



## NASEMSO Medical Directors Council

July 7, 2014

### Meeting Record

**Attending:** Joe Nelson (FL), Chair, Rick Alcorta (MD), Tim Cathey (OK), Carol Cunningham (OH), Joe Holley (TN), Rich Kamin (CT), David Lehrfeld (OR), Brian Moore (NM), Sarah Nafziger (AL), Matt Sholl (ME), Harry Sibold (MT), James Souzzi (NH), Peter Taillac (UT), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO Program Manager), Cathy Gotcshall (NHTSA), Drew Dawson (NHTSA), Elizabeth Edgerton (HRSA), Susan McHenry (NHTSA)

**Call to Order and Roll Call** – Dr. Peter Taillac, Chair-elect, called the meeting to order upon the request of Chair Joe Nelson, who will be joining the meeting late.

**Approval of May 5 Meeting Minutes** – The May 4 meeting record was approved.

**Introduction of New Medical Directors** – Dr. Taillac welcomed two new members, Stephen Vetrano, from New Jersey, and James Souzzi, of New Hampshire. Dr. Souzzi introduced himself to the group. Dr. Vetrano was unable to join the call.

**Naloxone Laws by State** (Results of April Survey) – Carol Cunningham referred to the spreadsheet Mary Hedges created based on the survey of state directors and medical directors regarding naloxone laws by state. Rich Kamin commented that Connecticut's statute created a dual standard—one for EMS and another for law enforcement officers whose EMR certificates may have expired. Rick Alcorta reported Maryland law allows civilians to administer naloxone once they have been trained, but the training does not include airway management. Their EMS data system is capturing data on the administration of naloxone by law enforcement.

**NASEMSO Issue Brief on Use of Naloxone DRAFT** – Carol reported that the Draft *NASEMSO Issue Brief on the Use of Naloxone*, distributed to members with the meeting materials, was drafted by Kathy Robinson with input from Leslee Stein-Spencer and Carol. Carol pointed out that Dia Gainor felt the issue brief is appropriate for posting on the NASEMSO website given the attention the issue is receiving. After discussing whether to wait for additional council member feedback or proceed with publicizing the document, members concluded it was best to proceed with publicizing as soon as possible. Carol offered to send it out again and request comments by the end of the day tomorrow. The motion was made to forward the document to the Board for approval. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Annual Meeting Agenda Planning** – Members were asked for topics to be included on the Annual Meeting agenda. Rich Kamin suggested a discussion on the Advanced EMT certification, and requested a joint meeting with state directors on this topic. Mary added that the Education and Professional Standards Council be invited as well. Sarah Nafziger suggested addressing the low pass rate for the AEMT exam. It was recommended this question be addressed at the National Registry forum on Wednesday morning. It was also recommended that a naloxone update be included on the agenda.

## Federal Partner Updates

- Beth Edgerton (HRSA) reported they are preparing for the EMSC Grantee meeting to be held later in July. She added that they are developing the next generation of performance measures for the EMSC program to replace those that have been used for the past several years.
- Drew Dawson (NHTSA) informed members that there will be a webinar on the External Hemorrhage Control Evidence-Based Guideline on August 5. Dr. Eileen Bulger will be presenting on behalf of the American College of Surgeons, Committee on Trauma.

**NASEMSO Representative to the CoAEMSP Board** – Peter Taillac said that a replacement is needed when he relinquishes his role as one of two NASEMSO representatives on the CoAEMSP Board. He explained that the Committee on Accreditation of EMS Programs (CoAEMSP) is the body that sets standards for accrediting institutions that teach the paramedic program. He reported that he has learned a great deal in his two years on this board but knows he must allow time to serve as the Chair of the Medical Directors Council. He said there are four CoAEMSP Board meetings per year, two in person and two by teleconference, with all travel expenses paid by the organization. There are additional telephone meetings when applications for accreditation are being reviewed. Sarah Nafziger was recently appointed as NAEMSP’s representative on the Board and Joe Nelson has long served on the CoAEMSP Board as ACOEP’s representative.

**MDC Representative to EPSC Distance Education Group** – Mary Hedges reminded members about a recent request for a medical director to serve on the Distance Education group which is part of NASEMSO’s effort in the Implementation of the EMS Education Agenda for the Future. There will be a distance education summit on October 7 at the Annual Meeting in Cleveland, in addition to monthly conference calls. The individual who serves in this capacity will be entitled to have his or her Annual Meeting travel expenses paid by the project.

**Regional Representatives Reports** – Drs. Kamin, Nafziger and Sibold stated they had nothing new to report from their respective regions. Dr. Sibold said he would like to reach out to other medical directors in the western region to discuss issues of mutual interest. Dr. Lehrfeld said he would be interested.

## Project and Committee Updates – Various Members

- **Model EMS Guidelines Project**– Carol Cunningham reported that there will be a final face to face meeting on July 13-14 of four members to edit the revised guidelines. The project is scheduled for completion in September and there will be a full report on Friday morning at the Annual Meeting.
- **Statewide Implementation of a Prehospital Care Guideline** – Matt Sholl reported that they are completing the training module now. He commented on how much variance there is across the states, noting they are learning a great deal.
- **Joint Trauma Committee** - David Lehrfeld reported on the JTC, which is comprised of representatives of NASEMSO, the American Trauma Society (ATS) and the American College of Surgeons, Committee on Trauma (ACS-COT).
  - 1) Webinar for 2014 Resources document - The prepublication draft of the 2014 resources document (“orange book”) is now available on-line on the American College of Surgeons (ACS) website. Access is not password protected. The final document will be available in 2-3 months. Slides for the webinar have been started.

2) Top 10 Performance Improvement (PI) Measures – The JTC has asked for input from the states on performance improvement measures. 16 states have contributed performance improvement (PI) measures to the JTC, as have the ACS and ATS. They intend to categorize them into state and program level measures. Peter Taillac said he hoped the CDC Trauma Triage Guidelines are included. Dr. Lehrfeld responded that the problem has been that the CDC guidelines are poorly documented in the NEMSIS data. Susan McHenry added this has been a problem with Version 2 that should be corrected with implementation of NEMSIS Version 3. Dr. Taillac asked Dr. Lehrfeld to provide an update on the performance measures at the Annual Meeting.

3) Needs Assessment – The JTC is developing a needs assessment tool, and intend to focus time on this project at the NASEMSO Annual Meeting in October. The group discussed the audience/participants for this discussion. It may need to be expanded beyond the trauma managers to include the EMS Directors and Data Managers.

4) Connecting COT chairs with State Trauma Program Managers –The JTC would like to see the Committee on Trauma chairs connect with state trauma program managers. It is likely that the ACS will conduct an orientation for its state chairs to better acquaint them with state TPMs.

5) Trauma Center Inventory (TCI) - The American Trauma Society (ATS) has historically maintained this online mapping tool, which is out of date and requires work. The ATS wishes to retain ownership of the TCI with an opportunity for co-branding. It was unclear, however, what the data infrastructure might be. The COT, with the NTDB, could capture data most easily. The COT acknowledges that ATS will take the lead. The timeline is not known, possibly 3-4 months. There will be overlap between the JTC and the TCI Advisory Committee, which will serve as a method for keeping the JTC informed.

6) State National Trauma Data Bank (NTDB) page – ACS is ready to work on the single page entry system. It is a matter of determining how and when to reach out to the Trauma Program Managers (TPMs) to see if they are interested in providing data and how challenging it would be to do so. ACS can simplify the process for entering data. The return on investment would be less at the state level and more at the national level, although the states would be able to see the trauma center distribution in surrounding states. There will be an opportunity for use in planning processes with high level decision makers.

**Next Meeting:** There will be no September meeting because the regular meeting falls on Labor Day. The next meeting will be October 6-7 at the Annual Meeting in Cleveland. Dr. Cunningham will be sending an email invitation to council members about dinner plans on October 6 in Cleveland.

**Advanced Automatic Collision Notification for Medical Directors NHTSA Grant (Update)** – After the NHTSA staff excused themselves from the meeting, Mary Hedges and Rick Alcorta informed members that NASEMSO partnered with the University of Maryland and Dr. Robert Bass in an application for this competitive grant being offered by NHTSA. The purpose is to develop training and testing materials to teach AACN to EMS and 911 Medical Directors and other EMS stakeholders.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM EDT.

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