

NASEMSO Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, October 12, 2017  
**Meeting Record**



**PRESENT**

**Officers:**

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

**Regions:**

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

**Councils:**

Data: Kevin Putman (MI)  
Pediatric: Morgan Skaggs for Carolina  
Roberts-Santana M.D. (RI)  
Trauma Managers: Carole Mays (MD)  
Professional Licensure: Helen Pullen (WI)  
Health and Medical Preparedness: Joe  
Schmider (TX)  
Medical Directors: Ken Williams MD (RI)

**CALL TO ORDER / QUORUM**

President Keith Wages called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Central time. Secretary Alisa Williams noted a quorum was present.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Air Medical Committee** – Joe House presented a recommendation that NASEMSO support House Resolution 3378 in its efforts to maintain continuity of open transparency through cost reporting and quality measurement as well as to better align Medicare reimbursement rates for air ambulance services.

It was the Air Medical committee's belief that items that needed to be addressed in any legislation that moves forward includes:

- Immediately addressing low Medicare reimbursement rates and aligning closer to actual cost of provision of service (ground and/or air).
- Submitting to and studying cost reporting to maintain appropriate reimbursement rates in future years with no need to continually revisit (make a more permanent fix).
- Maintaining a patient centric focus by identifying and reporting upon quality measurements.
- Providing transparency to the public in cost reporting and in quality measurements.
- Maintaining the state's ability to regulate air ambulance service in all areas that are not preempted by the Airline Deregulation Act.

**EXCUSED**

Past President: Paul Patrick (UT)

**ALSO PRESENT**

**Members:**

(Members in attendance registered for the Fall Meeting.)

**Staff:**

Beth Armstrong, Executive VP  
Joe Ferrell, NCBP Advocate  
Dia Gainor, Executive Director  
Mary Hedges, Program Manager  
Kevin McGinnis, Program Manage

The committee feels that open communication between all air ambulance parties is necessary for any type of legislation to successfully pass through Congress. Furthermore, the committee would encourage all parties to collaboratively work towards alleviating major concerns and differences that may exist from the multiple proposed legislative solutions for the same underlying issue.

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

**CP/MIH** – Jim DeTienne reported on activity including on-going updates of a website capturing status in each state.

**Safe Transport of Children** – Andy Gienapp shared that there will be a panel discussion on STC in Las Vegas next week.

**Rural EMS** – JCREC work plan is currently being revised. Andy believes that the National Office of Rural Health Policy is engaged. 4<sup>th</sup> Rural EMS & Care Conference will occur in Tucson April 24-25 hosted by Terry Mullins. National Rural Health Day is November 16.

**HITS** – Steve McCoy reported that Biospatial representatives engaged in discussion about traffic records. Dia reported on Road to Zero and grant opportunities, and Jim Green spoke about STC.

**High Consequence Infectious Disease Project** – Joe Schmider mentioned that there was a half-day meeting yesterday to work on an exercise plan, the assessment and other tools. It was noted that 26 states do not have anything in place at the moment.

**REPLICA** – Joe thanked everyone on their advice on how to move forward now that the Commission is in place. Doug Wolfberg has volunteered to provide legal services on a pro bono basis.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

**House & Medical Preparedness** – Joe Schmider asked state offices to designate a representative to this new council and presented a draft vision and mission statement. Joe is the chair, Mel House is the vice chair and Sam Hurley (DC) is secretary.

**Data Managers** – Kevin Putman shared that the council will meet twice monthly to review the 200+ proposed changes on NEMSIS. Considerable frustration was expressed that another version is in process, understanding that the intent is version 3.5 through 2021. Putman indicated that the Council does not support a cut-off of 3.4 and noted that 3.3.4 would end December 31, 2018.

**ACTION:** The Data Managers Council will provide a written set of recommendations on timeline and implementation strategy. The Board will finalize an approach in December.

**Medical Directors** – Dr. Ken Williams (RI) conveyed that several interesting presentations were received including topics on civil unrest. The Medical Directors Council will engage in

the new project with NHTSA on an evidence-based guideline for naloxone use.

**Personnel Licensure** – Helen Pullen (WI) indicates the council intends to compile information and best practices in Basecamp for investigatory procedures.

**Trauma Managers** – Carole Mays (MD) reported that their relationship with ACS-COT is important and they have a new liaison, Jimm Dodd. Several state EMS trauma managers populate ACS-COT committees. They are also focusing on adult falls using trauma registry data for the National Safety Council.

**PEC** – Morgan Skaggs reported for Carolina. They continue to focus on state highlights.

## **REGIONS**

**West** – Wayne Denny (ID) indicated their meeting went well.

**Western Plains** – Andy Gienapp (WY) shared information about a regional project to compare three trauma and EMS data points among the 8 states in the region.

**Great Lakes** – Kathy Wahl (MI) noted that they are looking at educational requirements and scope of practice in each of their states. They spoke about REPLICA.

**East** – Jason Rhodes reported 21 attendees with 9 states represented. They will have meetings in NJ and VT in 2018 and 2019 respectively. Most East states are currently at NEMSIS 3.4.

**South** – Donna welcomed new Louisiana Director Susan Bailey and mentioned that their next regional meeting will occur in Alabama.

## **OTHER**

**Staff Appreciation** – Jim DeTienne expressed gratitude for ASMI services.

**Oklahoma** – the Board extended appreciation to Oklahoma EMS for hosting the nation's EMS officials this week. Dale Adkerson thanked the NASEMSO staff and executive committee for the faith and latitude for them to host the event.

**Annual Meeting** – Gary Brown asked for speaker and session ideas and Jason Rhodes reminded the audience of the attractions in Rhode Island.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m. Central time.

*Meeting Record respectfully submitted by NASEMSO Executive Vice President Beth Armstrong.*