

NASEMSO Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, July 12, 2018
Meeting Record



PRESENT

Officers:

President: Keith Wages (GA)
President-elect: Kyle Thornton (NM)
Treasurer: Gary Brown (VA)
At-large and South: Donna Tidwell (TN)

Regions:

East: Jason Rhodes (RI)
Western Plains: Andy Gienapp (WY)
Great Lakes: Kathy Wahl (MI)

Councils:

Trauma Managers: Carole Mays (MD)
Data: Kevin Putman (MI)
Medical Directors: Ken Williams MD (RI)
Pediatric: Morgan Scaggs (KY)

ABSENT/EXCUSED

Secretary: Alisa Williams (MS)
Past-President: Paul Patrick (UT)
Health and Medical Prep: Joe Schmider (TX)
Personnel Licensure: Helen Pullen (WI)
West: Wayne Denny (ID)

Other Members:

Joe House (KS), Air Medical
Harry Sibold (MT), Medical Directors Chair-Elect
Tracy Cleary, PECC Chair-Elect
Terrie Godde (MI), Education
Dale Adkerson (OK)

Partners:

Gam Wijetunge, NHTSA
Tee Morrison-Quinata, HRSA
Rachel Abbey, ONCHIT

Staff:

Kathy Robinson, Program Manager
Leslee Stein-Spencer, Program Manager
Kevin McGinnis, Program Manager
Joe Ferrell, Program Manager
Mary Hedges, Program Manager
Dan Manz, REPLICA Advocate
Sue Prentiss, Program Manager
Rachael Alter, Program Manager
Dia Gainor, Executive Director

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

President Keith Wages called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Eastern time and Kathy Robinson called roll. A quorum was present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Keith Wages presented the June 14 and 22, 2018 Board Meeting Record.

ACTION: Donna Tidwell moved, seconded by Gary Brown to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Performance – Gary Brown reported that the end of the fiscal year report is imminent and deferred further reporting and discussion to the August Board Retreat.

Program Committee – Gary Brown reported the committee recently met and discussed the evaluations and a revised format for 2019. Paul Patrick proposes a compressed agenda to 3 days. The committee is evaluating the merits of a shorter schedule to focus on the NASEMSO Board Minutes 07-12-2018

business of association including council and committee reports. The committee is also looking at 3.5 - 4 days. The suggestion will be discussed at the Board retreat in Reno.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Wages expressed a special thanks to our federal partners who have joined today.

FEDERAL PARTNER UPDATES

EMSC – Tee Morrison Quinata yielded her time to ONCHIT.

NHTSA OEMS – Gam Wijetunge reported that the NEMSAC appointments were announced yesterday. FICEMS met 2 wks ago and the meeting summary is anticipated 1-2 wks. The RFI on Prehospital Trauma closes July 31.

ONCHIT – Rachel Abbey reported that 40 M has been approved to build up the HIT system in CA to improve health information exchange and EMS collaboration. ONCHIT hosted an end-of-life webinar on July 10 at healthit.gov.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

NEPS – Dia Gainor reported that NASEMSO is working with NHTSA OEMS on 2018-19 plans for projects addressing trauma and time-sensitive emergencies, a modified national EMS assessment and workforce attrition. Templates on ambulance inspections, rural issues, workforce evaluations will be discussed as part of the strategic planning effort in Reno.

SOP Model Revision – Kathy Robinson reported that the final draft was delivered to NHTSA ahead of schedule although dissemination and implementation efforts are anticipated throughout the fall. We recently learned of inappropriate use of the 3rd public comment draft by EMS agencies in PA in an attempt to influence state policy so we obtained permission from NHTSA to share the current and embargoed working draft with all states. NHTSA can request additional changes through the end of September. Members are reminded the document is not official until posted at ems.gov.

Fatigue in EMS – The period of performance for dissemination of the guidelines concluded in June. We have an implementation guidebook ready to go, but it is currently in agency review and thus embargoed until we receive approval from OHSR to distribute. The PI is currently recruiting individuals to appear in video clips about fatigue to support the learning modules for the experimental study. We have completed all requests for information from NHTSA on the OMB application and await word from OHSR that it has been submitted. OMB approval and notice in the Federal Register is the most important first step for the experimental study phase to begin in earnest.

Baylor EIIC – Rachael Alter shared that manuscript development on performance measures is underway. Dr. Shah transitioned away from EIIC leadership and Sam Vance has taken over his responsibilities. Katrina Altenhofen has been named the program lead for state partnerships.

National Collaborative for Bio-Preparedness – Joe Ferrell reported that 10 states are now participating in the National Collaborative. An example of these efforts includes crash records linked with trauma scores. An initiative regarding email/text messaging alerting

when established thresholds are exceeded is progressing. Biospatial welcomes invitations for Regional Meetings.

REPLICA – Sue Prentiss (reporting for Dan Manz) that NH (15) and MO (16) bills have been signed. Dan is working with stakeholder coalitions for next year.

NHTSA Naloxone Evidence-Based Guideline – Mary Hedges indicated that the 3rd quarter report has been submitted to NHTSA. The EBG is due soon as the 1st deliverable. The Expert Panel has noted a scarcity of peer-reviewed research on naloxone administration by EMS. EMSPIC provided some data to support the project.

ToXcel Field Trauma Triage – Dia Gainor reported that a DUA has been achieved in a few states for non-physiologic indicators. The analysis of data is in progress.

Safe Transport of Children Crash Test – Mary Hedges mentioned the application for funding has been submitted to Stryker. The committee meets every other month. EMSC managers have included 5 year goals/monies towards the project. The NJ application to the state Office of Highway Safety was approved.

ACS-COT Records Linkage Joint Policy Statement – Dia Gainor reported that Greg Brown is chairing the NASEMSO effort. Meetings are in progress, a first draft was produced, and revisions have been suggested to ACS.

NASEMSO Web Site – Dia Gainor reports that the buildout is in progress. Some time will probably be spent at retreat discussing the new format.

ACTION ITEMS

NAMSDL Model Universal Access to Naloxone Act – NASEMSO was invited to provide input to the draft. Dr. Williams provided a verbal update on the recommendations on this initiative funded by the President’s National Office of Drug Policy.

ACTION: Andy Gienapp moved, seconded by Kyle Thornton to approve the written comments. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

ACEP Endorsement Request on the Clinical Capabilities and the Medical Equipment in EMS – Keith Wages reported on the ACEP draft policy statement. Andy Gienapp expressed concern that the statement doesn’t reflect how such decisions are made at the state level.

ACTION: Andy Gienapp moves not to endorse ACEP Policy Statement as written and suggests communicating with ACEP about rationale and the need to get state input on proposed equipment lists. Donna Tidwell provided the 2nd. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Further discussion: Andy offers that the equipment list is important to maintain as a national consensus document and that NASEMSO should take the lead. Donna agreed, suggesting that stakeholders must be able to provide input. The Board discussed whether an expanded list is needed, for example, HCID.

ACTION: Staff to provide a proposal for the Board to consider.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

EMS 2050 Implementation – Andy Gienapp reported the final draft has been submitted to NHTSA and suggests it is a prime time for states to get out in front of it. Several ideas were discussed.

ACTION: Add to agenda in Reno.

NASEMSO Response to “Borders in the Sky” – Joe House provided an overview of various media reports, including an email AirMethodsAdvantage sent to its subscribers about S. 2812, a bill intended to protect consumers from air medical balanced billing. Because the industry response to the Bill implies patients won’t receive proper medical care, a NASEMSO response seems appropriate.

It was suggested to add a statement that states do have rules that needs to be followed, such as state lawful authority re trauma plans, time sensitive emergencies, destination plans, etc. in getting patients to the right place at the right time. The ADA interpretation document from DOT was mentioned.

ACTION: Board members to submit comments in writing for email vote or discussion in Reno.

Degree Requirements for Paramedics – Kathy Robinson reported that the Scope of Practice Expert Panel has been monitoring national discussions on degree requirements for paramedics, noting a draft position statement has been adopted by NEMSMA, NAEMSE, and IACCFP but not yet circulated nationwide. The plans include submission to PEC for publication. The members of the PLC and Education Committee discussed the topic at length at the NASEMSO Annual Meeting in Providence but no formal action was taken. AAA and NAEMT have remained silent on the issue and we’ve learned that IAFF and IAFC are planning a rebuttal to the NEMSMA position at Board meetings in August. The Board reviewed language in the current SOPM draft on the topic. The discussion was interrupted by a technical situation and was incomplete at the time of adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Meeting Record respectfully submitted by NASEMSO Program Manager Kathy Robinson.