



NASEMSO Medical Directors Council

March 6, 2017, 1:00 – 3:00 PM CST

Marriott - New Orleans

Meeting Record

Attending – Ken Williams, Chair (RI), Rick Alcorta (MD), Jeff Beckman (CO), William Crawford (AL), George Lindbeck (VA), Michael Olinger (IN), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), BY TELEPHONE: Carol Cunningham (OH), Joe Nelson (FL), Richard Kamin (CT), Lynn Wittwer (WA), Kate Zimmerman (ME), Joe Holley (TN), Harry Sibold (MT), Doug Kupas (PA), Curtis Sandy (ID), Tim Cathey (OK), Aaron Burnett (MN), Ken Zafren (AK) **Guests** – Jon Krohmer (NHTSA), Susan McHenry (NHTSA), Brent Myers (NAEMSP), Jackie Scott (MI), Michael Wilcox (ImageTrend), Dave Zaiman (ImageTrend), Robert Byrd (Air Medical Holdings), Dan Batsie (VT), Nancy Kelly-Goodstein (NJ), Jeffrey Elder (New Orleans EMS Medical Director and Chair, LA EMS Certification Commission), Mark Terry (NREMT), Donnie Woodyard (NREMT), Nancy Kelly-Goodstein (NJ)

Call to Order, Welcome, Self-Introductions – Dr. Ken Williams, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:08 PM CST.

Approval of January 23 Meeting Minutes – Dr. Aaron Burnett, Secretary, presented the meeting record. It was accepted with minor edits by Drs. Cunningham, Alcorta and Williams.

Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact (REPLICA) – Sue Prentiss provided a brief update on REPLICA. There are now 8 states that have passed the legislation with Wyoming being the most recent addition. Arkansas introduced the bill today. Ten states are needed to activate the interstate compact, and it is expected to happen this year. One of the key pieces of the interstate compact is that states retain their sovereignty. REPLICA provides a mechanism for EMS personnel licensed in a REPLICA state to temporarily practice in another REPLICA state. Donnie Woodyard (NREMT) further explained the NREMT's role in coordinating the EMS personnel database. They held a planning meeting yesterday to begin preparations for implementing the REPLICA Commission.

NHTSA Update – Susan McHenry reported on major NHTSA projects, including the NHTSA Scope of Practice Model Update and EMS Agenda 2050 (updating the original EMS Agenda for the Future which is now 20 years old). They have encountered hurdles with NEMSAC because member terms will expire soon and they will not be able to make appointments before that time. Dr. Jon Krohmer explained that with the administration's ban on new regulations, NHTSA is unable to post notices in the Federal Register because it is not being published, potentially delaying several meetings. EMS Compass released 14 performance measures in the fall of 2016. Members of the Joint National EMS Leadership Forum have been working to continue the work of EMS Compass, and are seeking an organization that would continue its work. The Fatigue in EMS Panel has been working diligently and summary documents will be released

soon. Dr. Lindbeck added that the recommendations are due the end of April and will be published in a special edition of *Prehospital Emergency Care*.

NAEMSP Update – Brent Myers, President of NAEMSP, thanked the MDC for inviting him to participate. The DEA bill is an opportunity for the organizations to work together. They have a task force to work on the military academies agenda. He invited anyone who is interested to participate. He said they would be willing to dedicate a podcast to the EMS fatigue issue. John Gallagher of Wichita is the chair of their Standards and Practice Committee. They intend to announce the formation of a political action committee at the next NAEMSP meeting in January 2018. The new DEA bill was introduced in the new session of Congress and passed the House. Harry Sibold added that there is current discussion between the House and the Senate (not along party lines) about wording in the bill. Once that is resolved, it is expected to move forward rather easily.

NASEMSO Spring Meeting 2018 – Dr. Ken Williams announced that the NASEMSO meeting will occur in May of 2018 in Providence, Rhode Island. He encouraged all Medical Directors to attend. They are considering a clam bake or water-related event for the social outing.

NASEMSO News – Keith Wages (President) said that Dia Gainor could not join today due to illness. Keith said they are appreciative that NHTSA is supporting a revision of the EMS Scope of Practice Model. He feels the process itself will be productive with the discussion and exchange of information. He added that he thinks it will be physician-driven. REPLICA only needs two more states before the REPLICA Compact can be activated and they can begin making the rules. EMS Compass will be wrapping up the funded project shortly, but it is hoped that the work of the project will continue. There is discussion of an independent non-profit organization taking on the role of continuing the work that EMS Compass started. Keith added that NASEMSO should be responsive to all systems of care. The Trauma Managers Council (TMC) is not thrilled with the idea of changing its name and purpose to time-sensitive systems of care. He has asked the TMC to think about how they can support the other time-sensitive systems of care that have emerged. Dr. Crawford said they wanted to add stroke and STEMI to their Stroke Advisory Council. They changed the name to Trauma Health Advisory Council and added Stroke and STEMI sub-committees. Dr. Beckman said Colorado has achieved it with a multi-disciplinary council.

CapView CMMI LVO Stroke Initiative (handout) – Dr. Williams explained that this initiative is taking hold in many parts of the country. There may be some controversy because it states (page 2 of handout) that IV tPA is not the primary treatment solution for the most severe strokes. Mary added that Dia had suggested that we schedule a presentation at our future meeting. Dr. Beckman noted that the group members are all interventionalists and that we should get input from the neurologists. Dr. Williams noted that he hoped to get Dr. Taillac's opinion as he is a member of the Brain Attack Coalition. Dr. Zimmerman added they are working on this at the Maine Medical Center with interventionalists and stroke neurologists as well. They hope to have a second hospital in the other end of the state join.

2:30 - Project and Committee Updates – Various Members

- Model EMS Guidelines – Drs. Kamin and Cunningham reported the project is moving along well. All the new guidelines were submitted and are undergoing review. Much work was completed at the in-person meeting in January in New Orleans, just prior to the NAEMSP meeting.
- NAEMSO High Consequence Infectious Disease Transport Project - Dr. Ken Williams reported they held their first meeting. The emphasis will be on the patient with the known problem who needs to get from the initial hospital to a designated treatment facility, rather than on a 911 call.
- NAEMSP Survey Project of EMS Medical Directors – Dr. Myers said they would get us more information following the NAEMSP Board meeting.
- 2018 EMS Scope of Practice Model Revision – Drs. Peter Taillac, David Lehrfeld, Doug Kupas, and Rich Kamin are serving on this project, but had no information to report.
- CHEMPACK – Dr. Rick Alcorta said that while Maryland has been a CHEMPACK state per the decision of the CDC, they are now facing new problems. They invested in the space, security, and other requirements, and the CDC had agreed to maintain the CHEMPACK inventory. In a money-saving measure, the CDC has now changed to drop shipment delivery which has added significant costs to the state. He would like to see NASEMSO take a position opposing this change. Dr. Jackie Scott (Michigan Preparedness Director) said that many hospitals in Michigan may be pulling out of the program, adding they are very unhappy with CHEMPACK and it is not just due to the increased cost. Dr. Cunningham noted that this is not the first time there has been issue with CHEMPACK, and that the overarching problem is that EMS has not been at the table with respect to the development of the CHEMPACK program. Dr. Williams said he will bring these concerns to the NASEMSO Board. Dr. Cunningham moved that the Council recommend to the NASEMSO Board that a letter be directed to the CDC with respect to the lack of EMS representation and the need to for EMS to have an equitable voice, now and in the future, during the development of the administrative and operational aspects of the CHEMPACK program. The motion was seconded by Dr. Alcorta and passed without objection.

State Reports – Dr. Williams invited members who did not report at the last meeting to provide an update from their state.

Colorado – Dr. Jeff Beckman reported that a community paramedicine bill in Colorado would inadvertently bring nurses and advanced practitioners into community paramedicine. The legislation also requires a national test for community paramedics which poses a problem for bringing EMTs into the community paramedic field. Dr. Mike Wilcox (ImageTrend) said they are working on this in Minnesota.

Louisiana - Dr. Jeffrey Elder, Chair of the LA EMS Certification Commission, said Louisiana is currently struggling with where EMS belongs (which state agency).

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM CST. **Next Meeting – May 1**