



NASEMSO Medical Directors Council

July 7, 2017

1:00 PM EDT

Meeting Record

Attending – Ken Williams (RI), Harry Sibold (MT), Joe Holley (TN), Julia Martin (KY), Daniel Wolfson (VT), Jon Krohmer (NHTSA), Gamanu Wijetunge (NHTSA), Jeremiah Kinsman (NHTSA), Tim Cathey (OK), Matthew Sholl (ME), Joe Nelson (FL), James Bledsoe (AR), Jeff Beckman (CO), Rick Alcorta (MD), Rich Kamin (CT), Suzanne Martens (WI), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO)

Call to Order, Welcome, Roll Call– Dr. Ken Williams called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM EDT.

Approval of May 1 Meeting Minutes – The May 1st meeting record was approved without changes.

Cardiac Arrest Collaborative – Dr. Julia Martin shared her notes from the first meeting of the National Cardiac Arrest Collaborative that she attended on behalf of NASEMSO. The 2015 IOM consensus report, *Strategies to Improve Cardiac Arrest Survival: A Time to Act*, included 8 recommendations, one of which was to develop the National Cardiac Arrest Collaborative. After reviewing the 8 recommendations, the leadership group decided the first focus of the Collaborative should be to develop a unified messaging and target audience. CPR has not been successful among the lay public. They examined what has failed and how to make changes.

NHTSA OEMS Update /Trauma infographic – Dr. Jon Krohmer reported that the panels for both the EMS Agenda 2050 and the National Scope of Practice met last month and are off to a good start. He then asked Gam Wijetunge to share the draft trauma info-graphic with the group. Gam explained the info-graphic is meant to be shared with highway safety colleagues to demonstrate the importance that EMS plays in reducing traffic fatalities. Traffic deaths increased to 35,092 in 2015. The info-graphic states that 2 of 5 fatalities are alive when EMS arrives and that more than one-third of seriously injured crash victims are not taken to a level 1 or 2 trauma center, even though there is a 25% increase in the odds of survival when severely injured are taken to a level 1 trauma center. Members provided feedback and asked if data could be further analyzed to determine the reasons for not transporting victims to trauma centers. Dr. Krohmer invited members to submit any suggestions for improving the message.

CapView CMMI LVO Stroke White Paper: Comments due July 10 – Dr. Ken Williams stated that the CapView group is interested in feedback from the Medical Directors Council on its LVO stroke initiative white paper which was discussed at the May 1st Medical Directors Council meeting. He and Dr. Taillac submitted comments and advised members that Mary could provide them with a copy of the white paper if they wish to comment.

Project and Committee Updates – Various Members

- **Model EMS Guidelines** – Dr. Kamin reported that he and Dr. Cunningham had a productive working meeting yesterday with Kevin and Mary to review the public

comments received. The draft will be revised after incorporating some of the feedback. It will be reviewed by technical experts and edited by a small group in August.

- NASEMSO Fatigue in EMS Project – Drs. Doug Kupas and George Lindbeck were not on the call to report.
- NASEMSO High Consequence Infectious Disease Transport Project - Dr. Ken Williams reported the project is moving forward. They are working on scenario development and discussion of transport.
- 2018 EMS Scope of Practice Model Revision – Dr. Rich Kamin reported that he is excited to have been named to the panel but was unable to participate in the initial meeting.
- CARES – Doug Kupas was not on the call to report.
- Government Information Committee (DEA Bill -HR 304/S 916) – Dr. Harry Sibold that the activity around the DEA bill has been relatively quiet, but they feel confident about its future. The House bill passed in January at the start of the new Congressional session. In May, the Senate bill was acted upon in Senator Lamar Alexander’s Health, Labor, Education and Pensions committee with an amendment adopted. The lobbyists feel very positive about the bill’s future as there are no arguments of substance about the bill.

Fall Meeting Planning/Topics/Presenters – Mary encouraged members to attend the Fall Meeting in Oklahoma City, October 9-12, 2017. She requested input on agenda topics for the Medical Directors Council meeting, which will be on Monday, October 9. Dr. Sibold indicated that due to major budget cuts in Montana, out of state travel has been frozen. He requested robust virtual meeting connections for the meeting. Dr. Kamin suggested discussion on the hysteria surrounding the need for excessive PPE on heroin/fentanyl calls. Dr. Alcorta said they in Maryland have had a significant law enforcement outcry about the supposed need for excessive PPE in responding to heroin overdoses. Drs. Kamin and Alcorta have had to try to calm the hysteria. Dr. Krohmer suggested possibly bringing together clinical toxicologists, and members from NAEMSP, ACEP and the NASEMSO MDC to engage the DEA about the recommendations on this issue.

Open Discussion – Dr. Alcorta discussed recent news regarding ChemPak. In the shelf-life extension program the Mark 1 kits recently failed and are being quarantined. They tested the potency and the potency is fine. The discoloring is from plastic particulate, which will not impact patients because it is given IM. Dr. Alcorta is very concerned that they will be left very short due to an unnecessary quarantine. Dr. Alcorta also commented that at the media is now incorrectly reporting that acrylfentanyl is resistant to naloxone.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM EDT. **Next Meeting** – October 9, Oklahoma City

Mark your calendar – Oct. 9-12, Fall & Regional Meetings, Oklahoma City - See <https://www.nasemso.org/Meetings/Fall/FallMeeting2017.asp>

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