

# **The NASEMSO Domestic Preparedness Committee Minutes**

Conference call on March 11, 2014 at 2:00 pm EST

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## **Members present:**

See attached document

## **FEMA/National Ambulance updates:**

Leslee reported that there are really no new updates. Joe met with FEMA concerning notification to states about ambulances being deployed thru the National Ambulance contract, and the states EMS office not being informed, but no progress concerning this issue has been made.

## **FICEMS update:**

Gam gave a brief update. FICEMS is scheduled to meet in June. There has been no announcement as to Dr Bob Bass's replacement on the FICEMS preparedness committee and he is not sure when the announcement will be made. Gam will continue to keep the group informed.

## **Interstate compact discussion:**

Leslee gave an update on this. There was a webinar conducted in March on the compact and comments were received. Most states seem to be in favor of this compact. There are 10 states who are excluded from participating in the compact and that is because they are not Nationally Registered states for testing of EMTs and /or paramedics. The compact will be sent to DHS in May for final approval. Once DHS approves the compact, it will be circulated and posted on the NASEMSO's web site.

## **Credentialing Committee:**

No report given.

## **Rural Domestic Preparedness Committee:**

No report given.

## **EMS Preparedness Gap update:**

Leslee gave a status report on this. The committee met for the first time in February. Five documents were reviewed based on what was identified in the Task document and then the group identified EMS preparedness gaps. The lengthy list of gaps was then weeded down to approximately 10 and the committee voted upon priority and ranking of those gaps. The project team is now responsible for taking back this information and developing a solution document based on the discussions. The draft document will then be circulated to the committee with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final in face meeting being conducted in June. The final solutions document is due to DHS by August 31, 2014.

## **Future initiatives discussion:**

Dr. Backer asked that the following items be discussed:

With the Hospital Preparedness decreasing funds, there was discussion on what states are doing to maintain status of Domestic Preparedness programs and initiatives. . States have been notified that there will be a 30-35% cut of HPP grant fund to states. This is a done deal and not much anyone can do about it. It appears that most of the federal grant programs are getting cut and this is something the DP Committee needs to monitor and work with states to see how they are managing.

Jason asked if anyone knew how many state EMS Offices had combined with states Preparedness offices? Leslee said we didn't know but that information is something we can request from states. Leslee explained that we couldn't do a survey this year but if there are a couple preparedness questions that states had, we could send out those questions to states and ask for a response.

**Action item:** DP committee members should identify 3 questions that they would like states to answer and send them to Leslee for the next meeting.

**Next conference call:**  
\_May13<sup>th</sup> at 1300 CST.