



## NASEMSO Medical Directors Council

May 5, 2014

1:00 – 2:00 PM EDT

### Meeting Record

**Attending:** Joe Nelson (FL), Chair, Rick Alcorta (MD), Howard Backer (CA), Tim Cathey (OK), Elwin Crawford (AL), Carol Cunningham (OH), Bob Galli (MS), Joe Holley (TN), Rich Kamin (CT), Doug Kupas (PA), David Lehrfeld (OR), Matt Sholl (ME), Harry Sibold (MT), Ken Williams (RI), Dan Wolfson (VT), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO Program Manager), Elizabeth Edgerton (HRSA)

**Call to Order and Roll Call** – Dr. Joe Nelson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM EDT.

**Approval of March 3 Meeting Minutes** – The March 3 Meeting Record was approved.

**Drug Shortages in EMS: Coping Strategies and Best Practices, A Summary Report from the EMS Drug Shortages Summit**, see [Drug Shortages Report](#) – Joe Nelson reported that the EMS Drug shortages Summit was productive. Mary Hedges wrote the report which is available on the NASEMSP website. Unfortunately there are no solutions to the ongoing shortage situation, per Dr. Alcorta. Dr. Nelson noted that the total amount of shortages reached 300 by the end of March, which is the highest it has been to date.

**Feedback on PEGASUS Project** (Pediatric Evidence-Based Guidelines) – Dr. Matt Sholl said the draft Pegasus guidelines went out for review in early April, and comments are due by May 11. Dr. Manish Shah is the PI for this Targeted Issues grant. Matt Sholl and Peter Taillac are co-PIs along with Dr. Shah.

**FDA Approved Device for Bleeding Control (XSTAT)** – See [FDA News Release](#) David Lehrfeld reported that this is essentially multiple sponges that are injected into a wound. Carol Cunningham pointed out that FDA approved this for military use only.

**Federal Partner Updates** – Beth Edgerton (HRSA) reported she is looking forward to the Model EMS Guidelines Work Group meeting this week, which should be helpful as they prepare to proceed with their performance measures project. They are working on a Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program on Pediatric Asthma. Another project is a randomized control trial on the use of steroids for asthma. EMSC celebrates their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and will have their conference at the end of July.

**Regional Representatives Reports** – Harry Sibold (MT) said he continues to try to reach out to those states that do not have a state EMS Medical Director, but he has not had much success in connecting with those states. He has a letter he has used which he is willing to share.

**Project and Committee Updates** – Various Members

- **Model EMS Guidelines Project**– Carol Cunningham said that the comment period closed April 30 and we received 37 sources of comments. The Work Group meets later this week to review the comments and try to wrap up the project.
- **Statewide Implementation of a Prehospital Care Guideline** – Matt Sholl reported they have completed their general and state-specific toolkits, and now they are completing the online learning management system.
- **NAEMSP Evidence-Based Guidelines (EBG) Strategy Project** – Doug Kupas reported they have gathered all the information from the face-to-face meeting. A best practices type of document will be the end result of this project. Dr. Nelson noted the extraordinary length of time it takes to develop an evidence-based guideline, and wondered if there would be a way to shorten the process. Doug acknowledged this and indicated that there was a request to develop a consortium to assist in developing these EBGs. Matt Sholl added that he and Peter Taillac have learned how to expedite the process in their experience with the PEGASUS and EBG Projects. Dr. Edgerton added that they are learning how to do this better. Howard Backer asked for clarification of the various EBG projects underway. Doug Kupas explained that a few years ago NHTSA funded the first EMS evidence-based guidelines project. Since that time, NHTSA has funded several more projects including the EBG project that Drs Taillac and Sholl are leading through NASEMSO. Currently NAEMSP is leading an EBG Strategy Project for EMS. Matt Sholl said that after talking to Drew Dawson about the confusion, he developed a power point presentation that distinguishes the various EBG projects underway. Dr. Backer asked if these projects might affect national standards of practice. Doug Kupas said that it is difficult to avoid this eventual outcome. Just as the AHA guidelines have been held up as the national standard.
- **Joint Trauma Committee** - David Lehrfeld (OR) reported this committee comprised of NASEMSO and ACS representatives had their first meeting. The committee was given a chance to preview the new ACS “orange book” and is tasked with creating a crosswalk with the old “green book.” The meetings have been productive and the committee will be pretty busy in the next year. The committee’s role is to deal with the presentation and implementation of the new orange book and not to comment on the guidelines themselves. The new orange book is posted on the ACS website.
- **PAD Policy Advisory Committee** – Sarah Nafziger was not able to join the call, but this project is not underway yet Mary noted.

#### **Advanced Automatic Collision Notification for Medical Directors NHTSA Grant**

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=254004>

A 24-month competitive grant (\$250,000) to develop training and testing materials to teach AACN to EMS and 911 Medical Directors and other EMS stakeholders. Applications are due June 25. Mary Hedges explained the grant opportunity that was just released by NHTSA. Joe Nelson said it is likely the NASEMSO Board may ask the Medical Directors Council to make a recommendation whether to apply for this grant and he would like member feedback after they have had a chance to review the RFP. Doug Kupas said he thought the ACS would be a likely candidate for pursuing this grant opportunity.

**Other** - David Lehrfeld asked if any other Medical Directors were attending the Replica Meeting regarding the Model Interstate Compact for EMS Personnel Licensure. Mary said the meeting is on June 10 in Chicago and the announcement was sent to the state EMS directors. Dr. Nelson asked if Mary could forward the information.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM EDT. The next meeting is July 7.