

National EMS Advisory Council

NHTSA and FICEMS Update

September 30, 2009



NEMSAC

Appointment
Re-appointment

NEMSAC Recommendations

Status

October 2008

- **Guidelines – Mode of Transport**
 - Working with CDC in FY 10
- **Recommendations to CMS**
 - Presented to them via FICEMS
 - Continuing dialogue
- **Establishing Culture of Safety**
 - Initial funding – FY 10

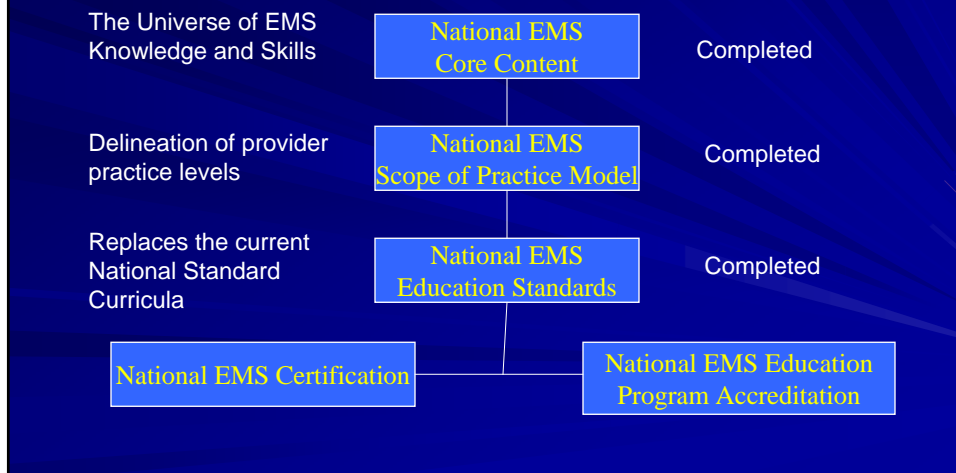
June 2009

- **Health Care Reform Position Statement**
 - On EMS.gov
 - Provided to FICEMS
 - Variety of others
- **EMS Safety Data subcommittee**
 - Discussion in September 2009
- **Data Definitions – illness, injury and death**
 - No specific activities

June 2009

- **National EMS Education Agenda**
 - Continue efforts at adoption
- **Drafting of Model Legislation**
 - Draft nearly complete
- **Report Card**
 - Under development by National Association of State EMS Officials
- **Task Force – obstacles and strategies for updating**
 - Not started
- **Support EMS Education Research**
 - Ongoing efforts

The EMS Education Agenda for the Future: A Systems Approach



Education Agenda Implementation

- National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) is leading the coordinated effort
 - Toolkit available at www.nasemso.org
 - Education Gap Analysis Template
 - Frequently Asked Questions
 - Talking points
 - Other information
 - Timetable (draft) available at www.nasemso.org



- Statutory Federal coordination
- Dr. Kevin Yeskey – 2009 Chair
- Focus – primarily out-of-hospital
- Current major activities are:
 - Pandemic Flu Preparation
 - National EMS Assessment
 - National Transportation Safety Board recommendations
 - Evidence-Based Practice Guidelines
- Regular reports from NEMSAC

FICEMS – National Transportation Safety Board

- **Mexican Hat Bus Crash**
 - Wireless communications in rural area
 - Preparedness EMS response guidelines
 - Initial response to NTSB
- **Helicopter EMS**
 - Mode of transport
 - National guidelines for HEMS transport during EMS response system planning

Who we Are

- **Drew Dawson**, Director
- **Susan McHenry**, MS
 - NEMSIS, EMS Research, State Assessments
- **David Bryson**, EMT-B
 - Education, Ground Ambulance Safety
- **Gamunu Wijetunge**, NREMT-P, MPM
 - Workforce, Preparedness, Pandemic Flu
- **Laurie Flaherty**, RN, MS
 - 9-1-1, Technology
- **Cathy Gotschall**, ScD
 - Evidence-based practice guidelines, AACN
 - National EMS assessment
- **Cynthia McNair**



Who we Are

- **Hector Williams**
 - 9-1-1
 - Workforce Data
 - AACN
- **Vacant**
 - NEMSAC
 - FICEMS

Public Health Fellows

- **Anthony Oliver**, MPH

Student Intern

- **Roy Buckmaster**

National EMS Information System

- 23 States submitting data to National EMS Database
- 7 million records submitted
- Version 3.0 under development
- Harmonizing with HL7 (Health Level 7) Standard Development Organization
- Collaborating with National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS)

www.nemsis.org

Workforce

- EMS Workforce for the 21st Century
 - www.emsworkforce.com
 - *EMS Workforce for the 21st Century: A National Assessment*, (June 2008)
 - *EMS Workforce Agenda for the Future* (late 2009)
- *Feasibility for an EMS Workforce Safety and Health Surveillance System*, (June 2007)
- EMS Workforce Injury and Illness Surveillance Program (EMS-WIISP)
 - National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS)
 - NIOSH pilot study

Pandemic Influenza

Ground Ambulance Safety

- NIOSH 4-year project to improve GSA KKK, AMD and other standards.
- NFPA Ambulance Standards Development
- Safely Transporting Children in Ambulances project

EMS Research

- EMS Research Gap Analysis completed (FICEMS, June 2009)
- *Guide for Using the Exception from Informed Consent for Emergency Research* (internal review)

Preparedness

- Work with DHS
 - NIMS credentialing for EMS
 - Infrastructure Protection
 - Capabilities Assessment
- Work with HHS
 - ESF 8 – coordination and planning

National EMS Assessment

Assess state of nation's EMS, preparedness,
and 9-1-1 systems

- ✦ FICEMS / Technical Working Group - Assessment Committee
- ✦ Analyze existing data & identify data gaps
- ✦ Establish sustainable process for ongoing national assessment
- ✦ Competitive RFP
 - ✓ Awarded to University of North Carolina

Evidence-Based Guidelines Process

Goal: Develop national process for development of out-of-hospital evidence-based guidelines

- Sponsored by FICEMS and NEMSAC
- National stakeholders conference – 2008
- EMSC Beta test – Pediatric Seizures
- Children's National Medical Center
 - Awarded competitive RFP
 - Develop several Evidence Based Practice guidelines – test to process (not pediatric)
- Guide revisions to Education Agenda (eventually)

Collaboration with CDC

- Guidelines for Field Triage of Injured Patients
- Trauma System Development
- Automatic Advanced Crash Notification (AACN)
- Pandemic Flu

National 9-1-1 Office

- Established by law
 - NHTSA
 - Department of Commerce
- Purposes
 - Federal Coordination
 - Information Sharing
 - Grant Program
- Technical Assistance Center
- 9-1-1 Grants distributed last week

Regionalized, accountable EMS Systems

Institute of Medicine Report
*The Future of Emergency
Care*

www.EMS.gov

