



NASEMSO Personnel Licensure Council

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Minutes

Present

Zoe Renfro (NASEMSO)
Christy Kresse (AR)
Dan Saxe (MA)
Stacy Barbay (LA)
Terrell Buckson (MD)
Rickey Stone (FL)
Nikki Arana (NM)
Brett Hart (TX)
Dale Adkerson (OK)
Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse (CO)
Dia Gainor (NASEMSO)
Mark Terry (NREMT)
Kevin McGinnis (NASEMSO)
Helen Pullen (WI)
Curt Shreckengaust (KS)
Renee Atherton (MA)
Earl Schroeder (NM)
Wendy Snodgrass (NE)
Steven Jones (MS)

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 PM.

Stakeholders

NREMT

Mark Terry gave no report but opened the floor for questions.

REPLICA

Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse (CO) reported the Compact recently distributed an email encouraging public input and comment on their draft rules. There will be a public EMS Compact meeting on May 16-17 in Salt Lake City.

Council Priorities

Identify training requirements for investigators that can be developed into training modules for state EMS offices to utilize. Investigation Process Module Sub-committee report (Curt).

Curt reported the subcommittee has emailed other regions and about ten individuals are willing to participate in the investigations. They will meet this Thursday, March 28 at 3 PM. Curt hopes to have something close to completion in advance of the in-person PLC meeting in May. Curt is coordinating with Dale and the AVL. The AVL is taking on the inspector piece.

Workforce Issues (see annual meeting below).

First two of three phases from discussion at JNEMSLC that Dia presented and were discussed at February meeting. Discuss how to tackle.

Kevin reported he has had further discussion with Dia about workforce issues. The PLC will review the data definitions document with the expectation it and the workforce guidelines will be on the PLC's agenda in Salt Lake City. Dia would like to see the Education Committee pick up the portion of the work for the development process going up to the point of training content. PLC will review the second and third portion of what we'd talked about— the data definitions and the data definitions document (for example, taking the test or having someone renew their license).

Kevin confirmed the data definitions and workforce guidelines were posted on Basecamp and sent to the Council with the agenda.

Annual Meeting Topics

Characteristics of Sexual Predators (speaker obtained)

Kevin reported a speaker from New Jersey will present on identifying sexual predators.

Workforce

Survey (Georgia) and concept of standard survey (will present).

Brett Hart noted he will probably not attend the Annual Meeting and will send notes to Helen in advance.

Review Data Definitions Documents for application to survey and general use.

Review EMS Workforce Guidelines for utility of content.

CLEAR presentation on training opportunities (speaker in process).

Helen reported CLEAR will present on either Monday or Tuesday at the Annual Meeting. Kevin clarified we haven't received formal confirmation from them yet, but expects to hear back from CLEAR soon.

Review work of Investigation Process Module Sub-committee: Mapping an investigation process to define education necessary to implement it.

Kevin reported the PLC will consider this work group's work at the Annual Meeting.

Psychomotor exam restructuring – the Kansas Experience. Presentations by Kansas and Louisiana. Discussion of the two approaches. (Speakers obtained).

Curt reported that the National Registry pushes the BLS psychomotor exam down to the state level. Kansas looked at that process for about a year and a half, examining their options and looking at what the next generation of exam could be. Kansas developed a 15-minute scenario-based examination, expecting that given

any scenario, the student should be able to use their skills to treat and manage their patient. Kansas' pass rate is fairly high, so they are reviewing the process as a whole. Dr. Applegate from the National Registry attended an exam session and provided positive feedback. The schools and students have also provided positive feedback on this exam.

Helen asked if they did a cost analysis of the previous cycle versus this new cycle, and Curt noted they are just now pulling together the numbers of the previous exam. The previous process was through a vendor at \$125 per candidate. Sponsoring organizations are setting their own price. Kansas sends four state office personnel to each exam site.

Kevin noted there will be PLC presentations on the Kansas and Louisiana psychomotor exams at the Annual Meeting.

Licensing software – discussion of approaches.

Helen noted only two states replied to her request for details on what licensing software they use. Curt asked if anyone uses something other than a homegrown system or ImageTrend's system. Dan from Massachusetts uses a product that is neither homegrown nor ImageTrend that is not satisfactory. They may transition to a product developed by JD software in several years. Certifications are issued only after a query from National Registry.

Brett Hart noted Texas uses a VERSA commercial product off-the-shelf system that supports all of the health department professional licenses.

Rickey Stone has used VERSA online for more than ten years. Stacy Barbay reported Louisiana has a local company who does their records along with the Department of Health. Louisiana is currently building a system specifically for EMS licenses that will ping National Registry. Louisiana is about to enter into the second revision and hope to have a robust system within the year.

Prevention and Detecting of Drug Tampering (speaker obtained)

Curt reported that FDA investigator Virginia Keys (local to Salt Lake City) will present on drug tampering. Curt confirmed the presentation will help state EMS offices identify and prevent drug tampering without demonstrating how one might tamper with drugs.

PLC Chair-Elect and Other Elections.

Helen confirmed PLC will open nominations with the announcement of the April meeting and close nominations before the Annual Meeting.

NASEMSO officer check-in.

Kevin noted this will be an opportunity for Keith and Kyle to speak to the Council and answer questions from the Council.

Other topics

Kevin asked the Council if they would like to add any other topics to the Annual Meeting agenda. No additions were made, and it was suggested that hot topics might come up at the Annual Meeting.

Hot Issues

Renee Atherton from Massachusetts suggested sharing information on their investigation process. Massachusetts is seeing an uptick in falsification of documents, such as patient care reports, as well as outright lying. Curt confirmed Kansas has seen all of the above, but often have to count on services to report individuals.

WebMD

Brett Hart (TX), Rickey Stone (FL), and the representative from Kentucky confirmed that WebMD news has asked for disciplinary records for EMS from the past 5 years. Dia noted they are working on what they think is a big story about the frequency of disciplinary actions against EMS personnel.

Missouri Senate Bill 500 - [link](#)

Dia reported there's growing interest from the National Governors Association and Council of State Governments in essentially eliminating state licensure and distributed the above link for a Missouri bill. Dia expressed hope that this is the first and only bill that might permit individuals from practicing without a license as long as they meet certain disclosure requirements. If this bill passes, theoretically, it would be possible for an EMT to practice in Missouri without a license.

Curt noted a bill was introduced in Kansas that would permit hospital-to-hospital transfer with just one EMT. The bill has been on the back burner for some time.

The meeting adjourned at 2:48PM ET.