



NASEMSO Medical Directors Council

November 2, 2015

1:00 PM EST

Meeting Record

Attending: Rick Alcorta (MD), Brian Amy (DC), James Bledsoe (AR), Tim Cathey (OK), Carol Cunningham (OH), Brian Froelke (MO), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), Rich Kamin (CT), Suzanne Martens (WI), Mike Olinger (IN), Joe Nelson (FL), Harry Sibold (MT), Peter Taillac (UT), Ken Williams (RI), Dan Wolfson (VT), Ken Zafren (AK)

Call to Order and Roll Call – Ken Williams, Chair-Elect, called the meeting to order at 1:09 PM EST. He noted that Dr. Taillac will join the call later.

Approval of October 12-13 Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by Dr. Nelson and seconded by Dr. Alcorta to approve the meeting minutes as presented after Dr. Sibold (newly elected secretary) has had an opportunity to include any additions. Motion passed.

New Attendees at October Meeting – Dr. Williams reported that two new members attended the October meeting -- Dr. Bill Fales (MI) and Dr. James Bledsoe (AR). First time attendees included Dr. Mike Mills (WV) and Dr. Michael Olinger (IN). New member, Dr. Suzanne Martens (WI) has joined the meeting today.

DEA Update / Bill Draft – Dr. Williams referred to the draft bill addressing the “carve out for EMS” to the Controlled Substances Act and asked if members had questions or comments. Dr. Froelke questioned if it covered disaster medical teams. Dr. Cunningham questioned if it would apply to inter-facility transport agencies who are called in for disaster medical situations. Some members questioned why it uses the terminology “field EMS.” Mary explained that the field EMS terminology is consistent with the language used in the Field EMS Bill. Members were encouraged to submit comments to Mary Hedges and Dr. Taillac, who will share them with the Board and NAEMSP.

January 13th Meeting Planning: – Dr. Williams asked for input for the January 13th draft agenda. The meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 – 7:00 pm, the day before the NAEMSP meeting convenes in San Diego. Mary commented that she sensed the members wanted more time for general discussion on timely issues, as the meeting in Louisville was packed with presentations.

NATA Statement on the Spine Injured Athlete – Dr. Nelson reported that the comments that NASEMSO submitted on October 27th will be considered by the National Athletic Trainers

Association (NATA) Inter-Association Task Force on Spine-Injured Athletes, which is accepting comments until November 6th. He noticed that ACS also submitted comments requesting language addressing transport to trauma centers be included in the emergency action plan.

CLIA Update – Dr. Carol Cunningham had previously requested clarification on a memo issued December 2015 regarding CLIA and blood glucose monitoring. Her concern was that the memo did not address EMS. A CLIA representative recently contacted her and asked for additional information in order to address EMS concerns. Carol said she would request information from the Council members and respond to the CLIA representative. She also suggested that CLIA address all point of care testing that may be done by EMS, particularly critical care transport.

Project and Committee Updates

- **Model EMS Clinical Guidelines Continuation** – Dr. Cunningham reported that new funding will allow continuation of the Model EMS Clinical Guidelines Project. She and Rich Kamin are looking for those on the Medical Directors Council who would be interested in serving on a newly reconstituted Model EMS Clinical Guidelines work group. There will be an in-person meeting in the summer of 2016. The work group will resume its monthly teleconferences. The first teleconference will be November 16, at 1 PM. Rick Alcorta indicated his interest in serving on the group again.
- **Air Medical Model Rules** – Dr. Sibold reported that the Air Medical Committee met in Louisville during the Fall Meeting to review the draft document. They will meet November 12th to review comments received from the states. Dr. Alcorta commented that Maryland office is in the process of preparing comments to submit.
- **Other** – Dr. Alcorta reported that EMS crews in Delaware have reported seeing the street use of Krokodil, which is also known as the “flesh eating” drug due to the effect it has on its users.
- Ken Williams thanked Dan Wolfson for an excellent Vermont EMS Conference.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM EST.

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