licensure compact for EMS personnel. Three more states must enact the law in order to reach the minimum of ten states required for the compact to be in effect for those states. NASEMSO is planning an in-person meeting with the seven REPLICA states, which will be hosted by the NREMT. Dia reported that the EMS Compass project is the single largest cooperative agreement NASEMSO has ever had. The first deliverable is to design the process by which EMS performance measures are to be developed. This task became much more complex than what was originally envisioned. Dia encouraged people to ask their respective state data system vendors to ensure the performance measures can be tied into the data systems, and that data is accessible and workable (including cross tabulation, e.g. by age). Rick Alcorta expressed concern about the various state data systems and alignment with NEMSIS. Howard Backer inquired about sustainability of the EMS Performance Measures.

NEMSAC Scope of Practice Revision to include Naloxone for EMR and EMT – Dr. Carol Cunningham reported that NEMSAC formed a small ad hoc group to address the issue of an emergency revision of the Scope of Practice to include the administration of naloxone by EMTs and EMRs. The small work group recommended that FICEMS wait until the major revision of the Scope of Practice; states have not been hampered by the existing Scope of Practice in changing rules or statute to allow the administration of naloxone by EMTs and EMRs. There is no process for changing the document between revisions, and it is recognized that revisions need to be done on a more regular basis. There needs to be an educational package associated with full treatment of this subject. Dr. Cunningham also noted that just because scope might change, doesn't mean the drug will be accessible.

HR 4365 and S 2932 (introduced May 16, 2016), **Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2016 Update**– Dr. Harry Sibold reported that the Senate companion bill was introduced in May. It has only 5 co-sponsors so far (one of whom is Senator Tester from Montana). The House bill has 122 co-sponsors. He urged people to ask their Senator to sign on as a co-sponsor. This is a bipartisan bill. Harry stressed that it does not increase access to narcotics but adds controls. For more information, see [NAEMSP Advocacy](#). For specific information on the bills go to: [H.R. 4365](#) and [S. 2932](#).

NAEMSO Fall Meeting Planning – Mary asked for input on the Fall Meeting Agenda. She suggested adding the issue of the high cost of epi-pens. Carol and Ken suggested adding mini-survey topic discussions. Carol suggested discussing the Resource Document on state medical directors (hiring, compensation, etc.) and the possibility of updating it.

Project and Committee Updates – Various Members

- **Model EMS Clinical Guidelines Continuation** - Carol Cunningham reported that the cardiac arrest guideline has been updated and will be added to the existing document. The work group will be conducting a baseline assessment of states to determine which states have adopted the model guidelines.
- **Role of State EMS Medical Director Position Statement** – Dr. Doug Kupas noted that the document is a joint position statement of NASEMSO, NAEMSP and ACEP. It is being revised now due to ACEP’s standard revision cycle. NAEMSP has made several revisions, primarily wordsmithing. The biggest change involves qualifications for the state EMS medical director. The revision removes the experiential preference and adds “should be board certified in EMS.” There was discussion among the members about the board certification in EMS, which is still quite new. Most preferred it remain as “ideally” rather than “should.” Doug will send the final document to the Medical Directors Council, noting that it is a position statement only.
- **NEMSAC Update** – Dr. Carol Cunningham reported that NEMSAC meets in September. They will be releasing several advisories and requesting public comment.
- **Prehospital EBG Consortium** – Deferred as Dr. Taillac is at an IOM meeting

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM EDT. **Next Meeting – September 19-20**

The meeting record was prepared by NASEMSO Program Manager Mary Hedges and MDC Secretary Dr. Harry Sibold.