

NASEMSO Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, June 8, 2017

Meeting Record



PRESENT

Officers:

President-elect: Kyle Thornton (NM)
Secretary: Alisa Williams (MS)

Regions:

East: Jason Rhodes (RI)
Great Lakes: Kathy Wahl (MI)
South: Donna Tidwell (TN)
Western Plains: Andy Gienapp (WY)
West: Wayne Denny (ID)

Councils:

Data: Tom McGinnis (CA) for Kevin Putman (MI)
Pediatric: Morgan Scaggs for Carolina Roberts-Santana M.D. (RI)
Trauma Managers: Carole Mays (MD)

ABSENT

President: Keith Wages (GA)
Past President: Paul Patrick (UT)
Treasurer: Gary Brown (VA)
Medical Directors: Ken Williams MD (RI)
Educ & Prof'l Stds: Terrie Godde (MI)

CALL TO ORDER / SELF INTRODUCTIONS

President-elect Kyle Thornton called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. Eastern time. Beth Armstrong called roll and noted a quorum present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Previous Meeting Minutes – Alisa Williams presented the previous meeting minutes circulated with the read-ahead packets.

ACTION: Kathy Wahl moved, seconded by Donna Tidwell to approve the May 11, 2017 meeting record. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Executive Committee Report – Alisa reported EC actions including signing on to a letter by National EMS Safety Council identifying top ten safety issues; adding a topic to OKC agenda to discuss use of “paramedic” term for all practitioners; noting

ALSO PRESENT

Members:

HITS: Steve McCoy (FL)
Peter Taillac MD (UT) (partial)

Federal Partners:

HRSA EMSC: Theresa Morrison-Quinata

Staff:

Beth Armstrong, Executive Vice President
Joe Ferrell, NCBP Advocate
Dia Gainor, Executive Director
Kevin McGinnis, Program Manager
Kathy Robinson, Program Manager
Leslee Stein-Spencer, Program Manager

that the EMS Compass mark is intellectual property of NASEMSO; REPLICIA business management options; and more.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Status – On behalf of Treasurer Gary Brown, Beth Armstrong reported that as of May 31, 2017 NASEMSO had current total operational income of \$1,959,612; other income of \$81,913 including \$58,725 in unrealized gain and \$23,000 in interest/dividends from investments; and expenses of \$1,904,352 yielding \$137,173, net income and current fund balance of \$1,013,113.

Program Committee – Beth drew attention to the Fall Meeting program draft circulated with the read-ahead packets. All are encouraged to review and make comments.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

NEPS Award Reduction & NASEMSO Strategy – Dia reported on behalf of Keith that the president, president-elect and treasurer will meet with staff in two weeks to talk about organizational adjustments that might occur to revamp deliverables and staffing as a result of the reduced NHTSA award for 2017-18. Two recent deliverables that have been developed under NEPS include an implementation strategy for workforce guidelines, and a workplan outlining resources that could be developed on EMS state office of the future and health reform.

Fatigue in EMS – Kathy Robinson reported that the PI is finalizing documents related to performance measures with several manuscripts in process. Journal of Prehospital Emergency Care will produce a special supplement. Contract Officer Steve Higgins will be departing NHTSA and Dave Bryson will take on the COR role.

SOP Model Revision – Kathy Robinson indicated that the first public engagement session will occur this summer. The work group will be looking at the suggestion to refer to all practitioners as “paramedics.”

ASPR Transport of Highly Infectious Patients – Leslee Stein-Spencer noted that the Transport Template Plan is completed. The Capability Assessment is drafted and will be circulated to the expert panel next week. The Exercise Group is still working. The staff team is currently refining optional tasks proposed in the original scope of work for possible add-on activity.

Baylor EIIC – Less than one month remains in the NASEMSO period of performance under the agreement with EIIC. Today Dia received a survey about future year efforts which indicated that only eight recipients have been invited to provide input. A small working group may need to be formed to work on survey responses since NASEMSO's members are so unique compared to the other partner associations (such as ENA and AAP).

UNC National Collaborative for Bio-Preparedness – Joe Ferrell indicated that Florida signed their DUA and is working with them to correlate traffic records and NEMSIS data. Donna shared that TN should execute their DUA soon, and Joe mentioned that RI may as well. Joe will re-send an agreement to MI. He will be visiting AZ and NM.

ACTION ITEMS

S.967 Medicare Ambulance Access, Fraud Prevention, and Reform Act of 2017

– the NASEMSO Government Information Committee recommends NASEMSO sign-on to support letters and other effort related to the passage of this bill. The bill would make permanent the urban and rural Medicare add-ons and super-rural bonus payments that have been temporarily added in past years but would otherwise expire. The bill also would recognize ambulance services as providers of medical services rather than mere suppliers of transportation. The bill also would require ambulance service providers to submit cost data to assist in determining appropriate reimbursement rates.

ACTION: Andy Gienapp moved, seconded by Kathy Wahl to endorse S.967. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Letter of Support on Drowsy Driving Initiative – a letter from NASEMSO has been requested by M. Davis and Company for their bid to conduct “National Survey of Drowsy Driving Knowledge, Attitudes and Behaviors.”

ACTION: Kathy Wahl moved, seconded by Alisa Williams to provide the letter. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

FEDERAL PARTNER UPDATES

HRSA EMSC – Theresa Morrison-Quinata reported that 2017 funding has been sustained for state partnership programs. However, the 2018 budget zeros out EMSC funds. Also, Dr. Beth Edgerton has resigned from the role of division director as of next Friday and a hiring freeze is in place.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Medical Oversight, Educational Core Content and Proposed Scopes of Practice of Wilderness EMS Providers – paper soon to be published in PEC. Attendees were reminded that a NASEMSO member benefit is a discounted rate to PEC. The article describes a crosswalk between skills of a street/standard medic and those of a proposed wilderness paramedic. It is a first call out with proposed curriculum and proposed levels of wilderness EMS.

Data Managers Council Report on NEMSIS 3.5 – Tom McGinnis shared that NHTSA intends to implement changes effective January 1, 2019; the proposed changes will be released March 2018. There are five areas of suggested revision

including eOutcome and eDisposition sections and others. There are about 100 proposed changes as of yesterday.

OTHER BUSINESS

REPLICA – There will be an inaugural meeting of the Compact Commission in Oklahoma City prior to the NASEMSO Fall Meeting. It is a public meeting and all state EMS offices are encouraged to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m. Eastern time by unanimous consent.

Meeting Record respectfully submitted by NASEMSO Executive Vice President Beth Armstrong and attested by Secretary Alisa Williams.