

**NEMSAC EMS Systems Committee  
Committee Report  
June 2, 2009**

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**1. Responsibility and Charge of the Committee**

- a. The Systems Committee's priority issues, as assigned at the July 2008 NEMSAC Meeting are:
  - i. *“Establish model systems for both rural EMS and urban EMS with guiding principles, core issues, and operational plans”*
  - ii. *“Standardized certification, licensure, and credentialing of EMS agencies and systems”*
- b. The Systems Committee's initial problem statement is;
  - i. *System design in emergency medical systems is equally important in urban, rural, and frontier areas, yet most localities fail to take a patient-centered approach to system design.*

**2. Discussion of activities to date**

- a. Council and committee discussion.
  - i. The guiding principles have been presented to the council.
- b. Previous meetings
  - i. The EMS Systems Committee has met via teleconference on three occasions since the meeting in January.
  - ii. Each of those meetings has been advanced the process of developing the core issues to accompany each guiding principle.

**3. Process**

- a. The process is based on establishing guiding principles, core issues, and operational plans.
- b. Guiding principles have been established and have been vetted through the council.
  - i. Evidence-based design.
  - ii. Single patient approach
  - iii. Team approach
  - iv. Integrated CQI
  - v. Medical Dispatch Prioritization
  - vi. Appropriate resource allocation
  - vii. Coordinated competency assurance
  - viii. Integrated protocols
  - ix. Cost effectiveness
  - x. Medical oversight
  - xi. Measuring and reporting on key performance indicators
  - xii. Electronic records
  - xiii. Disaster preparation and surge response
  - xiv. Planning

- xv. Safety
- xvi. Community engagement

**4. Development of core issues.**

- a. Core issues for each of the guiding principles is the fundamental next step in the process.
- b. Each of the members is participating in creating a list of core issues to be resolved as components of each guiding principle.
- c. Those core issues are nearly complete.
- d. Final core issues will be resolved at the June NEMSAC meeting for presentation to the council.
- e. The committee, after receiving comments and input from the council will ask that the council accept the template report at the September 2009 meeting.