

NASEMSO Board of Directors Teleconference  
Thursday, May 12, 2016  
**Meeting Record**



**PRESENT**

Paul Patrick (UT), President  
Keith Wages (GA), President-Elect  
Gary Brown (VA), Treasurer  
Kyle Thornton (NM), Secretary  
Jim DeTienne (MT), Immed Past President  
Lindsay Narloch (ND) Data Managers  
Joe Ferrell (IA), EPSC  
Katherine Hert (AL), Pediatric Emerg Care  
Carolina Roberts Santana , PEC Alt.  
Peter Taillac M.D. (UT), Medical Directors  
Ken Williams MD (AK) MDC Alt.  
Robert Seesholtz (TN) Trauma Managers  
Mel House (OH), East Region Alt.  
Andy Gienapp (WY) West Region  
Joe House (KS), North Central Region

**ABSENT**

Chris Bell (VT) East Region  
Alisa Williams (MS) EC Member-at-large  
and South Region (excused)  
Sherri Wren (NE), Trauma Managers  
(excused)

**ALSO PRESENT**

Eric Hicken (NJ) Peds Ad Hoc Comm  
Steve McCoy (FL) HITS  
Susan McHenry (NHTSA OEMS)

**STAFF PRESENT**

Dia Gainor, Executive Director  
Mary Hedges, Program Manager  
Kathy Robinson, Program Manager  
Rachael Alter, Program Manager  
Kevin McGinnis, Program Manager

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

President Paul Patrick (GA) called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. ET; Kathy Robinson called roll.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Gary Brown (VA) reported that as of April 30, 2016, the operating income is \$1,782,535 with expenses of \$1,698,193 resulting in a total net income YTD of \$84,342. In addition, there is interest income of \$35,308 and an unrealized YTD investment loss of (\$47,703.) The ending fund balance at April 30, 2016 is \$897,811.

On the advice of our financial advisor, Mr. Brown recommended the following changes on investments on underperforming funds:

Sell: Burnham Fund (BURHX) and Reinvest 50/50 into: T. Rowe Price Equity Index 500 (PREIX), American Century Equity & Income (TWEIX).

Sell: Victory Mid Cap Core Growth (MGOYX) and Reinvest 100% into: T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth (RPMGX)

**ACTION:** Joe House moved, seconded by Kyle Thornton to approve the Treasurers Report and investment recommendations. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **Program Committee:**

Gary Brown reported that the Program Committee met in person at the Spring Meeting and last week via teleconference. 166 registrants were present for the Spring Meeting in Bethesda, a 4 year high. The 2016 Fall Meeting Program Draft is now posted on the web site. Kyle Thornton reported that this year's social outing will include the Albuquerque Balloon Museum (<http://www.balloonmuseum.com/>) Kyle is working to secure sponsors to offset the cost to members. Gary mentioned that the Board approved Fall Meeting travel support (scholarships) as part of the NASEMSO Budget at \$10K. The Program Committee recommends that this amount was projected in the context of the larger NASEMSO budget and should not be increased even if there is increased demand. The Board concurred. Planning has commenced planning for 2017 meeting in New Orleans. Gary requested Board assistance to identify topics and speakers.

### **FEDERAL PARTNERS REPORTS**

- **NHTSA** – Susan McHenry reports that the OEMS has been extremely busy. NEMSAC met April 18-19, 2016. She thanked Dia for an update on REPLICA. Noah Smith is busy this week with the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of a steering committee convened to provide advice on translating data into useful information. DOT is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. OEMS is working closely with David Larson, our new contract specialist, and they hope to execute the new agreement (est. <\$500K) by the first week of June.
- **HRSA/EMSC** - (submitted electronically by T. Morrison-Quinata). SPROC grants continue in June – New Mexico, California and Montana. Focusing on building and expanding pediatric medical recognition programs. EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center – EIIC awarded to Baylor School of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital Dr. Charles Macias is the project director. NASEMSO is an SME partner on the project. Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network (PECARN) now includes 9 EMS affiliates that accounts for approximately 68,000 pediatric EMS runs annually. They are currently considering implementing three research studies:
  - Development and Testing of a Pediatric Cervical Spine Injury Assessment Tool that can be used by EMS and ED providers to determine which children warrant spinal precautions and cervical spine imaging after blunt trauma
  - Factors Associated with and Outcomes of Prehospital Opioid Treatment in Children that prospectively defines patient, provider, and clinical factors associated with EMS providers' decisions to provide opioid analgesia to injured children
  - Targeted EMSC Research Priorities is currently looking at how pediatric patients are assessed by EMS and the types of interventions and procedures children receive. 5 New Targeted Issues Grants to be awarded by September 1st.

#### EMSC Performance Measures

- Program awaiting comments from OMB
- Target release in the Fall 2016
- Will be effective 3/1/2017
- NEDARC working on training tools

#### **NASEMSO LIAISON REPORTS**

- **First Net** – Kevin McGinnis mentioned that First Net is in an RFP process to identify a broadband partner. State directors should be familiar with FirstNet State Plans and designated contacts in their states.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **CAP-1** – Dia Gainor reported that efforts are winding down this month to finish the “umbrella agreement” inclusive of the past 5 years. No project name has been identified for the new CAP as the agreement has been redesigned and we await the documentation from NHTSA.
- **CAP-6** – The no cost extension has been approved. We are working with NAEMSE to finalize recommendations and a subsequent stakeholder meeting is anticipated.
- **CAP-7 (EMS COMPASS)** – 66 individual comments were received in the most recent public comment period along with letter responses from AAA and NAEMT. The 2<sup>nd</sup> batch of measures (STEMI and SCA) will launch May 13.
- **EBG** - winding down.
- **FATIGUE IN EMS** – The first expert panel meeting was held April 26-27 in Washington, DC with a robust effort by the expert panel and research team. Daniel Patterson (University of Pittsburgh) is the PI for the project.
- **NIST** – Dia encouraged the Board to acquaint themselves with the “one stop shop” for ambulance vehicle design. [www.Safeambulances.org](http://www.Safeambulances.org). While still under development, many resources are currently available. Jay Bradshaw is the POC in this regard— [Bradshaw@nasemsso.org](mailto:Bradshaw@nasemsso.org).
- **ASPR** – has issued a new sole source funding announcement on the transport of highly infectious disease patients. Deliverables include a template for state level planning, a review of state laws to identify regulatory issues, develop exercises, and an assessment of state capabilities.
- **HR 4365** – the House will conduct a hearing first week of June. The Senate version is expected soon. A House staff member sent this and another bill from the NFL for review to DEA, and they feel there is a diversion risk posed by the NFL Bill. The two bills are being merged and language is being adjusted to address the concern, causing a delay. Dia mentioned that outreach to the American Hospital Association is needed with regard to Medicare issues and other concerns.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

- **NHTSA Request for Advice from NEMSAC on Opioid Overdose Countermeasures**– The letter to NEMSAC was distributed to the Board. Dia Gainor reported that NASEMSO was not in a position to comment at the NEMSAC meeting regarding an immediate change to the SOPM. Dr. Taillac added that Carol

Cunningham has distributed questions to MDC for input. Keith Wages reported that staff has assembled an update to state activities in this regard, noting that the majority of states already permit the administration of naloxone at the EMR and EMT levels.

**ACTION:** Keith Wages moved to approve issuing a letter to NHTSA supporting an immediate revision to the SOPM related to the addition of naloxone administration at the BLS level, seconded by Peter Taillac. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- **NREMT Request for JNEMSLF endorsement of revised MIH-CP vision statement.**

**ACTION:** Jim Detienne moved, seconded by Joe Ferrell for NASEMSO to sign on to this paper. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- **Formation of Interim Committee on REPLICA** – The objective of committee is to prepare for implementation prior to the establishment of the REPLICA Commission to assist with drafts of bylaws, etc. 7 states have signed into law. NREMT is assisting NASEMSO with resources to implement.

**ACTION:** Joe Ferrell moved, seconded by Joe House for NASEMSO to form interim committee. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**EMS Compass Trademark Registration** - the paperwork has successfully been filed to protect the logo and use of term. NASEMSO will be working on criteria to address these components.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

- **Data Managers** – Lindsay Narloch reported that the definition project is moving forward, with full council reviewing document at next meeting.
- **Education & Professional Standards** – Joe Ferrell reported that the full council meets next week to begin fall meeting planning.
- **Medical Directors** – Dr. Peter Taillac reporting. He expressed concern over HR 4365 and the attempts to marry with the NFL bill. The Council is busy planning agenda items for Fall Meeting. One issue that has arisen is free standing emergency departments. Model EMS Clinical Guidelines Project starting next phase.
- **Pediatric Emergency Care** – Katherine Hert reported that the steering committee meets next Tuesday with a focus on fall meeting planning. She noted a letter from WV on their innovative program “Stay Alive Just Drive” that highlights impaired driving, and notes that a letter was sent from WV to NHTSA with backing from the PEC and NASEMSO.
- **Trauma Managers** – Rob Seesholtz (proxy for Sherri Wren) provided an update on the Council’s mid-year conference call held April 19. 28 states were represented. NASEMSO updates were provided and the Council is looking forward to the draft of

its Monograph to be presented at the fall meeting. The Steering Committee is scheduled to meet on May 17.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Air Medical** – Kathy Robinson noted that work is ongoing with NHTSA and we continue to hope that the final draft will be available soon.
- **Communications and Technology**- Paul Patrick encouraged continued monitoring of FirstNet activities.
- **Domestic Preparedness** – Kathy Robinson reporting on behalf of Leslee Stein-Spencer and Joe Schmider. DPC has submitted comments on the new NIMS draft document and is looking for grant money to help develop a plan to implement the goals of the Strategic Preparedness Document.
- **Government Information** – Jim DeTienne expressed appreciation for efforts regarding the FAA Reauthorization and attempts to exempt air ambulances from ADA. The Committee is monitoring activities related to HR 4365 Protecting Patients and Access to Medication Act and other legislative efforts.
- **HITS** –Steve McCoy reporting as the new chair. The Committee is encouraging collaboration between state OEMS and state DOT.
- **Rural EMS** –Jim DeTienne reported that the National Rural EMS Leadership Conference was held last month in San Antonio. Registration was lower than expected. The group is considering conjoining with NASEMSO. If this proceeds, it would be 2018 at the earliest.

### **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Agency & Vehicle Licensure** – Dia reported that AVL hopes that a new task in the cooperative agreement will enable them to develop a monograph on state requirements.
- **Community Paramedicine-Mobile Integrated Health Committee** – Jim DeTienne reported that the EMS Transformation document has been circulated to JNEMSLF. Survey out on state legislation activities, return currently at roughly 50%.
- **Safe Transport of Children** –Eric Hicken reported the group met in conjunction with the NASEMSO spring meeting and have a teleconference scheduled in 2 weeks.

### **REGIONAL REPORTS**

- **East** – Mel House - nothing to report
- **West** – Andy Gienapp- nothing to report.
- **North Central** – Joe House- nothing to report
- **South Central** – Keith Wages noted the regional monthly meeting is scheduled 1 wk from today and the group looks forward to assisting with the 2017 spring meeting in NOLA.

President Patrick expressed gratitude to all councils and committees for their ongoing efforts

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 3:18 pm ET.

*Meeting Record respectfully submitted by NASEMSO Program Manager Kathy Robinson and Secretary Kyle Thornton (NM).*

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