

## ICEMSPP Executive Committee MINUTES

<b>Date</b>	09 NOV 2018
<b>Time</b>	13:00
<b>Location</b>	Via web/phone
<b>Participants</b>	Suzanne Graham, Dan Manz, Andy Gienapp, Stephen Wilson, Joe Schmider, Donna Tidwell, Jeanne Marie – Bakehouse

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Summary/Decisions</b>	<b>Assignments / Next Steps</b>	<b>Time Frame</b>
<b>Call to order</b>	<b>Called the meeting to order at 13:00</b>		
<b>Review agenda</b>	<b>done</b>		
<b>Review minutes</b>	<b>Review, motion to approve DT, second from JMB</b>		
<b>Treasurer report</b>	<p><b>SW – spoke with Doug Wolfberg re: legal requirements for bank, employer ID number applied for online, resubmitting the form in hard copy. Question regarding tax exemption – per DW either research tax exempt status (would need this under current operations), DW suggested creating a separate entity that incorporates as a “business” to facilitate moving of records, establishing accounts, etc., and potential other problems. (This is due to the ICEMSPP is not a typical structure.) DW to deposit donation of \$2,500. (Fee incurred if less than \$500 balance at the end of the month.)</b></p> <p><b>DT – question: is nursing corporation formed by the membership, compact, etc? JS – answer: Understanding is a corporation of the Commission. Discussion around how infrastructure works/potential models.</b></p>	<b>DT to research interrelation of Nurse Compact/corporation</b>	

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<b>NREMT update</b>	<b>DW not available</b>		
<b>Comments on website</b>	<b>SG-website? JS asked for comments, EC was satisfied with appearance/content</b>		
<b>Advocate/Educator report</b>	<b>Dan Manz not available, report from DM forwarded to EC members. (Inserted after these notes)</b>		
<b>NASEMSO/NREMT and Commission agreements</b>	<b>No update, current agreements with DM/Suzanne expire Dec 31, 2018</b>	<b>Donna to f/u with Keith Wages</b>	
<b>Update on rules and process</b>	<b>AG – provided info from Wayne Denny re: rules; DS – draft for May meeting? JMB – think we are at 80% solution; DT – if there is one area of rules that is hanging up, then move what is ready and get something moving.</b>	<b>AG/JMB to f/u with WD, attempt to get as much out as possible</b>	
<b>Letterhead/branding</b>	<p><b>JS – DT move, SW second, to approve this logo:</b></p> 		
<b>EC meeting frequency</b>	<b>JS – any opposition to continuing to meet every two weeks? 3:00 PM Eastern? EC concurred</b>		
<b>New/other business</b>	<p><b>AG – may need to discuss funding? JMB – agreed, DT – agreed, JS – may need to discuss at May meeting? possible minimal annual</b></p> <p><b>AG – how far back would we require states to provide disciplinary information within the database? Discussion on what might happen, missing persons that should be in the database,</b></p>		

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<b>Public comment</b>	<b>No public comment.</b>		
<b>Next meeting/EC call</b>	<b>November 30, 2018, 3:00 PM Eastern</b> <b>SG – meeting in May is there a meeting space?</b>	<b>DT to follow up with NASEMSO regarding meeting space</b>	
<b>Adjourn</b>	<b>AG move to adjourn, JMB second, meeting adjourned at 13:45</b>		

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## Advocate/Educator report

October 2018 – submitted by Dan Manz

### ***States confirmed as planning to pursue legislation this coming session:***

**Indiana-** Michael Kaufmann, MD, Indiana EMS Medical Director has been leading the effort for this state. He has been working with the Governor's Workforce Council and the Occupational Workforce Consortium sub-committee. He has been looping in the IN EMS Director, EMS Office legal counsel and others.

**Arkansas-** There is a multidisciplinary group including the State EMS Office, Ambulance Association, EMT Association and others working internally on a bill along with a professional lobbyist.

**North Dakota-** R. Adam Parker from the ND EMS Association wrote on 9/27 to say their EMS Association voted that day to pursue REPLICA legislation this year. Tim Wiedrich and Chris Price from the North Dakota Dept. of Health have both signaled support for REPLICA. They also believe the Governor is likely to be supportive. Their one concern has been the language around shared financing by the states. Tim Wiedrich felt this language was likely to be a roadblock until he was shown other compacts already in place in ND that have essentially the same language.

**West Virginia-** Chris Hall from Orion Strategies (lobbying firm) wrote on 9/21 to say:

*We were able to get a REPLICA bill through the Senate and through the House Government Organization Committee with very little opposition. Unfortunately, it did not get referenced to its final committee until two days before the deadline to emerge from committee and it simply ran out of time.*

*We had the Chairs of the Fire and EMS Committees in the House and Senate as sponsors. There is a Joint Fire and EMS Committee that is studies issues during the interim sessions and I have asked them to recommend the passage of REPLICA during the upcoming legislative session. And I don't foresee any problems getting the legislation reintroduced.*

*I will keep you updated and let you know if there is anything you can do to help. Can you send me your full contact information? (full contact information was sent)*

### ***States possible for pursuit of legislation this coming session:***

**Vermont-** The issue for VT seems to be the cost of adopting FBI fingerprint background checks, particularly for their significant volunteer community. At a 9/13 meeting with the VT Ambulance Association, the matter was discussed and the VT EMS Director indicated the VT EMS Office may be willing to budget this cost as it does for NREMT testing of VT candidates.

**Maine-** Maine had a significant multi-disciplinary group looking at REPLICA legislation last year. In the interim, NH became a REPLICA state which may help ME due to the border advantages. A legislator introduced a placeholder bill last year. Maine EMS is waiting to see if this representative gets re-elected in the mid-term elections. We will schedule conference call for after the election.

**California-** A visit and presentations to the CA EMS Commission, their medical directors and agency administrators on 9/11-9/12 appeared positively received. One of the regional administrators believed he had a possible sponsor for the bill. CA is complicated as they use a decentralized structure for issuing EMT licenses. They also have significant IAFF involvement in EMS which will likely be a challenge.

**Rhode Island-** The Rhode Island EMS Office is fully supportive of REPLICA but probably cannot introduce an agency bill as the Governor has other priorities. The EMS Office would like to get behind a REPLICA bill if another group can be identified to help find a sponsor of the legislation.

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**Louisiana-** Louisiana had a sponsor and a bill that worked its way through the legislature last year and was not passed due to the opposition of the IAFF. Acadian Ambulance who carries significant weight in the legislature has committed support to legislation this year to get a bill passed.

**Connecticut-** We have second hand information that their EMS medical director and other constituents are supportive of REPLICA. More follow up is needed.

**Pennsylvania-** There is apparent interest from constituent groups but the EMS Office has yet to weigh in on REPLICA.

**Iowa-** Joe Farrell has committed to assessing interest at an upcoming EMS Association meeting and reporting back. Joe seems to think there may be significant interest in Iowa.

**Florida and Kentucky-** The DoD Office of Military Community and Family Policy is a strong supporter of REPLICA and believes they may have gubernatorial and other constituent support to have REPLICA introduced in these states. They are investigating that support and have been advised about the possibility of fire union opposition.

## ***Advocate/Educator- state or partner visits:***

- None this month
- Indiana Compacts Seminar planned for Dec 11<sup>th</sup>
- CSG Summit of the States meeting planned for Dec 7<sup>th</sup> (they cover travel costs)

## ***Other meetings:***

NASEMSO staff meeting- October 4

REPLICA Executive Committee- October 12

South Region Conference Call- October 18

NASEMSO PLC Council- October 22

REPLICA Executive Committee- October 26

Phone meeting with a representative from the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services. This person did not work for the Alaska EMS Office but was doing information gathering to explore strategies for expediting health services personnel licensure. He seized on the language in the EMS Compact related to military personnel. I explained that language and discussed ways the EMS Compact might support faster/easier licensing for personnel moving to Alaska from other EMS Compact states.

## ***Other work activities during the month:***

- Assisted in preparation of materials for use by Donna Tidwell in a presentation to NAEMT
- Prepared a 100 word article for the Council of State Governments newsletter to elected officials nationwide
- Supported development of the new EMS Compact Commission logo

## ***Issues to address and work planned for the coming month:***

1. Reconnect with committed and possible states. Assess what if any effects the mid-term elections have had on plans for proceeding with Compact legislation.
2. Continue work on migrating materials from the REPLICA Basecamp to the new EMScompact.gov site.

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3. Identify the count of EMS personnel at EMT, AEMT and Paramedic levels in each compact state. Use this information to develop a display on the EMScompact.gov website to displaying how many EMS personnel are covered by the compact nationally. *The closest thing I've found to an easy count of personnel by level and by state is the National EMS Assessment from 2011. That document gives ranges of numbers for each level by state so it isn't super accurate and it's old. Dia tells me it will be updated within the next 4 months.*
4. Present at the Ohio Medical Directors meeting on the 2018 SoPM project. Use this opportunity to also mention the benefits of Ohio joining the EMS Compact. Meet with the NREMT Board on this same trip and update them on the status of the EMS Compact
5. Finish a document for display on the website and distribution to other stakeholders explaining remaining steps for implementing the privilege to practice.

### **Other-**

1. No communications this month with anyone from the IAFF regarding their resolution opposing REPLICA or plans for opposing REPLICA legislation.