



**NASEMSO Personnel Licensure Council**  
**May 21 and 22, 2018**  
**Meeting Minutes**

1. Meeting was called to order by the chair, Helen Pullen
2. A round table of hot topics were discussed by the states in attendance, highlights of the discussion include:
  - a. New Jersey: Identification of an issue where students of a training program allegedly did not meet requirements for successful course completion but were allowed to test. This is currently in the courts and, when resolved, may be a topic for presentation to the PLC.
  - b. Utah: Currently in the process of switching to NREMT for certification. This does require the state to move from a 4-year renewal cycle to a 2-year cycle.
  - c. Wisconsin: Trialing a 3-year renewal cycle. The EMS office is now responsible for dispatch. The Office of Rural Health funded the development of a protocol app.
  - d. Massachusetts: Identified an issue in their certification data base where, when providers renewed, the system was only checking for a currently active NREMT certification, not necessarily a certification date corresponding to the new renewal date.
  - e. North Dakota: Is working on the funding and standards for community paramedicine.
  - f. Kansas: Revamping the EMT and EMR practical exam to be scenario-based rather than skills based.
  - g. Delaware: Major projects involve naloxone utilization.
  - h. Vermont: Major projects involve recruitment/retention
  - i. Rhode Island: Completing a rules and regulation review. Reinstating EMR as a provider level. Implementing national background checks
  - j. Virginia: Completing a rules review and reviewing licensure requirements. Other major projects involve fatigue, risk management, and lights and siren use.
  - k. Tennessee: Completing a re-education of practical exam evaluators and representatives. There is interest in the state to allow EMT training at the service.
  - l. Alabama: Addressing workforce issues including perceived provider shortages. Providers are indicating they cannot find jobs. Working to clarify rules, policies and procedure. Working with NREMT to identify QA issues in testing.
  - m. Florida: Implementing NREMT exam and phasing out state exam. Developing disciplinary guidelines. There is a requirement that they revoke the license of

providers who default on student loans. Workforce distribution is an issue in the state.

- n. Idaho: Working with workforce issues. EMR level providers can staff ambulances. Have developed a Critical Care and Community Paramedic designation with a pilot project for a Community Paramedic program. The Traffic Incident Management training is now a requirement for licensure.
  - o. Kentucky: Revising the licensure process. Is requiring international background checks.
  - p. Maine: Nurses currently making 200% more than Paramedics, leading to workforce issues.
  - q. An RFI has been released from NHTSA for Improving Prehospital Trauma Care. The Executive Council has requested that the PLC appoint a member to a workgroup to work on this RFI. Carmen Allen appointed.
3. Inspector and Investigator Training Needs
- a. Sue Prentiss led a discussion of the efforts the Ambulance Vehicle Licensure (AVL) Committee has done to develop a standardization for ambulance inspection.
  - b. An overview of the National EMS Projects of Significance (NEPS) project for Inspector and Investigator training was provided. The three deliverables of the project are to:
    - 1. Assess the ability to integrate custom content in LMS platforms
    - 2. Assess State EMS Offices use of LMS for training
    - 3. Develop a template for video training
  - c. At the time of the meeting, the first deliverable had been submitted and the survey has been distributed to AVL committee members.
  - d. Curt Shreckengaust, Terry Clancy and Helen Pullin volunteered to assist with the final deliverable.
4. NEMSMA degree requirements position paper
- a. Keith Wages and Dia Gainor led a discussion on the NEMSMA position paper that has previously been presented to the council (available in basecamp).
  - b. The EC would like feedback from the PLC if this should be endorsed. Time scheduled later in the agenda for further discussion and a motion.
5. EMS 2050
- a. Andy Gienapp led a discussion concerning the EMS 2050 project and the World Café sessions that were held. The EMS 2050 document is available in the PLC Basecamp.
6. Election of Eastern Region Representative
- a. Jason Oka of Maine was nominated and elected unanimously
7. NREMT Updates.
- a. While keeping the mission of the NREMT the same, the organization is going through a reorganization

- b. A record number of providers renewed their NREMT certification this year (106,941 compared to 99,000 in 2017)
  - c. A Recert App (V 2.0) has been released. Here is a possibility to add state functions to the app.
  - d. A communications manager and four liaisons are being added. Additional individuals may be added to the communication team in the future.
  - e. A new IT director has been hired.
  - f. There are opportunities available for those who are interested in participating in item writing.
  - g. Psychomotor exam to be improved with new score sheets and the possibility of electronic scoring
8. Degree Requirement Discussion
- a. Motions made by Don Sheets to support the concept of the NEMSMA degree requirements position paper but not the document as written and only with additional further direction by the Executive Council. Second by Curt Shreckengaust.
  - b. 19 in favor, 3 opposed. Motion passed
9. State EMS Office Needs
- a. Reaching out to new council members, and introducing them to NASEMSO, identified as a need.
  - b. Development of a FAQ addressing common problems and solutions.
10. EMS Workforce
- a. Dia Gainor discussed the cooperative agreement with NHTSA on EMS workforce. This will address practices related to retention and getting an accurate reflection of personnel numbers.
  - b. Motion made by Curt Shreckengaust to make NASESMO the data housing source for state personnel licensing statistics. Seconded by Terry Clancy. Passed unanimously.
11. Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.
- a. Dr. Mitchell Seal, Dean of the University of Health Sciences, presented to a joint session of the PLC and Education Committee. The topic was the military regulation and credentialing of healthcare personnel.

Attendees:

Chip Cook Tennessee	Scot Winston Virginia	Todd Manhli Rhode Island
Lindsey Simpson Vermont	Curt Shreckengaust Kansas	Carman Allen Kansas
Brent Waninger Delaware	Kerry Kikara North Dakota	Terrell Buckson Maryland
Terrie Godde Michigan	Helen Pullen Wisconsin	Geoff Rabinowitz Colorado
Dennis Bang Utah	Terry Clancy New Jersey	Don Sheets Maine

Robert Andrew Kentucky	Brenda Gully Idaho	Steve McCoy Florida
Jamie Gray Alabama	Dan Saxe Massachusetts	Donna Tidwell Tennessee
Alisa Williams Mississippi	Mark Terry NREMT	John Corley NREMT
Deb Casen NREMT	Bill Doyle Boston MedFlight	Gordy Kokx CoAEMSP