



NASEMSO Medical Directors Council

November 1, 2021, 1:00 PM ET

Meeting Record

Attending – George Lindbeck (Chair), Matthew Sholl (ME), Tripp Winslow (NC), Jon Burstein (MA), Kate Zimmerman (ME), Tim Chizmar, (MD) Walt Lubbers (KY), Joey Scollan (NH), Ed DesChamps (SC), Dan Wolfson (VT), Ken Williams (RI), Gail Bradley (AZ), Lynn Wittwer (WA), Riccardo Colella (WI), Richard Kamin (CT), Jeff Beckman (CO), Dave Duncan (CA), Bill Fales (MI), Peter Taillac (UT), Joe Holley (TN)
For NASEMSO: Dia Gainor, Mary Hedges

Call to Order and Welcome – Dr. George Lindbeck called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM EDT.

Approval of September 7th Meeting Record – The September 7th meeting record was approved as submitted.

New Members and Outgoing Members

- Dr. Walt Lubbers (KY) was named state EMS medical advisor for Kentucky two months ago. Dr. Lubbers was welcomed to NASEMSO.
- Dr. Dave Duncan (CA) shared that he will be retiring effective November 12, but he intends to work about one day a week.

MDC Chair-Elect Election Results – Richard Kamin was elected Chair-Elect of the Medical Direction Council in a 3-way vote that was conducted electronically.

MDC South Region Representative Election - Tripp Winslow was elected by voice vote as the South Regional Representative for the MDC, filling the vacancy left by Julia Martin.

NASEMSO Update – Dia Gainor, Executive Director, reported that NASEMSO was awarded a new cooperative agreement to develop model statewide emergency guidelines for EMS and 911 collaboration and coordination with public health at the state and local level. During this development process, NASEMSO, including its leadership and members at large, will work collaboratively with its staff, councils, committees, and other national EMS, 911, emergency management, and public health organizations.

The EMS Workforce project and the strategic planning project that were being led by Jim DeTienne (recently retired Montana state EMS director) are on temporary hold while Jim undergoes aggressive chemotherapy.

The NASEMSO Annual Business Meeting will be November 18, 3:00 PM ET. The NASEMSO Strategic planning meeting will be December 1-2. It will include the Executive Committee and Regional Chairs with Council Chairs joining virtually on Dec. 2.

NHTSA OEMS Update – Dr. Jon Krohmer was not available to report.

Prehospital Cricothyrotomy Survey Results– Dr. Ed DesChamps thanked Mary for uploading the questions to Survey Monkey and distributing the survey to the Council. He received 20 responses from

MDC members. All the responding states allow some form of cricothyrotomy. 80% of respondents indicated all paramedics may perform cricothyrotomy (although it did not specify surgical cricothyrotomy). About half of the states indicated the standard paramedic training is sufficient to perform cricothyrotomy in the field. Most states do not have a separate cricothyrotomy training module beyond what is provided in the paramedic course. Only 30% of states track cricothyrotomies performed in the field. He provided the survey results to the trauma surgeons in South Carolina for review. Dr. DesChamps thanked everyone for allowing the survey and responding.

Project and Committee Updates – Various Members

Pain Management EBG Project – Dr. George Lindbeck reported that the project is nearly wrapped up. The manuscripts were submitted to PEC, and he received a response today that they are suitable for publication with minor revisions.

Interfacility Transport Position Paper – Dr. Lindbeck plans to share the NASEMSO-approved paper with NAEMSP and ACEP (their practices and standards group) to request them to sign on.

NEMSAC Update – NEMSAC will continue to meet virtually, and their next meeting is this week. Dr. Peter Taillac was reappointed to a second term.

NASEMSO National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines, Version 3 – Dr. Richard Kamin reported they just completed an in-person working meeting to review the comments and edit.

Prehospital Guidelines Consortium – Dr. David Lehrfeld was not available to report.

Joint Commission Cardiac Certifications Technical Advisory Panel - Dr. Doug Kupas was not available to report.

NASEMSO/USFA Responder Pandemic Continuity of Response Operations – Dia said the project has collected all the state guidance documents.

Speakers and Topics for January 12 MDC Meeting – Dr. Lindbeck noted the MDC will be meeting the afternoon of January 12 at NAEMSO in San Diego. We are looking for members to lead discussions on topics of interest. Matt suggested an update on the status of the DEA rule. George and Matt said that both of their states are concerned with the outcome of these rules. The proposed rules were published about one year ago with a 60-day comment period but there has been no further information. Mary offered to ask Ritu Sahni to update us at the January meeting.

Tripp Winslow said some EMS agencies in North Carolina are doing monoclonal antibody infusion at pop up sites. Ken Williams said they have three EMS agencies doing it at homes and in nursing homes. At his DMAT employment, they infused about 150 patients. Tripp Winslow said he would like to consider how to engage EMS and public health in pandemics.

Gail Bradley asked about rule waivers in emergency times, i.e., staffing and more. Tripp mentioned the unintended outcome when paramedics are employed by hospitals and the shortage it leaves for EMS. Jeff Beckman added Colorado developed legislation in 2019 for EMS clinicians to work in hospitals. Recently, this has been useful for hospitals to help fill in some care gaps created by nursing, respiratory therapist and other clinical staff shortages. Matt said that Maine has experienced EMS agencies making agreements with hospitals to allow medics to work in hospitals. George noted this topic has generated a

lot of comments in the chat box. He offered to work with Hannah and Mary to develop a survey with results to be presented at the January meeting.

Other Matters of Interest – Ken Williams reported that he will be going to his first NREMT Board meeting and to send him any comments they would like him to bring up.

Next Meeting – January 12 (at the NAEMSP Meeting)

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 1:56 PM EDT. Matt Sholl was congratulated on assuming the role of Chair. Members also thanked George Lindbeck for leading the Council these past 2-plus years.

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