



NASEMSO Medical Directors Council

March 4, 2013

1:00 – 2:30 PM EST

Meeting Record

Members Attending - Rick Alcorta (MD), Carol Cunningham (OH), Beth Edgerton (EMSC), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO Program Manager), Joe Holley (TN), Doug Kupas (PA), Sarah Nafziger (AL), Paul Satterlee (MN), Matt Sholl (ME), Harry Sibold (MT), Ken Williams (RI), Dan Wolfson (VT)

Call to Order and Roll Call – Carol Cunningham called the meeting to order in Chair Joe Nelson’s absence.

Re-organized Medical Director Council Website [NASEMSO Medical Directors](#). Carol encouraged members to visit the newly reorganized Medical Directors Council section of the NASEMSO website. Meeting minutes are now easier to access. It also includes the liaisons to projects and committees.

Model EMS Guidelines Update – Carol Cunningham reported that the Model EMS Guidelines Project had a successful kick-off meeting in January and is ahead of schedule. The first two deliverables -- the Guideline Titles and Essential Components of Every Guideline -- are ready to distribute to EMS stakeholders for public comment. The next face-to-face meeting will be July 30 – August 1 in Minneapolis.

Statewide Implementation of a Prehospital Care Guideline Update – Matt Sholl reported the project also had a good kick-off meeting via webinar in January. The major task now is to build a toolkit for the states. The protocol selected for the project is the pain control protocol for trauma and pediatrics that was developed through the NHTSA evidence-based guideline project.

Federal Partner Update/Comments – Beth Edgerton from HRSA, EMSC reported on the status of the Pediatric Emergency Department Readiness Project. They are doing an assessment of the guidelines. In the late fall/early winter they launched a pilot in 3 states—Minnesota, Maryland and Guam. This is a voluntary process to assess emergency departments for pediatric readiness. Currently, applications are due for the Targeted Issues grant which focuses on improving pre-hospital pediatric research.

GAO Request Regarding Drug Shortages – Mary Hedges explained that as a result of federal legislation on drug shortages enacted in 2012, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) is preparing a report on drug shortages for Congress. The report authors have requested the EMS drug formularies from the 25 states that indicated in the National EMS Assessment that they had state EMS drug lists. Mary recently emailed the state director and state medical director from those 25 states requesting their drug formularies. States are responding well with 16 responses to date. Rick Alcorta requested that Mary create a spread sheet for the drugs that can be used by the Model Guidelines Project.

Work Plan Goal 1, Task 3: Regional Reps to Contact States with No Medical Director – Mary Hedges explained that the Regional Representatives (Drs. Kamin, Nafziger, Sibold, Satterlee) will be working on Task 3 in the Work Plan, which is to contact state directors in the states and territories without a state EMS medical director. She has provided the regional representatives with the states and territories in their respective regions without medical directors as well as suggested interview questions.

Pediatric Workgroup for Education Agenda – Katrina Altenhofen, Iowa EMSC Coordinator, was not able to join the call. Mary explained that Katrina is leading a workgroup comprised of members from each of the NASEMSO councils, which will be focusing on the pediatric component of the Education Agenda. She is requesting that Dr. Brian Moore serve as the Medical Directors Council representative. Carol requested that Katrina send a description which can be sent to the MD Council in the event that Brian Moore is unable to participate.

Orientation for New Members of the Medical Directors Council - Mary Hedges explained that she spoke with Joe Nelson about the idea of developing a short orientation for new MD Council members. Joe thought it could be done at the beginning (first hour) of the MD Council Meeting held at the Annual Meeting. Carol Cunningham, Matt Sholl, Doug Kupas, Rick Alcorta volunteered to assist. Sarah Nafziger said she found it to be very helpful as a new member when some experienced members took her aside for coffee and provided background information NASEMSO and the Council.

Committee and Project Updates – Various Members

- **Drug Shortages** – Carol Cunningham said she was among several members who participated in a conference call with the GAO report authors. Dan Wolfson said they have had recently arising shortages, including atropine, and he was looking for a resource for alternatives for unavailable drugs. Carol referred him to the ASTHO website for a comprehensive paper on drug shortages that was prepared. Carol Cunningham and Rick Alcorta discussed the option of using drugs (e.g., atropine) from CHEMPACKs, but the CDC will only authorize the use of CHEMPACK assets in a life-saving scenario. Doug Kupas said a shared set of documents on drug shortages compiled by the MD Council. Dan said that he thought they would be helpful. Carol pointed out that hospitals have more options and can prioritize reserving specific medications to stock EMS.
- **Sudden Cardiac Arrest Task Force** – Sara Nafziger reported that the SCA in Youth Task Force held its 2nd conference call. The call was more productive than the first call but the leaders continue to be focused on a legislative approach.
- **Hand-off of Care Policy** – Doug Kupas said ACEP is finishing the position statement which should be released soon.
- **Culture of Safety** – Carol Cunningham reported that NEMSAC recommended that the definition of EMS be added to the Culture of Safety paper, although NEMSAC did not specify which definition should be included.
- **Crisis of Care Standards at IOM Toolkit**- Carol Cunningham reported that the document is currently being developed. It is scheduled to be released in the pre-publication format in July or August of 2013 with formal publication in September 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 1:48 PM EST.

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