

Northwest Association of Provider EMS Coordinators
MINUTES
February 23, 2012

Topic	Discussion/Conclusions
Call to Order Previous Minutes Review of Agenda	Call to order at 09:05 by Pete Dyer Minutes approved; Rick Nosek – motion Stan Bednarek - second
Treasurer’s Report	Roger Fyke reported a balance of \$8430.61 which does not reflect \$530 allocated to Pete Przybysz for expenses related to a previously approved conference.
Meeting Topics	<p><u>CARS Committee</u> Rick Nosek advised the group on the current situation relating to the newly implemented validation rules. He placed the changes into their appropriate context within the layered (i.e., local, state, national) requirements of data reporting, and the changes in going from NEMESIS v2 to v3. Nosek explained that much of the value of the new data requirements is at the national level, where the DOT utilizes it when allocating highway funding resources. Nosek acknowledged that situations where 100% validity cannot be achieved exist; as long as all highlighted “red box” issues/data are addressed he advised that the report can be put through as is, with a follow-up email to him referencing the subject call number. Rick encouraged all coordinators to explore the various validity related audit reports available in Imagetrend as a means of identifying common errors and whether they relate to a lack of required report data. Nosek outlined plans to migrate to a regional template using dynamic run reports. The regional approach is seen as a positive development for the System because it simplifies incorporation of future state data reporting requirements. The negative aspect of this approach is that it requires a broader consensus solution meeting the local needs of several systems, the functional result of which is that the resulting template will include reporting requirements that our system may not be interested in. At this point four templates have been developed: no patient contact, multiple patient release, trauma, non-trauma. Individual agencies will have the capability to use the regional templates to create additional templates for local use, for example to pre-fill run reports for frequently serviced locations. March 1st is the target date to initiate shipping of data to the state. Rick encouraged all agencies to enable the four regional templates as soon as they become available, and utilizing them to have field personnel enter training reports (NOT ACTUAL REPORTS). Dyer expressed concern, with broad committee agreement, that the state’s process of introducing validity changes using a regularly irregular schedule introduces difficulties and inefficiencies in implementation. Nosek stated that this was not likely to be easily changed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Web Site Development: Nosek reported that Adam Rothenberg is currently working on a business plan with American Eagle to make this resource more responsive to our needs, and to meet our technical support requirements within an acceptable financial arrangement. Also reported was a discussion within the chiefs’ committee to consider a subscription service for access to certain assets contained on the site. This is in response to the large number of visits to the site by outside agencies to obtain high value content (e.g., training materials). System members would have password protected access to content free of charge.</p> <p><u>Advisory Board</u> Dyer discussed changes to the System’s reinstatement policy required as the result of the adoption of Section 515.640 of the Illinois Admin. Code. The policy review is in the process of email review within the board. He also reported that a new V2 policy is in place, and that several miscellaneous by-law changes are being considered.</p>

	<p><u>Research and Development</u> Diana Neubecker reported that no R&D meeting took place in February. The System is still on track for a June, 2012 implementation of therapeutic hypothermia.</p> <p><u>PBPI</u> Dr Ortinau discussed data being submitted on Fentanyl dosing for the purpose of determining if IN route dosing should be adjusted in order to achieve desired outcomes.</p>
System and State Updates	<p><u>System</u> Dr. Ortinau reiterated the challenges that the System is experiencing with respect to medication shortages, as detailed in System Memos # 334, and #337.</p> <p><u>Region</u> Dr. Ortinau reported no significant regional developments. He commented that medication availability and utilization will be items of future discussion at the regional level.</p> <p><u>IAFC/IDPH</u> Dyer provided updates on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB4583 – Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Removes certified paramedics from the list of persons within the State qualified to draw blood for alcohol and drug testing. Provides that a qualified person certified (instead of "trained") in venipuncture and acting under the direction of a licensed physician may withdraw blood for the purpose of determining the alcohol content therein. Dr. Ortinau commented that forced blood draws by EMS personnel are objected to by medical directors. • HB5175 - Amends the Illinois Fire Protection Training Act. Provides that the Office of the State Fire Marshal shall develop, adopt, or approve a training course regarding the risks associated with autism and appropriate autism recognition and response techniques. Provides that every person who is seeking certification in a position of firefighter 1 or 2, whose duties involve fire suppression, firefighting, or fire rescue, must satisfactorily complete an education course in autism recognition and response techniques. Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. • SB2532 - Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Changes definition of "rescue vehicle" to include vehicles used for the emergency treatment of persons who are sick, injured, wounded or otherwise incapacitated or helpless. The chiefs oppose this proposed legislation. • Dyer commented on the ongoing search for a dedicated funding source for EMS (a minimal addition to ambulance license fees is being considered), and proposed changes to the DNR form.
Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Old Business	<p>Dyer renewed the discussion on whether the NAPEC committee would like to remain a not for profit, and reminded the group that the organization has not been filing tax paperwork. Lou Lettenmair volunteered to handle the tax paperwork if a clear direction and process have been identified. Neubecker informed the group that Harper College presents a mini-course on not for profit corporations; Dr. Ortinau suggested that we send two members. Dyer made a motion to approve sending two representatives, Koplin seconded, and the measure was passed. Drew Smith informed the group that the Secretary of State's website shows that NAPEC was dissolved in 1994.</p>
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Next Meeting Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting – March 22, 2012, 9:00AM, LC 7&8 • With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:25