

NASEMSO Board of Directors Teleconference
Thursday, February 11, 2016
Meeting Record



PRESENT

Keith Wages (GA) President-elect

Alisa Williams (MS) EC Member-at-large
and South Region

Kyle Thornton (NM), Secretary

Gary Brown (VA), Treasurer

Donnie Woodyard (LA), SC Region Alt

Mel House (OH), East Region

Joe House (KS), North Central Region

Andy Gienapp (WY) West Region

Joe Ferrell (IA), EPSC

Lindsay Narloch (ND) Data Managers

Katherine Hert (AL), Pediatric Emerg Care

Sherri Wren (NE), Trauma Managers

Ken Williams M.D. (RI) for Peter Taillac

M.D. (UT), Medical Directors

ABSENT/EXCUSED

Paul Patrick (UT), President (excused)

Jim DeTienne (MT), Immed Past President
(excused)

ALSO PRESENT

Tom Nehring (ND) Rural Comm

Theresa Morrison-Quinata (HRSA)

STAFF PRESENT

Beth Armstrong, EVP

Kathy Robinson, Program Manager

Leslee Stein-Spencer, Program Manager

Rachael Alter, Program Manager

Dia Gainor, Executive Director

Mary Hedges, Program Manager

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

President-elect Keith Wages (GA) called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. ET; Kathy Robinson called roll.

Each NASEMSO council and committee is prepared to present one priority activity to undertake with a measurable deliverable, to provide technical assistance for state EMS offices in 2016-17. As part of their homework, they identified milestones and how it will improve state EMS systems.

ACTION: Rachael Alter reviewed the 2016 schedule for councils and committees meetings. Updates were made and the document will be sent to the Board.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Kyle Thornton (NM) presented the previous Meeting Record.

ACTION: Gary Brown moved, seconded by Joe Ferrell to approve the Record as circulated. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Gary Brown (VA) reported that as of January 31, 2016, the total income is \$1,284,953 with expenses of \$1,261,856 resulting in a net excess of \$23,097 and an ending fund balance of \$862,281. The income includes a net of interest realized and an unrealized investment loss of (\$55,304).

Gary made sure colleagues are aware that the Spring Meeting program is posted.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **CAP-1** – staff and leadership has continued to meet with NHTSA OEMS staff to ensure that there is no gap in activity between the conclusion of the current award and the receipt of the new award in May 2016.
- **CAP-6** – NHTSA OEMS has been unsuccessful to date in working with its NHTSA contracts office to process paperwork submitted by NASEMSO staff months earlier to extend this project's period of performance. We are currently standing by to determine whether activity can continue.
- **CAP-7 (EMS COMPASS)** – the project steering committee will convene in conjunction with the NASEMSO Spring Meeting and all are encouraged to attend.
- **FATIGUE IN EMS** – the project is off to a blazing start with a very successful stakeholder meeting last week.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Agency & Vehicle Licensure** – Dia Gainor reported on behalf of Mike Berge that the survey instrument has been developed to produce the **monograph on state licensure requirements, exemptions and special conditions for EMS agencies based out of state**. This will allow states to compare requirements, identify gaps in regulation and enable identification of best practices. She also shared that the NFPA1917 public comment period is open on the second edition.
- **Safe Transport of Children** – Mary Hedges noted that the committee is finalizing its goal **to develop specific recommendations and best practices for safely transporting children in ground ambulances**. This will optimize safety for pediatric patients as well as for the EMS personnel transporting them.

ACTION: Alisa Williams moved, seconded by Kyle Thornton to approve NASEMSO issuing a letter of support to UNC Chapel Hill on a proposal to develop pediatric performance measure to improve care for time critical injury such as sepsis, trauma and airway. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

REGIONAL REPORTS

- **West** – Andy Gienapp provided a brief report.
- **East** – no report
- **North Central** – no report

- **South Central** – Alisa Williams reported that they are planning an in-person meeting June 12-14 in Mobile.

ACTION: Alisa Williams moved, seconded by Katherine Hert for NASEMSO to fund Dia Gainor’s participation in the regional conference. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- **Data Managers** – Lindsay Narloch reminded the Board that their council recommended that NASEMSO advocate for a moratorium on development of further generations of NEMSIS until all states can catch up to current versions. NE has asked for a fix on one of the new data points on NEMSIS V3.
- **Education & Professional Standards** – Joe Ferrell shared that their steering group meets next week.
- **Medical Directors** – Dr. Ken Williams noted that their council met in January in conjunction with NAEMSP. They continue to support amendment of DEA regulations impacting EMS. Remove the doctor as the registration-holder for controlled substance use, and transfer it to the agency.
- **Pediatric Emergency Care** – Katherine Hert mentioned that they have posted their Spring Meeting agenda, and they are seeking candidates for their council chair-elect.
- **Trauma Managers** – Sherri Wren noted that they will not meet formally at the Spring Meeting but will have a 20 hour conference call. Subcommittees will continue their work. HR.3225 is posted on the Government Affairs web page.

FEDERAL PARTNERS REPORTS

- **EMSC** – Tee said they are trying to publish the performance measures in the Federal Register for public comment within the next 30 days.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Air Medical** – Kathy Robinson spoke about drones and model air medical rules.
- **Communications and Technology** – Kevin McGinnis reported that they will undertake activity to **engage state ems offices in a meaningful way in national EMS communications dialogue** and advancement. The intent is to assemble an accurate list of the single point of contact for each state EMS office, and share it with DHS, FirstNet and other appropriate points of contact that impact EMS communications needs. The Committee will track participation in FirstNet consultation and other types of activities to improve communications systems. The NASEMSO web site will offer a state-by-state listing of communications systems development.
- **Community Paramedicine-Mobile Integrated Health Committee** – no report
- **Domestic Preparedness** – Leslee Stein-Spencer indicated that their next committee meeting is February 17. She said that the CDC has indicated that Ebola funds can be used for Zika virus.
- **Government Information** – (report above re DEA).
- **HITS** – On behalf of Donnie Woodyard, Mary Hedges reported that they plan to promote and demonstrate **collaboration between state EMS officials and state**

highway safety officials at bi-monthly meetings of HITS Committee, on web site and national meetings. Milestones include examples of collaboration to be featured at every HITS Committee meeting. NASEMSO leadership will participate in national transportation safety meetings. This will help optimize safety for all using the nation's transportation systems.

- **Rural EMS** – Tom Nehring indicated that the federal Office of Rural Health Policy announced its goal to collect EMS input on FLEX funds. Dia will participate with them on another teleconference with Crhisty Edwards. **Tom also encouraged colleagues to attend the April 21-22 National Rural EMS Leadership Conference in San Antonio.**

OTHER

- **Shauna Patrick** – Keith Wages asked that everyone keep Paul Patrick's wife in their thoughts and prayers; she had a large mass removed from her abdomen which was thankfully benign this week and is doing well.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 2:57 pm ET.

Meeting Record respectfully submitted by NASEMSO Executive Vice President Beth Armstrong and Secretary Kyle Thornton (NM).

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