



Meeting Record

Present

Officers

President – Kyle Thornton (NM)
Treasurer – Gary Brown (VA)
Immediate Past President – Keith
Wages (GA)

Regions

East: Jason Rhodes (RI)
Great Lakes: Tony Spector (MN)

Councils

Data Managers: Tom McGinnis (CA)
Health & Medical Preparedness: Joe
Schmider (TX)
Medical Directors: George Lindbeck
(VA)
Medical Directors: Matthew Sholl (ME)
Pediatric Emergency Care: Morgan
Scaggs (KY)
Trauma Managers: Alyssa Johnson (MT)

Committee Chairs

Education: Terri Godde (MI)
CP-MIH: Jim DeTienne (MT)

Federal Partners

HRSA/EMSC: Tee Morrison-Quinata
NHTSA OEMS: Gam Wijetunge

NAEMSO Staff

Beth Armstrong
Dia Gainor
Rachael Alter
Mary Hedges
Kathy Robinson
Leslee Stein-Spencer
Hilary Bikowski

Absent

President – Elect: Andy Gienapp (WY)
Secretary: Steve McCoy (FL)
Member-at-Large on EC: Stephen
Wilson (AL)
East Region: Raffaella Coler (CT)
Great Lakes Region: Mark Lockhart (MI)
South Region: David Newton (GA)
West Region: Wayne Denny (UT)
West Region: Todd McDowell (AK)
Western Plains: Joe House (KS)
Western Plains: Marty Link (SD)
Personnel Licensure: Jamie Gray (AL)
Personnel Licensure: Kurt
Shreckengaust (KS)
Trauma Managers: Eileen Worden (MI)

Call to Order / Roll Call

President Kyle Thornton called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Eastern time and Hilary Bikowski called roll. A quorum was present.

Secretary's Report

Kyle Thornton presented the March 13, 2020 Board meeting minutes.

ACTION: Keith Wages moved, and Stephen Wilson seconded, that the minutes should be approved as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Financial Performance

Gary Brown reported that the reports included with their board materials for this meeting are interim, pending completion of contracts expenses reimbursement invoicing. As of March 31, 2020, Operational Income is \$632,442 versus a 12-month budget of \$1,121,500. As of March 31, 2020, Operational Expenses are \$770,198 versus a twelve-month budget of \$1,257,476. The current deficit is primarily due to the stock market plunge and net income from operations tracks consistently with the 12-months budgeted net deficit (\$135,976). NASEMSO derives \$185,000 in sponsorship and registration fees from its Annual Meeting, we can expect that rescheduling it to the next fiscal year will result in poorer 12 months performance this fiscal year, and improved performance next fiscal year.

Program Committee

Gary reported that the Program Committee has not met since the March 12th Board Call. He said that due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Program Committee will not be meeting. As we move closer to the new dates for the Annual Meeting August 31st–September 3rd, the committee will begin to meet.

Kyle Thornton said that on the April 3, 2020 Executive Committee call, the decision was made to postpone the 2020 NASEMSO Annual Meeting to August 31st–September 3rd. Beth Armstrong said that the Silver Legacy was very supportive of the move to the new dates. She said an email went out to NASEMSO membership today regarding the new dates.

Presidents Report

Kyle Thornton said that he did not have a President's report. He said that with everything happening in the world, he hopes that everyone's families are safe and healthy. He said that he was sorry he would not have the chance to see everyone in June, but said he looks forward to August.

Kyle asked Dia to update the board on the daily calls with NHSTA EMS.

Dia said that Leslee Stein Spencer, Joe Schmider and herself have been attending the daily calls with NHSTS EMS. The calls have been very productive. She said that they are producing 25 – 26 one --page documents and a few that are two or more, up to 26 pages. Once they have been approved and gone through the FEMA approval

process, NASEMSO will be posting them on the website as reference materials for COVID-19. The committee is now looking at long term and post-coronavirus issues and will begin to address them as well. As a committee, the goal is to improve the EMS system nationally.

Federal Partner Updates

HRSA/EMSC

Tee Morrison-Quinata from HRSA/EMSC said that she is very thankful for everything the EMS workforce is doing and has done to support families and children during this pandemic. She also expressed gratitude for all of the work on the EMS assessment. She said that she is aware of the difficulty in completing this due to the pandemic. She said that she appreciates the additional pediatric data that is included in the report. She said that NASEMSO is one of the leading organizations that continues to gather data and she is very thankful for NASEMSO's continued support.

She said that the National Pediatric Readiness Project has been postponed and she will let the Board know the final selection of the Innovation and Improvement Center.

NHTSA OEMS

Gam Wijetunge said that the task force that Dr. Krohmer is heading up is an ongoing effort. They have daily briefings and provide feedback to their leadership.

Executive Director's Report

Current Projects

NHTSA National EMS Projects of Significance

Dia Gainor reported that the 2020 National EMS Assessment was completed by the deadline and was just approved by NHTSA. A press release with the announcement and a link to the 2020 National Assessment report was sent to all NASEMSO members. It will also be posted on the NASEMSO website. This document will be beneficial to everyone involved in EMS. The State Systems of Care final report was submitted on the same day but approval has not yet been received from NHTSA.

NHTSA Fatigue in EMS

Kathy Robinson reported that the Fatigue in EMS project continues to be ongoing – data collection was started but now has slowed down due to the pandemic. The project team will continue the bi-weekly meetings with NHTSA and continue data collection through the end of the year. However, they will stagger enrollment so that everyone doesn't come online at once.

Task 3, a biomathematical scheduling tool, is also progressing. She said that they are partnering with the Institutes for Behavior Resources. They are working on a mockup tool and dictionary for the scheduled project.

EMS for Children Innovation & Improvement Center Update

Rachael Alter reported that the Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Steering Committee is reviewing a final draft of the Checklist (for EMS agency use). It matches the policy statement that was released earlier this year. The goal is to pilot the checklist in April. However, the timeline for release is being reevaluated.

Rachael is also monitoring emails for pediatric-related COVID information to help keep a new EIIC webpage dedicated to COVID updated.

ASTHO Post Opioid Overdose Innovations and NACCO Focus on Falls Prevention

ASTHO and NACCHO projects are in the works. Dia advised that both projects are focused on novel approaches that states are implementing or know are being implemented on the local level on post opioid and falls. Due to the pandemic, timelines have changed, but not the direction of the projects.

Pending Projects

Safe Transport of Children Crash Test Project

Dia Gainor reported that the Safe Transport project coordination team continues to move along. However, at this time, asking foundations for grant funding is difficult in light of the pandemic.

Pain Management Evidence-Based Guideline

Dia Gainor reported that this proposal, modelled after the naloxone EBG project was submitted to NHTSA but no notification has been received about an award.

Support for State EMS System Development

Dia reported that this will be moving up to the list of Current Projects since Support for the State EMS System Development was executed as the new umbrella agreement. This is a cooperative agreement between the NHSTA Office of EMS and NASEMSO. She further stated that umbrella agreements do not include specific tasks or projects; those should be forthcoming.

Action Items

Request from IAFC to sign onto letter to the Hill with recommendations on the 4th Covid Bill

The IAFC is planning to send a letter to the Hill with recommendations on the 4th COVID relief bill. The Board materials included a draft letter which the IAFC has

developed. The main ask in the letter is for Congress to establish a dedicated \$15 billion fund for fire and EMS agencies which would be housed at FEMA. The letter also contains other recommendations about using the SAFER grant program to retain personnel, urge the prioritization of fire/EMS agencies in accessing PPE/testing/vaccinations, and a call for the FDA to share all drug shortage information that they have. Dia shared that this \$15 billion fund would be dedicated to support governmental and private nonprofit fire departments and EMS agencies that are treating, transporting and caring for patients and are being dispatched by the 911 system or doing interfacility transports. This funding would be targeted for reimbursement and future purchases of personal protective equipment (PPE), backfill and overtime staffing other issues that arise for purchases and reimbursement, including daycare expense for firefighters and EMS personnel They propose that FEMA manage this fund and make direct payments to fire and EMS agencies with no match required. IAFC is inviting organizations to join IAFC on the letter.

Discussion

Kyle reported that there had been some discussion prior to this call regarding the request. He felt as did others on the call that this letter only addresses the EMS and fire departments in the public sector. He said that he was using privates to assist with transporting during this pandemic. Gary said that he is using privates and that in rural areas, private companies are utilized. The Board found the language restrictive regarding benefitting for profit EMS agencies during this time.

Action Item: Gary Brown made a motion not to sign on to the letter. He said at this time it is an all hands-on deck situation and the states needed everyone on board to help with the pandemic.

Keith Wages seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously. Kyle asked Dia what the protocol was for responding to the request and Dia said that it was sent staff to staff and she would respond to the letter. She would draft a response and send to Kyle for his review.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:42 PM EDT at the motion of Kyle Thornton and seconded by Keith Wages.

Meeting record respectfully submitted by Project Coordinator Hilary Bikowski.