

Meeting Minutes
Austin, TX

Date: January 1, 2019

Time: 1515 hrs.

Board members present:

Dr. Jeff Williams - President
Dr. Joey Grover - President-Elect
Dr. Brent Myers - Past President
Mr. Joseph Zalkin - Executive Director
Ms. Kim Woodward - Board Member
Dr. Roberto Portela - Secretary

Members Present:

Hannah Muthersbaugh
Mark Quale
Melanie Belf
Bryan Kitch
Jehny Stoeber
Joshua Loyd
Andrew Godfrey
Anjni Patel Joiner
Kim Woodward
Doug Swanson
Mike Bachman
Ben Smith
Irfan Husain
Don Garner
Joseph Grover
Brenda Lanan
Diane Miller
Stephen Taylor
David Thomson
Glenn Burket

Historically we have done our meeting at 7 am during the NAEMSP meeting due to committee conflicts. Will explore other options for next year.

We have a few workgroups that were created, names were sent out in the minutes. Some groups have had more traction than others.

Members introduced themselves, motion to approve the minutes, second and passed

Announcements:

Dr. Jose Cabanas from Wake EMS got elected as Secretary/Treasurer

EMS Day at the NC Legislature – February 19th, 2019. This will be the first breakfast with our state government. They will send additional information. Will go out through Continuum. Will make sure to forward to the group. There is a pre-meeting at Cary the night before so we coordinate our message. We encourage everyone to come.

EMS on the Hill is on April 10th, 2019 in Washington, DC. We will hear more on this at the NAEMSP's presidential address.

Old Business:

Any updates from workgroups. List of name of workgroups were reminded.

Ketamine workgroup:

There is an apparent supply problem, becoming hard to find. Various members expressed they have problems ordering Ketamine.

Dr. Kitch – received a lot of emails with resources. In the next couple of weeks, it should be finalized. Thinking of an mp4 format, so it can be uploaded anywhere. It will have some accompanying questions and references. He will send it out on a dropbox link so it can be easily downloaded. Will feature popular news articles so you agencies will have talking points for concerned providers. The module will be about 10-15 minutes long.

Dr. Williams - The idea is for this training to be a resource for the state EMS office. NCOEMS is very happy that we are trying to help with the educational aspect.

NAEMSP Updates:

Dr. Meyers - NAEMSP is scheduled to meet one on one with the rule writer from the DEA prior to the DEA rule regulations coming out. The board is extremely excited about this. There will be an auto-renewal option on the website. The NAEMSP PAC is making a huge difference, now the board members are meeting with the elected members directly, instead that with the assistant. We have an increase in the membership.

Dr. Williams – please consider donating to the PAC.

NC Medical Director's Bootcamp workgroup:

Dr. Williams – we are trying to develop an online package similar to the Ketamine project. It will be training for a new medical director's, specially the non-EMS trained and the new to the state. Joe and Dianne will be the co-chairs of this workgroup. Joe and Diane will be the Co-Chairs of this subgroup. Please send them any useful information.

Disaster Workgroup:

Dr. Williams - Discussion of what should be the first step for that, maybe a listserv. The chapter will provide some help in organizing the group. Will make sure the group works closely with NCOEMS. Dianne said it was important to keep their credentials and agreements up to date.

NCOEMS Update:

Dr. Winslow is not in the room. Dr. Williams asked Dr. Swanson to see if he knows of any updates. There is the idea to change the scope of practice from the NC Medical Board to the EMS Advisory Committee in the future. It would require a change in the law. It would be something that could be tackled after the Ketamine Project is done.

New business:

Dr. Swanson – he discussed that about 25 times a month, his system gets a 911 call from someone in a waiting room, or hospital floor asking to go to another hospital. Wake EMS has a transfer policy, that says that if they have been seen in an ED in X amount of time, the patient gets transferred back to that ED. Wake also has treating/destination pans for “familiar faces”.

Mr. Zalkin - We don't have a clean email list. Not up to date because it comes from the national list, filtering for NC addresses. We want to have something that allows you to op-in or op-out of the group. The group should also help as a way to ask for suggestions and share resources. We should also have badge attachments, we should be proud of our chapter affiliation. We will establish a YouTube channel and increase our web presence. We can use this online presence to bounce of ideas and ask questions. Over the next months, there should be some new emails to clean up the email list. We want to make sure that everyone has a voice.

Dr. Portela – discussed that the NCOEMS Disciplinary Committee will discuss with Dr. Winslow having some kind of orientation of their process during the Medical Director's Update. He recommends that something is written in the NCCEP document regarding what events should be referred to the NCOEMS Disciplinary Committee.

Dr. Williams – if we have a “problem” provider in the system, right now there is no mandatory reporting to NCOEMS. Some HR departments will not let the medical director report the provider to the state office. We could write recommendations in the NCCEP document. It would still be up to the individual counties to follow through.

Mr. Zalkin - The NC Medical Board has probably a standard of reporting. We can use that as an example. Could be a module of the Medical Director's Bootcamp. Currently, when a provider is under investigation, it is listed as “under Investigation” in Continuum but you have to go into the agency provider list and hit on the individual provider to see their credentialing status.

WORK GROUPS (Updated List):

Boot Camp Committee

1. Juan March
2. Kim Woodward
3. Richard Benson
4. Joseph Grover
5. Joshua Loyd
6. Bryan Beaver
7. Diane Miller
8. Jose Cabañas
9. Anjni Patel Joiner
10. Joanna Adams

Ketamine Committee

1. Juan March
2. Bryan Kitch
3. Mathew Wells
4. Jose Cabañas

Disaster Committee

1. Ben Smith
2. Juan March
3. Brenda Lanam
4. Ashley Fox
5. Bryan Kitch
6. Michelle Curry
7. Catherine Waggy
8. Andrew Godfrey
9. Erin Wirths
10. Glenn Burket
11. Irfan Husain
12. Mathew Wells
13. Chris Hall