



## **NASEMSO Medical Directors Council**

**November 28, 2017**

**1:00 PM EST**

### **Meeting Record**

**Attending** – Ken Williams (RI), Harry Sibold (MT), Rick Alcorta (MD), Joe Holley (TN), Kate Zimmerman (ME), Susan McHenry (NHTSA), Dan Wolfson (VT), Doug Kupas (PA), Jeff Beckman (CO), Joe Nelson (FL), Ross Megargel (DE), Joe Ferrell (NASEMSO), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO)

**Call to Order, Welcome, Roll Call** – Dr. Ken Williams, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM EST.

**Approval of October 9th Meeting Minutes** – The meeting minutes were approved with one correction noted by Kate Zimmerman (Dr. Taillac was incorrectly listed as being from PA).

**New Member Introduction** – Dr. Williams welcomed Dr. Mike Levy, the new state EMS medical director of Alaska, who could not join the meeting today. Dr. Levy is replacing Dr. Ken Zafren. Dr. Levy is known to many due to his involvement in NAEMSP.

**CapView CMMI LVO Stroke White Paper Update** – Dr. Ken Williams reminded members that CapView Strategies is a consulting group working on an LVO stroke initiative to submit to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI). They previously presented their draft white paper to the MDC at the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and received considerable feedback at that time. They have consulted with us since then and have updated their white paper. They now would like to state on the white paper that they consulted with the NASEMSO Medical Directors Council. Doug Kupas expressed his reservations about “endorsing” this vendor organization. Dr. Williams said he understands this is a firm hired by neuro-interventionalist group to propose this initiative. Dr. Jeff Beckman said one of the concerns when he and others reviewed the earlier draft was its narrow focus reflecting the position of interventionists without including a wider perspective from other stroke-related groups (neurologists, neurosurgeons). There was no action taken on the request so this will not be referred to the NASEMSO Board for approval.

**DEA Bill (HR 304/S 916)** – Dr. Harry Sibold reported the good news that the bill was signed by the President the week before Thanksgiving. Public Law 115-83 is to be codified in 21 USC 823. It provides an avenue for a single DEA registration for any EMS agency. It keeps the hospital-based agency provision. It recognizes EMS medical directors in federal law. And it allows EMS providers to administer controlled substances via standing order. It also allows the DEA to promulgate administrative rules impacting EMS and controlled substances. Susan McHenry added that NHTSA OEMS has been following the bill closely and the DEA has been consulting with them. See <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/304>

**NHTSA Update** – Susan McHenry reported that NHTSA OEMS has been busy. They recently held the second large regional meeting on the revised Scope of Practice. Susan is busy wrapping up

work so that she can retire at the end of the year. They have not yet been able to post position notices to replace Noah and Hector, as well as Susan's position after the first of the year.

#### **Project and Committee Updates – Various Members**

- Naloxone EGB Project – Dr. Ken Williams reported that the kick off meeting and teleconference meeting occurred this month. They are on an aggressive timeline to conduct a systematic review prior to the in-person meeting January 10 at the NAEMSP meeting.
- Model EMS Guidelines – Drs. Kamin and Cunningham were not on the call to report. Mary reported that there have been numerous downloads of version 2 of the National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines which were released in September. Drs. Cunningham and Kamin will be presenting at the NAEMSP meeting in January.
- NASEMSO Fatigue in EMS Project – Dr. Doug Kupas said several articles produced by this project will be published in the January PEC supplement. The Fatigue Risk Guidelines webinar (Oct 2017) in which Daniel Patterson presented is available for viewing at <https://vimeo.com/243174063>
- NASEMSO High Consequence Infectious Disease Transport Project - Dr. Ken Williams said the project held a focus group meeting last month in Oklahoma City. They are now working on deliverables.
- 2018 EMS Scope of Practice Model Revision – Dr. Doug Kupas said that this project focused on emergent needs (allowing all providers to administer naloxone) which is close to publication. The more difficult part is addressing changes for different levels of EMS providers. There will be one more regional meeting as well as opportunities for public comment.

**Open Discussion** – Ken Williams said the AHRQ report on the administration of naloxone by prehospital providers is now public and will be published in *Annals of Internal Medicine*. Mary will share the link with the MDC listserv.

**2018 Meeting Schedule** – see [2018 MDC Meeting Schedule](#) The MDC will not be meeting at the NAEMSP meeting this year since we met in October at the Fall Meeting and will meet again in May at the Spring Meeting. However, plans are underway for meeting for dinner on January 10 for those attending NAEMSP.

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 1:52 PM EST. **Next Meeting** – March 5, 2018

**Mark your calendar – May 21-24, 2018, Providence, RI**  
<https://www.nasemso.org/Meetings/Spring/2018-Spring-Meeting.asp>

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