



NASEMSO Medical Directors Council

March 28, 2016

1:00 PM EDT

Meeting Record

Attending - Peter Taillac (UT) Chair, Ken Williams (RI), Brian Froelke (MO), Howard Backer (CA), Joe Holley (TN), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), Harry Sibold (MT)

Call to Order and Roll Call – Dr. Peter Taillac called the meet to order at 1:10 PM EDT.

Approval of January 13 Meeting Minutes (attached) – The meeting minutes were approved with Dr. Cunningham’s edits.

Introduction of New Member, Eric Ernest (NE) – Dr. Ernest is the new state medical director from Nebraska, but he was unable to join today’s meeting.

NASEMSO Spring and Fall Meetings – Mary Hedges reported that seven members of the Medical Directors Council have registered for the Spring Meeting, in addition to the five members (Taillac, Cunningham, Kamin, Sholl and Kupas) who will be there participating in the Evidence Review Group for EMS Compass.

Survey of States on Model EMS Clinical Guidelines Use – Dr. Taillac stated that NHTSA is interested in learning how many states are using the Model EMS Clinical Guidelines. Howard Backer said that his office is using some of the Model Guidelines as a basis with which to compare local EMS protocols. Ken Williams added that Rhode Island has state protocols and intend to use the New England protocols which are similar to the Model EMS Guidelines. Dr. Taillac said he had a pretty simple 3-question survey in mind to obtain the information. Mary explained that this survey is intended to be part of the next cooperative agreement with NHTSA OEMS, who is very supportive of continuing the Model EMS Guideline Project.

HR 4365, Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2016 – Dr. Taillac reported that the bill now has 25 co-sponsors and seems to be making progress. There are a number of organizations that support the bill and no known opposition. They expect to see a Senate companion in the near future. See [NAEMSP Advocacy](#) for more information.

H.R. 3379, the Airplane KiTS Act, and Senate Companion (S. 2536) – Mary Hedges explained these companion bills would require the FAA to write rules to require pediatric emergency medical equipment and supplies in the airline medical kits. The legislation has been promoted by the American Academy of Pediatrics (see [NASEMSO Government Info](#)), but it seems not to be getting much traction. Dr. Taillac commented there is very limited equipment or supplies, adult or otherwise, in the airline medical kits.

Zika Virus; Other Emergent Topics – Dr. Williams said the Zika virus has not been an issue in Rhode Island, other than for travelers, but wondered if others are hearing much about it with respect to emergency medical services. Other members did not have any information to report.

FDA Proposed Ban on Powdered Surgeons' Gloves – IAFC Comments (attached) - Dr. Taillac said that Paul Patrick has asked for input from the Medical Directors Council. Members on the call said they have not seen powdered gloves for a number of years, and they are not typically used in prehospital settings. Members are supportive of the proposed ban.

Project and Committee Updates – Various Members

Model EMS Clinical Guidelines Continuation – Dr. Taillac reported that the Model Guidelines Work Group has reconvened and will soon be sending out the revised Cardiac Guideline for comment. Mary added that staff is in the process of creating an online portal for EMS stakeholders to use for providing feedback.

EMS Compass Evidence Review Group - Dr. Taillac reported that five members of the Council along with five other physicians appointed by Dr. Alex Garza met last month to review measures drafted by the EMS Compass project. They will meet again next week at the Spring Meeting.

EMS Compass Steering Committee - Dr. Brian Moore was not on the call to report. Dr. Brian Froelke asked when the performance measures will be released as they want to be able to include them in Missouri. Mary will put him in touch with the project coordinator, Nick Nudell.

Role of State EMS Medical Director Position Statement – Dr. Taillac reported that Drs. Carol Cunningham and Aaron Burnett (MN) are the Medical Directors Council representatives who are working on the revision of this document. Dr. Doug Kupas is leading the effort as the NAEMSP representative.

Prehospital EBG Consortium – Dr. Taillac said the group has met and they are drafting by-laws. The goal is for the group to act as a clearing house for new prehospital evidence-based guidelines.

Promoting Innovation in EMS – Dr. Jeff Beeson, who is the TEXAS designee to the Medical Directors Council, was not able to join the call today.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm / **Next Meeting – May 2**

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