

The meeting was called to order by Helen Pullen at 0830 MST.

1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTION/AGENDA

Helen Pullen welcomed all attending and explained the agenda items. Introductions of attendees were taken and roll was taken once by circulated list.

2. NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EMTs UPDATE

Mark Terry reported the following:

1. The National Registry is reconfiguring the recertification application. The new application will report continuing education in the five major topic areas instead of more than twenty subtopics. The application will use the 2016 NCCP recertification model.
2. The National Registry will debut the State Education Tracking System (SETS) later this year. This website function will allow states to use the National Registry transcript to document state continuing education requirements, reporting back to the state EMS office for relicensure.
3. The Board is considering a proposal to eliminate age requirements for National Certification to reduce conflicts with state age requirements for license eligibility.
4. The Board is considering a proposal to recognize fellowship trained EMS physicians for NRP certification.
5. The Board is considering a resolution that will reinforce “advanced placement” in approved EMS training programs for all other healthcare providers in order to quality for National EMS Certification. This allows qualified educational programs to individually assess the education, training, and experience of healthcare providers to determine the correct mix of required education and testing to qualify for EMS certifications.
6. International efforts slowly develop. Advanced placement after individual review is the current model for eligibility in almost all cases. The National Registry is working in partnership with NASEMSO leadership to implement a collaborative review process for programs outside US jurisdictions.
7. The National Registry encourages state EMS offices to report state licensure actions to the National Registry. This allows actions on National EMS certification - which can then be shared with other states. This reporting helps to communicate license actions to other licensing jurisdictions.
8. The Mark King Initiative (MKI) policy has been updated. Please see the National Registry website for details.
9. The National Registry is planning significant efforts on IT improvements, exam changes, and continued competency. Watch for news after the June Board meeting.
10. The National Registry is exploring the concept of a national EMS ID number that can tie the identity of EMS providers across national and state databases. This would allow confirmation of the identify of EMS providers without using social security numbers to lessen risks associated with data sharing.

Please contact the National Registry if you have any questions or would like more details. We are very appreciative of the partnership with state EMS officials. Please let us know how we can better help you in the vital role of public protection.

3. REPLICIA/EMS COMPACT UPDATE

Dan Manz reported that the EMS Compact Annual Meeting is being held in conjunction with this meeting at the NASEMSO meeting's conclusion. This will be a permanent meeting arrangement. On Saturday there will be a public hearing on the Compact proposed rules here that have been developed over the last year. Persons wanting to do so may attend by webinar. The Compact has been ratified in 18 states. Issues were discussed. Dan suggested that cross-border practice may be able to begin by the first quarter 2020.

Dan clarified an issue created by West Virginia's questioning of the constitutionality of "giving away rule-making authority to another party". The U.S. Supreme Court (in *W. Virginia vs. Simms*) stated that it is permissible for a state to delegate administrative responsibilities including administrative rules to an interstate compact. West Virginia already participates in 50-state and 33-state compacts. It is not unconstitutional in West Virginia or elsewhere to do so.

4. STATE HOT TOPICS

a. Licensing Software

States' use of licensing software programs was discussed. Status in this regard in the following states:

AL	Image Trend & homegrown
AR	Image Trend
CO	Image Trend; personnel, educ. recog., air amb. works okay
FL	Use two: department-wide software; no changes on fly; inflexible
GA	Homegrown; potentially Image Trend
IA	AMANDA ;Homegrown department wide
KS	Image Trend; down ttime and server issues being worked on
LA	Used IT for years; now building homegrown
MA	Homegrown DOH personnel system; doesn't work well
MD	Image Trend (down time/speed problems seen)
MI	Image Trend last couple of years
MS	Image Trend
NC	In transition; share system w/ 2 other states
NE	Homegrown; RFP out for new system
NJ	Homegrown
NM	SABRE is now horrible; going to Image Trend
NV	Image Trend licensure program just started; too early to say
NY	Homegrown; doing RFP now
OR	Image trend
PA	Building homegrown
RI	Department-wide homegrown; not functionally EMS-friendly
SC	ESO
TN	Image Trend last 3 months; going okay
UT	Image Trend
VA	Homegrown
WI	Image Trend

Helen Pullen reported that when they upgraded the Image Trend platform they needed all new applications and it didn't work well. They used opioid grant money to fix it and added questions on

their workforce study and got \$250K. Their IT was building on “Cold Fusion” and the change to “DotNet” was an issue, but once straightened out it all works.

Concern was expressed about Image Trend’s ability to integrate with Biospatial reporting. Curt Shreckengaust said that it works fairly automatically in Kansas. Other echoed this.

Aaron Laine, from image trend, said that he understands the Image trend issues discussed so far today and that they are working on them.

b. Disciplinary Actions

Helen Pullen said that Wisconsin has seen “predators” this year, as well as drug diversion issues. She said that one licensee stole over \$400K from a service and didn’t lose their license. It was noted that the EMS Compact provides subpoena power state EMS offices may not have now. There was discussion on the impact of marijuana legalization on licensees. No conclusions were reached.

c. Inactive/Impaired Licensees

Jamie Gray reported that Alabama has developed a policy and procedures regarding inactive licensees as instructors and other roles when they have physical impairments.

d. Interstate Verifications of Licensure

The Utah staff noted that Utah EMS will effectively have no office with everyone telecommuting. This will create a problem for states that require paper verifications of licensure with raised state seals on them as there will be nobody in Utah to do this. There was brief discussion of the implications, but no conclusions.

e. Losses of EMS Personnel to Other Health Professions

There was a discussion on doing a survey of our own services on this. This continued into a discussion under agenda item 7 below.

4. PRESENTATIONS

The Council heard specialty presentations throughout the two days of meetings. These included:

- a. Drug tampering and the State EMS Office - Special Agent Virginia Keys, USFDA
- b. Development of New Psychomotor Exam Processes in Kansas and Louisiana – Curt Shreckengaust (KS) and John Cavell/Gavin Istre (LA)
- c. Informational Visit by NASEMSO Leaders Keith Wages, Kyle Thornton, and Dia Gainor
- d. CLEAR Training Opportunities – Jodie Butler Markey, Council on Licensure, Enforcement, and Regulation. **Important Note on CLEAR membership:** Cost is only \$205 or \$240 for an EMS agency (one profession licensure). Some thought it was \$2500.
- e. Are There Predators Among Us? The Phenomena of Acquaintance Molestation in EMS – Terry Clancy, Ph.D., NRP; New Jersey EMS
- f. Georgia Workforce Study – David Newton, Georgia Office of EMS.

5. PLC WORKGROUP ON DEVELOPING AN INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDELINE FOR INVESTIGATIONS

Curt Shreckengaust presented the product of the workgroup:

- a. State EMS Investigator Instructional Guidelines
- b. Investigation Training Resources

Curt said that the documents are intended as guidance for state ems offices in developing or assessing existing training resources for their needs. They are intended as “plug and play” depending on the needs of the office.

MOTION: To approve both documents for use by state EMS offices (Gray; Shreckengaust). Passed unanimously.

6. OFFICER ELECTIONS

After an explanation of the election process by NASEMSO staff, and motions to close individual nominations, the following slate of officers was elected as a group on a **MOTION** (Shreckengaust, Gray):

Chair-Elect: Curt Shreckengaust
Secretary: Helen Pullen
East Region: Terry Clancy
South Region: Steven Jones
Great Lakes Region: Helen Pullen
Western Plains Region: Brett Cross
West Region: Brandon Klocko

Chair-Elect Jamie Gray assumed the chair at the conclusion of the meeting.

7. REVIEW OF NASEMSO WORKFORCE DATA DEFINITIONS AND EMS WORKFORCE GUIDELINES DOCUMENTS. DISCUSS HOUSING OF WORKFORCE STUDIES AT NASEMSO

The group discussed the desirability of the Georgia workforce study and how we might create and reproduce similar work in every state and then perhaps aggregate the data nationally.

Curt Shreckengaust suggested starting with the Georgia and Kansas efforts to see what kind of report we might produce that would be reproducible in all states. Arizona and Ohio efforts should be reviewed as well. The Workforce Data Definitions, but especially the NEMSIS Demographic Dataset should be assessed for utility in this regard.

The group agreed that we should seek to establish a NASEMSO cross-cutting workgroup including:
PLC
Directors
Education Committee
Rural/JCREC
Data Managers Council

Volunteers were solicited:

Steven Jones
Dylan Ferguson
Terrell Buckson
Helen Pullen
Terrie Godde
David Newton

Dia Gainor suggested that they write up the proposal for a cross-cutting workgroup and bring it to the Executive Committee weekly meetings. A small group of volunteers developed a charter for the workgroup.

8. MEETINGS

MOTION: To hold Council meetings every other month beginning in June on fourth Tuesdays

(Shreckengaust, Jones). Passed. This will be the fourth Tuesday of even numbered months.

Helen Pullen thanked members for their work and support during her term as chair.