



# NASEMSO Opioid & SUD Ad Hoc Committee

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## MEETING RECORD

**January 6, 2022**  
**2:00 – 3:30 PM EST**

**Attending** – Tim Seplaki (NJ), Chair, Stephanie Busch (VT) Vice Chair, Arnold Alier (SC), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), Dia Gainor (NASEMSO), Hannah Degn (NASEMSO), Douglas Champlin (LA), Anthony Pantaleo (MI), Shane Bellard (Louisiana Ambulance Alliance), Joe Ferrell (Biospatial), Steven Jones (AL), Jason Rhodes (RI), Josh Walters (Biospatial), Paul Westlake (DE), Annie Wilson (Louisiana Ambulance Alliance), Tom McGinnis (CA), Peter Geissert (OR), Maureen Ward (MT), Amanda White (AR), Anna Civitarese (RI), Anna Thibodeaux, Mike Hall (FL), Tom Mitchell (NC), Vicki Blanchard (NH), Carolina Roberts-Santana (RI), Ridgely Ficks (MA), Tim Hulings (CDC Foundation /Delaware HIDTA), Dr. Ken Williams (RI), Dr. Jon Burstein (MA), Dr. Peter Taillac (UT), Kelli Perrotti (WY), Eva Nelson (NJ), Lashunda Harden (NJ), Rita Masiello (NJ), Dr. Ted Delbridge (MD)

**Call to Order & Welcome** - Tim Seplaki, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM EST and welcomed everyone to the inaugural meeting of the Committee.

**Self - Introductions** – Members introduced themselves indicating their interest and background in the overdose crisis.

**Committee Purpose & Scope, Meeting Schedule** – Tim explained the purpose of the committee is to share EMS best practices in response to the overdose epidemic. EMS has developed new ways to address the crisis in addition to administering naloxone and we want to promote successful practices. The meeting schedule is posted on the Committee’s new webpage. Resources will be added on an ongoing basis. See [Opioid & SUD Committee](#).

**Co-Responder Consortium** – Dia Gainor, NASEMSO Executive Director, explained the National Co-Responder Consortium is comprised of national organizations representing emergency medical services (EMS), behavioral health, social work, social services, research, individuals with lived experience, and community. The Consortium serves as the first national technical assistance center to design, create, implement, and evaluate community-based and community-led multidisciplinary response strategies. NASEMSO is a founding member. See [National Co-Responder Consortium](#).

**Opioid & SUD Workshop, NASEMSO Annual Meeting** – Mary Hedges shared that one of the Committee’s projects is to plan and conduct a workshop at the NASEMSO Annual Meeting (June 19-23, 2022, Charleston, SC) on the EMS response to the opioid epidemic. The workshop will be the morning of June 22 and will feature breakout sessions. Please contact Mary at [hedges@nasemsso.org](mailto:hedges@nasemsso.org) with presentation ideas or proposals.

**Mini-Presentation: Vermont’s Leave Behind Naloxone Program** – Stephanie Busch, Vice Chair, shared that the Committee intends to showcase various programs via brief presentations at the monthly meetings. She provided an overview of Vermont’s Naloxone Leave Behind Program. The program was developed because they knew that many overdose patients experience repeat overdoses. Standing orders allow EMS (transporting and non-transporting) to leave naloxone along with resource information with overdose patients. Next month they will begin leaving two doses of naloxone. In 2022 they are expanding the program by including law enforcement with training provided by EMS. The presentation is available on the Committee webpage at [Vermont’s Naloxone Leave-Behind Program](#).

Carolina Roberts-Santana asked how the leave behind kits are tracked, noting that Rhode Island has a similar program but has difficulty tracking the distribution. Stephanie said they added supplemental questions to the EMS patient care report (PCR), but it is more complicated for non-EMS who don’t complete a PCR. Anthony Pantaleo commented that Michigan also added it to their EMS ePCR (electronic patient care report).

**Member Comments** - Tim asked for volunteers for future presentations. Volunteers included Arnold Alier (SC), Carolina Roberts-Santana (RI) and Anthony Pantaleo (MI). Kelli Perrotti suggested a presentation on funding sources. Arnold and Carolina suggested discussing the benefits of using EMS data for tracking and analyzing the problem. Tim Hulings suggested sharing information on ODMAP. Anthony mentioned the need to obtain “buy-in” from EMS providers on the truck. Tim said that New Jersey’s “Five Minutes to Help Program” addresses this. Arnold offered to present next month on “Collaborative Work in SC Agencies on the Opioid Crisis.” Carolina will present at the March meeting.

**Development of Committee Workplan** – Mary Hedges offered to start the workplan draft based on the Committee’s discussions.

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM EST.

**Next Meeting** – February 3, 2022

*The meeting record was respectfully prepared by NASEMSO Program Manager Mary Hedges.*