



The United States Department of Transportation
National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council



Teleconference Meeting
October 26th, 2010 1:00 – 5:00pm EST

Meeting Overview

Introduction

The National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (NEMSAC) met on October 26th, 2010 via a publicly advertised teleconference. The meeting was hosted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Emergency Medical Services and led by NEMSAC Chair Dia Gainor. This was the first meeting of the NEMSAC since members were appointed or reappointed to a new two year term by Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood in July 2010.

Members in Attendance

Dia Gainor, Chair
Gary Wingrove
Gary Ludwig
Marc Goldstone
Robert Oenning
Daniel Patterson
James McPartlon

Scott Somers
Baxter Larmon
Leaugeay Barnes
Ritu Sahni
Ken Knipper
Matt Tatum
Kyle Gorman

Troy Hagen
Jeffrey Salomone
Arthur Cooper
Ken Miller
Thomas Judge

Federal Representatives in Attendance

Drew Dawson, Designated Federal Official
Andrew Roszak, HHS/HRSA
Rick Patrick, DHS/OHA
Susan McHenry, DOT/NHTSA
Laurie Flaherty, DOT/NHTSA

Cathy Gotschall, DOT/NHTSA
Gamunu Wijetunge, DOT/NHTSA
Hector Williams, DOT/NHTSA
Noah Smith, DOT/NHTSA
Bernice Bousiquot (CTR), DOT/NHTSA

Members of the Public in Attendance

Michael Touchstone, Philadelphia Fire Department
Brenda Staffan, California Ambulance Association
Michael Bucari
Tony Wells, Washington County Ambulance Service
Jennifer Doyle, EMS Insider
Lucian Deaton, International Association of Fire Chiefs – EMS Section
Nick Cassiere, Alcohol Detection Systems

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Steve Nezat, Shreveport, LA Fire Department
Raphael Barishansky
Dawn Mancuso, Association of Air Medical Services
Terri Nally, Emergency Nurses Association
Kelly O'Donnell, Beacon Consulting Group
Derek Gordon, Aviation Solutions Group
Brenda Nelson, Airlift Northwest
Susie Nicol, EMS World
Tammy Lyons, Children's Hospitals and Clinics, Minnesota
Kate Passow, Physicians Transport Service
Frederick Fowler, Southeastern Massachusetts EMS Council
Chuck Owens, Greenville Fire-Rescue Department
Todd Stout, FirstWatch

Meeting Proceedings

The meeting proceeded as scheduled from 1:00 to 5:00 pm EST. See www.EMS.gov for a pdf copy of the agenda and all referenced presentations and materials.

1. Drew Dawson, the Director of the NHTSA Office of EMS and the Designated Federal Official for NEMSAC opened the meeting and introduced the Chair, Dia Gainor. Ms. Gainor introduced herself and asked each NEMSAC member on the call to introduce themselves.
2. Dana Sade of the NHTSA Office of Chief Counsel provided an overview of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and ethical responsibilities of members. She then responded to questions.
3. Ms. Gainor provided remarks on the first two year term of NEMSAC and their accomplishments in 2008 and 2009. NEMSAC provided a number of valuable recommendations to EMS leaders during their first two years and published numerous policy statements and committee reports. The presentation and the published statements are available at www.EMS.gov.
4. The NHTSA Office of EMS staff provided an overview on current NHTSA EMS programs including an update on the Culture of Safety project which was a major recommendation of NEMSAC in 2009.
5. Members of the public were asked to provide comment. Michael Touchstone of the Philadelphia Fire Department commented on how pleased he was to hear of the progress of NEMSAC and the NHTSA Office of EMS. In addition, he encouraged the Council to look closely at the recommendations of the National Commission on Children and Disasters.

6. NHTSA Office of EMS staff presented information about the Federal Interagency Committee on EMS (FICEMS). The NEMSAC, whose primary role is to advise NHTSA, may advise FICEMS and its member agencies when appropriate. The NEMSAC will have the opportunity to present at future FICEMS meetings.
7. Mr. Dawson introduced representatives from other Federal agencies on the call. Rick Patrick of the Department of Homeland Security Office of Health Affairs was introduced and expressed his gratitude for the recommendations of the NEMSAC in the past and encouraged the Council to work closely with all FICEMS member agencies.
8. Mr. Dawson and Ms. Gainor provided closing remarks and a charge to the Council. The NEMSAC was encouraged to continue the strong work undertaken by the Council in years past. In addition, Mr. Dawson wanted to ensure that recommendations are clear, actionable and point the national EMS community toward a common goal. Ms. Gainor thanked the Council for their tireless efforts and encouraged them to come to the December meeting prepared to discuss priority issues.
9. With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned by Ms. Gainor.

Upcoming Meetings

The next NEMSAC meeting is scheduled for December 14-15, 2010, and the next FICEMS meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2010. Both meetings will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Announcements will be made in the Federal Register and agendas will be posted to www.EMS.gov. Members of the public are encouraged to observe both meetings and provide comment.