Welcome to the Joint National EMS Leadership Forum

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Washington, DC
The mission of the **Joint National Emergency Medical Services Leadership Forum (JNEMSLF)** is to facilitate a shared vision, collaboration, and unity in purpose to improve emergency medical services and conditions that affect emergency medical services throughout the country.

It is the vision of the **JNEMSLF** that timely, stable and accountable local and regional emergency medical services systems with the capacity and performance to ensure optimal patient outcomes must be available throughout the United States. The **JNEMSLF** will achieve this vision through:

- **Maintaining contemporary and mutual awareness** of the priorities, challenges, and accomplishments of national associations with a leadership role in emergency medical services systems in the United States
- **Fostering an environment of trust and information exchange** among and between national EMS associations and partners in the executive branch of the federal government
- **Identifying matters of mutual importance and developing consensus-based positions** for emergency medical services stakeholders and partners at the all levels – local through federal
- **Serving as a collective voice** for interactions with federal and national organizations when a multi-association, multidisciplinary educational approach is of benefit to all stakeholders
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- NAEMT
- Community Paramedicine
- Regulatory challenge (precluding practice)
- State Officials: what would the regs be?
- NV setting up a study
- Main driver may be reimbursement

- The sooner we can craft the best practice the better
- May find new allies
- Who is going to be the “parent” of all of the professionals working in the out of hospital setting?
- Will need to rethink/redefine EMS, and hire completely different people
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• There may be EMS personnel ready to transition to a different scope
• NREMT addressing affective domain
• Putting regulations around something experimental is premature
• Experimentation is essential, and shouldn’t be predicated on reimbursement

• More advanced provider preparation (nutrition, socioeconomics, etc.) and bigger scope of vision
• EMS personnel set up to be disappointed
• Building around the community instead of building around the paramedic
• Figure out what the right provider is to fill the community need
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- NAEMSP working on models—financial and operational, and metrics that can be used on a national level
- All community health and EMS is local, concern about putting walls around it
- CP is beneficial for rural communities but a bigger challenge for volunteer agencies
- This is a priority concern for states, and no desire to rush to regulate, but need to identify the regulatory framework
- AHRQ very interested, there may be continuation of focus
- Mobile Integrated Healthcare (Medtronic) and pilot projects in several cities met last fall, concluded “it’s not about the paramedic”
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• There may be multiple types of personnel need, and it has to be integrated
• Some non-sustainability can result from finance issues, others due to isolation from the rest of the healthcare system
• “Mobile Integrated Healthcare Practice”, significance of every word, meeting again soon, publishing an article, window of opportunity
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• Creating website to share information
• CMS Innovation Grants, HHS reported no downstream savings based on awards made several years ago.
• JNEMSLF should publish white paper to broaden the dialogue
• Survey to identify what’s going on where
• “Anything different than EMS” as a snapshot
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- AHA, visiting nurses
- Surveying what’s already happening brings us back to the practitioner again
- Need gap analysis at the community level
- “912”, “Not EMS”
- What we don’t have is time due to ACA
- Survey the membership of every JNEMSLF organization to capture what’s happening now.
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• Do both: survey and white paper
• NAEMSP considered white paper, but not enough consensus so they formed a task force
• JNEMSLF should identify what it is NOT
• JAMA 2/20 issue had article about non-transport and alternate uses of prehospital resources
• Could the white paper outline the current landscape and provide a vision for the future?
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• If we don't know where we are but can identify that, then we can discuss the definition
• Work to do the snapshot and white paper, but also need to maintain situational awareness
• This goes beyond the boundaries of the US
• White paper would make an appeal to other organizations to work with us
• Has to begin with a literature review
• Some groups may be working to protect their economic interests
• We can all benefit from the findings even if the needs/interests of our members vary
• Medtronic Foundation may be interested in providing $$ to get the survey done
• NAEMT volunteered staff to create the survey, other associations should submit questions of interest
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• All JNEMSLF members and federal partners should submit questions to NAEMT by 3/31
• What is the purpose, audience, etc.?
• Literature search performed by NAEMSP turned up minimal results
• Concerns about multiple responses from the same organizations
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• Then what? Start preparing white paper while the survey is on the street?
• Framework being constructed by the stakeholder group funded by Medtronic is intended to be multidisciplinary and calculate metrics
• Can we come to agreement on guiding principles? We should have the tough dialogue
• Multidisciplinary group funded by Medtronic hasn’t surveyed the landscape. A healthcare finance group is assisting by developing a model
• Who’s the audience for the white paper (which needs to be a separate discussion after the survey results)?
• NAEMT will distribute final draft survey to all JNEMSLF members with request for a fast turnaround
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- NAED interested in the role of the dispatcher in CP
- NAED and conversion to digital “Next Generation” PSAPs. National 9-1-1 Office looking at training issues.
- Public perception that they have EMS capable dispatch centers when they don’t
- Landline based fees declining
- High priority issue for NACo
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• NEMSMA Leadership Competency Project Phase 1 coming to fruition, they may be bringing it to next JNEMSLF. Includes core competencies for supervising, managing, and executive EMS officers

• NAEMT released fitness guidelines

• AAMS believes 85-90% of all helo crashes involve behavioral causes, posed four questions:
  – Can we put a successful mechanism in place to capture data about frequency of transports by air?
  – Can we set a reasonable timetable to outfit all aircraft with black boxes?
  – Can we work with manufacturers to standardize the equipment installation?
  – Can we get a robust low altitude route & weather information system
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• Model Rules for Ambulance Vehicle Design
  – NASEMSO led requests for Technical Interim Amendments of NFPA 1917 were successful:
    • Elimination of speed governor set at 77 mph
    • Modification of language related to variations from the standard

• NFPA workgroup meeting in late May to look at other differences between KKK specs and NFPA 1917

• Next Model Rules meeting probably in the fall
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• Drug shortages: GAO analysts interviewed and requested information from NASEMSO

• ACEP advised that there may be a forthcoming meeting with BOTH FDA and DEA in the same room.
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JNEMSLF 2013 Meeting Schedule

• March 2013 @ EMS Today
• TBD - May 15 2013 @ NEMSAC (May 16-17)
• TBD - 2\textsuperscript{nd} Week of September 2013 @ EMS World Expo
• (11/12: Gregg Lord made gracious offer of meeting space)
Action Items

• All survey questions due to NAEMT by 3/31/13
• NAEMT will distribute final draft of survey to JNEMSLF members
• NAEMT will build SurveyMonkey and send a link to all JNEMSLF members
• NAEMT will generate reports of results
• NASEMSO will send the ASTHO drug shortage paper to all JNEMSLF members, ASTHO is requesting sign ons.
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