

Education and Professional Standards Council
Bi-Monthly Telephone Conference Call
July 15, 2010
Meeting Minutes

- I. Welcome and Introduction, additions to the agenda
The Bi-Monthly Education and Professional Standards Council was called to order at 3:00 PM Eastern Time by the Chairperson Marilyn Bourn.

Roll call was taken by Bill Seifarth. The following members and guests were present:

- Alaska Lee Parham
- California Sean Trask
- Colorado Marilyn Bourn
- Kansas Carman Allen
- Louisiana Alan Lambert
- Maine Kerry Sousa Pomelow
- Maryland Bill Seifarth
- Missouri Jody Hyman
- New Hampshire Eric Perry
- New Jersey Nancy Kelly-Goodstein
- North Dakota Ed Gegoire
- Pennsylvania John Englert
- Texas Brett Hart
- US Army Jim Aplin
- US Air Force Jeremy Miller

Marilyn welcomed the new EPS Council members: John Englert from Pennsylvania and Kerry Sousa Pomelow from Maine. Marilyn also announced that New Mexico is still without an EPS coordinator.

Marilyn informed the group that the group's name changed from "Training Coordinators" to the "Education and Professional Standards Council." This title more appropriately reflects the duties of the Council's membership. Marilyn encouraged members to remind and educate constituents of the new name.

Old Business:

- II. Education Agenda –Implementation
Marilyn shared with the Council of upcoming webinars, in particular the upcoming NREMT webinar on August 11th. The NREMT webinar will focus on recertification and continued competency issues. An email explaining this webinar was sent to State officials from the NREMT earlier today. The below upcoming seminars pertain to the EMS education standards implementation:
- a. Webinars Schedule
 - "Developing Standards Based Instruction for EMS"
 - July 21, 2010, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Eastern time
 - To register: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/545631170>

“Identifying Methods to Measure Cognitive, Psychomotor and Affective Competencies”

August 25, 2010, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Eastern time

All are encouraged to attend the seminars, if possible.

b. Addition documents and “tool kit”.

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All related NASEMSO "Implementation" documents will be posted on our web site at :

<https://www.nasemso.org/EMSEducationImplementationPlanning/index.asp>

New Business

III. Review of Mid-Year Meeting

a. Minutes provided

Quorum present

Highlights and action items:

i. NEW NAME – Education and Professional Standards Council (EPSC)

ii. National Practitioner Data Bank -

Marilyn updated the council on the National Practitioner Data Bank and the importance of each state’s active participation. The website is:

<http://www.npdb-hipdb.hrsa.gov/reportingcompliance> An email was sent in July to State Directors, publishing which states are not compliant.

iii. State disciplinary and certification resource - Carman Allen

Marilyn discussed the State disciplinary and certification resource survey being compiled by Carman Allen. All members are requested to complete this by July 16th so that a reference manual can be created for all to use. To date, 19 states have completed the survey. Carman said that the information received so far is useful and is looking forward to receiving everyone else’s response.

iv. Military contacts-

Marilyn discussed with the Council that the updated military contacts were sent to members within the past few weeks. Members are asked to keep that non-circulated and for internal reference only. Also, the Navy and Army have websites to match military education and training with equivalent civilian opportunities (www.cool.navy.mil and www.cool.army.mil). The “cool” websites, per Jim Aplin, are from the Army’s recruitment section. The overall goal with the military information is to promote seamless transition from military life to the civilian EMS world. Jim overviewed what information is available on the 68W program through the Army’s website. The site can be found

through Google, (type in “68W”) and from there, one can go into the US Army EMS site and obtain associated information.

v. Testing Integration:

Marilyn and Kathy Robinson attended a meeting at the NREMT where the Certification Straw Man was discussed. The document was unveiled at the mid-year NASEMSO meeting. If states have any feedback on the document, they should send them to Dan Manz. Members on the call discussed the I99 issue and how to upgrade to paramedic, as well as implement AEMT. This item will be discussed further at the annual meeting in October.

vi. EMS Instructor Qualifications – See attached. Finalization no later than the annual meeting.

Marilyn next mentioned that Kathy Robinson is creating a resource document (best practices) on instructor qualifications. The only comments were to “not reinvent the wheel” and to look at existing processes and models. This was discussed at the mid-year meeting and will likely be discussed at the next conference call and at the annual meeting. Several members volunteered resources (existing practices) and will forward them to Kathy or Marilyn prior to the next call.

IV. Best Practices – if anyone has anything that might be useful to others – Please send to NASEMSO/Kathy Robinson to post for others to use. Be sure to include contact information, should someone have questions.

Bill Seifarth shared that Maryland is moving towards NREMT for EMT-Basic and attributes the change to aligning constituents and gaining buy-in from the grassroots (instructor and provider) level. Also, Marilyn asked for input from members to see if they were pressured to extend certification cycles due to budgetary concerns. Some states shared their experiences.

V. Executive Committee Update
Bill Seifarth - nothing to report

VI. Liaison, Committee or Task Force Reports

a. Regional Reps Reports

East – Jennifer Paddock (SC) – no report

South Central – Brett Hart (TX) – no report

North Central – Carman Allen (KS) – no report

West – Dennis Bang (UT) – no report

b. Addition Committee or Task Force Reports

Jim Aplin reported that the Army had a successful conference in May and is continually looking at improving the quality of care, expanded scope of practice, and the future medic. The 9th conference, next year in Houston, is being planned. Last, he is looking for best practices with background checks for member states to share with him.

VII. Annual Meeting
NASEMSO Program topics or speakers

EPSC Meeting Agenda Items

Potential Guest speakers or liaison reports

Members are encouraged to forward Marilyn agenda items for the annual meeting, as well as forward her potential guest speakers. Last, Marilyn encouraged members to consider running for Chair-elect and Secretary.

VIII. Additions to the agenda

Upcoming Meeting dates:

September 16, 2010, EPSC Bi-monthly Meeting @ 3:00 Eastern time

October 10-15, 2010, NASEMSO Annual Meeting, Norfolk, Virginia

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