

# NASEMSO Board of Directors

February 8, 2024, 2:00 PM ET



## Meeting Record

### Attendees

#### Officers

Immediate Past President: Alisa Williams  
President-Elect: Jason Rhodes  
Secretary: Sam Hurley

#### Region Chairs

Great Lakes: Kraig Kinney  
West: Todd McDowell  
Western Plains: Tim Wilson  
East: Ryan Greenberg

#### Council Chairs

Health & Medical Preparedness: Jay Taylor  
Pediatric Emergency Care: Marc Minkler  
Trauma Managers: Eileen Worden  
Education: Terrie Godde  
Data Managers: Jay Ostby  
Personnel Licensure: Wendy Snodgrass  
Medical Directors: Richard Kamin

#### Absent

President: Joe House  
Treasurer: Justin Romanello  
South: Jamie Gray

#### Other NASEMSO Members

Emily Bergquist  
Anna Sessa  
Candace Gardener  
Margaret McComas  
Brad VandeLune  
Dana Selover  
Amber Viitanen

#### Federal Partners

Gam Wijetunge  
Rick Patrick

#### NASEMSO Staff

Dia Gainor  
Andy Gienapp  
Rachael Alter  
Kelli Perrotti  
Leslee Stein-Spencer  
Randall Eimerman  
Mary Hedges  
Alex Tyeryar  
Adrienne Wilson

#### AI Note Takers

T. McDowell's read.ai  
K. Perotti's Fireflies.ai

### Call to Order / Roll Call

President Jason Rhodes called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM ET. A quorum was present.

## Secretary's Report

Sam Hurley presented the Executive Committee (EC) report and the January 2024 Board meeting minutes.

**MOTION:** Kraig Kinney moved, and Ryan Greenberg seconded to approve the 2024 NASEMSO Board meeting minutes.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**AMENDMENT:** None

**ACTION:** The motion carried unanimously.

## Treasurer's Report

Dia Gainor provided information on behalf of the Treasurer and reported that as of January 31, 2024, the total income is \$975,327. The Total Expenses are \$815,279, versus a twelve-month budget of \$1,513,366. The Net Income from Operations is \$131,487. The Total Net Excess is \$160,047. The Net Assets are \$864,688.

Dia stated that, as instructed to be done by the Board, NASEMSO's financial audit is underway, and the auditors are continuing to receive and review documents. Staff expects a report by March.

## Program Committee

Mary Hedges reported that the Program Committee filled the last remaining speaker slot. They also made some finalizations for the Freedom House event. John Moon and Mitchell Brown will both give brief keynotes. They have invited several dignitaries, the Governor of Pennsylvania may come, and they are hopeful that USDOT Secretary Pete Buttigieg will come.

Hotel room information and registration information have been added to the NASEMSO website.

## Federal Partners Welcome:

### NHTSA OEMS

Gam Wijetunge reported that a formal request for proposals from the US Department of Transportation's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program for a project on prehospital blood transfusion systems improvement just went out. The project can be found [here](#).

There is a new grant program authorized under the Bipartisan Infrastructure law and administered by NHTSA's National Center for Statistics and Analysis. This is a \$350 million grant program with an anticipated award to 57 grantees, states, and territories

for state electronic data collection. The states, territories, and tribes, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs are eligible to apply to upgrade and standardize their state crash data systems to enable electronic data transfer to NHTSA. More information about this grant program can be found [here](#).

NHTSA published a Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC) 6<sup>th</sup> Edition. The MMUCC, which can be found [here](#), includes a standardization of crash data elements on emergency response vehicle crashes. It includes the NEMSIS universally unique identifiers (UUIDs) which enable linkage to the National Trauma Databank with crash records.

### **FEMA US Fire Administration**

Rick Patrick reported that the Assistance to Firefighters Grants application period is currently open. You can find the grant [here](#).

Rick stated that they will be onboarding their fifth staff member to their new EMS branch.

Last week they met with the leadership of the EMS licensure portability interstate compact. The US Fire Administrator Dr. Lori Moore Merrill is highly interested in the topic and is also promoting it and getting its greater utility across the spectrum of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The US Fire Administration recently released the fifth edition of the Funding Alternatives for Emergency Medical and Fire Services manual. It is a document that gets wide recognition across Capitol Hill, as well as being the number one requested document every year.

Work on the National Emergency Response Information System continues. They are in the pilot testing phase. The USFA is on track with their original schedule with the plan to roll this out, and also to start engaging all of the fire departments across the United States before the end of the year, or into early 2025. The goal is to sunset the existing fire data system National Fire Incident Reporting System by the end of 2025.

Last year the US Fire Administrator's Summit on Fire Prevention and Control added an emergency medical service topic in their research platform. There is now a specific EMS work group for this year that will be a permanent part going forward in their national strategy. The co-chairs of this workgroup are Rick and Chief Mary Cameli of the Mesa Fire and Medical Department (Mesa, Arizona). They have about 19 members from the EMS industry. Rick would like to invite a member of the NASEMSO Board to join this workgroup. Those who are interested can contact Dia.

The National Fire and EMS Academy welcomes EMS providers to join courses. It is an academic program that is not clinical, but it is advanced education and training. All

aspects of EMS delivery models and representatives are able to participate in any of those programs.

The National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) EMS Committee discussed including NASEMSO representation. Rick told the leadership of that group that he wants to share and express that information to the NASEMSO Board because he believes it is critical that the states are represented in what the NFPA is developing as potential standard in the future.

**MOTION:** Jay Taylor moved, and Tim Wilson seconded that NASEMSO appoint a representative to the NFPA.

**DISCUSSION:** Kraig stated that he would be interested in the position. Kraig asked whether it is the EC or the President who decides who the representative to NFPA will be. Dia clarified that the President-Elect is responsible for selecting liaison appointments.

**AMMENDMENTS:** None

**ACTION:** The motion passed unanimously.

## Executive Director's Report

### Current Projects

#### EMS for Children Innovation & Improvement Center (Yale)

Rachael Alter reported that the EMSC authorization reauthorization bill was introduced at the end of January.

#### Workforce—CAP 1 (NHTSA/OEMS)

Andy reported an in-person Technical Expert Panel meeting is scheduled to occur March 5–6 at the National Registry headquarters. Staff has executed a subcontract with Davis Patterson, who has been involved a lot of workforce research with a particular interest in EMS. He will facilitate this last part of the project, in which they are trying to build an even more compelling case for states to take some immediate action, as well as offer states a couple of other tools that they can use to acquire better data collection. A virtual link will be provided for this meeting. Andy and Dia will participate in an in-person CAP 1 final briefing on February 29, 2024 at NHTSA's headquarters.

#### Model Public Health Emergency Guidelines—CAP 4 (NHTSA/OEMS)

Andy reported that this project extends to September of this year. The pilot states are being encouraged to take action to see if they can advance their interactions (addressed by the guidelines) with other disciplines.

#### Airway EBG (NHTSA/OEMS)

All of the work for Airway EBG has been completed—the project officially ends on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Their paper was picked up by a website called Spoon Feed and it can be viewed [here](#). Andy and Dia will participate in an in-person Airway EBG final briefing on February 29, 2024 at NHTSA's headquarters.

#### **Safe Transport of Children Crash Test Project CAP 5 (NHTSA/OEMS)**

Staff continue to meet monthly with all three work groups.

Workgroup three (neonate) has gone through the full draft and their next task will be to clean up comments. Workgroup one (seated) and two (supine) will meet twice this month to catch up to workgroup 3. They are on track for to meet their deliverable.

#### **Community Opioids (TASC)**

Staff have revised a new scope of work for their efforts that will continue through August 30<sup>th</sup>. They will shine a greater spotlight on EMS options to advance alternatives to incarceration and law enforcement solutions to overdose scenarios. This renewal is pending, as they are still exchanging some paperwork with TASC.

#### **GA Rural Public Health Workforce TA**

Staff continue to support the Georgia Rural Public Health Workforce. They will be meet with them in the near future about forthcoming needs on EMS specific input.

#### **NACCHO Falls Prevention in the Elderly**

This project comes down to connecting local health districts that are working on fall prevention programs with both their area EMS agencies, as well as the state EMS office as a potential source of data. This particularly true for those local health departments that have multiple EMS agencies functioning within their jurisdiction.

#### **National Governors Association Opioid Overdose Learning Collaborative**

Staff went to Phoenix to join representatives from five states whose governors have decided to mobilize EMS more robustly in the opioid overdose space. This work lasts a few more months, but the hope is that it continues into the future.

#### **Pending Projects**

##### **CDC CoAg Application**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have announced a funding opportunity for a five-year umbrella cooperative agreement with non-governmental organizations like NASEMSO that successfully apply. The purpose of the award is to strengthen public health systems and services through national partnerships to improve and protect the nation's health. NASEMSO staff studied the funding guidance and sought the Executive Committee's approval for the time investment by staff to review the notice and begin preparation of an application.

As staff develops the list of potential projects, they will be returning regularly to the Executive Committee and to the Board meeting to share drafts and their proposed approach.

#### **NHTSA Umbrella Agreement Status**

Dia reported that there is no update since the January Board meeting.

#### **Action Items**

##### **Data Acquisition & Governance Committee: Additional Board Instructions for the Workgroup**

Staff approached Marty Link, and they are awaiting his answer to see if he is willing to chair a workgroup focused on state EMS data acquisition and governance. Staff is interested to know, from the Board, what instructions should be given to drive the composition of this workgroup.

**MOTION:** None

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**AMENDMENTS:** None

**ACTION:** None. Reach out to Dia to provide thoughts and feedback.

##### **JCREC MOU—Approval to Renew**

The Joint Committee on Rural Emergency Care dates back to around 2008–2009. It was an effort that was led by Kevin McGinnis in reaching out to The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH). Originally, Kevin worked to get a MOU drafted between NASEMSO and NOSORH, but there are now five signatory groups to the MOU. The MOU represents staff involvement that includes helping with the rural committee, as well as the Joint Committee on Rural Emergency Care (JCREC). Staff are seeking the Board’s permission to take this to other organizations and seek feedback.

**MOTION:** Kraig moved, and Jay Ostby seconded to authorize staff to pursue the JCREC with a current MOU with the original partner organizations.

**DISCUSSION:** Once the MOU is amended and revised, JCREC will have a Conference Committee. Following the Conference Committee, staff will report back to the Board with a finalized version.

**AMENDMENTS:** None

**ACTION:** The motion passed unanimously.

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM ET.**

*Meeting record respectfully submitted by Member Relations Coordinator, Adrienne Wilson.*