

# EMSG Meeting Notes

June 13, 2003

**Core Member Participants:** Kim Christensen, Fergus Laughridge, Jeff Scussel, Dia Gainor, Sherrie Collins

**Chair:** Gene Madden.

**Absent:** Jeff Hatch

Bobby Golden – Executive Secretary

## OLD BUSINESS:

Action Item	Assigned to	Due Date	Action Taken
Feed back on draft RM-51 chapters on training and certification	All	5/30/03	In progress
State MEDL lists, mailed to Kim	Gene Madden		
When MEDL list is received Bobby will clean up and mail out	Bobby Golden	6/13/03	
Madden to attend July meeting with State EMS directors. Fergus to mail the logistics	Fergus Laughridge	6/13/03	

## AGENDA ITEMS:

- Charter Approval
- NWCG Terminology draft
- Response back from the National Registry
- NPS-51 – feedback on the draft
- Website Development
- Joint SHWT meeting in Las Vegas week of Oct 6th

## NEW ACTION ITEMS:

Action Item	Assigned to	Due Date	Action Taken
Karen - SHWT executive secretary get in contact with Fergus on Las Vegas locations	Gene Madden		
Further discussion on the bullets Bruce sent out on what the states will look for in standards.	Bruce Cheeseman		

Gene Madden – Charter, as you all know by know it has been signed, and will be on the website which I up and running. The website had the names of the team members and links to the National Registry of EMT's and NASEMSD.

<http://www.nwcg.gov/teams/shwt/emsg/index.htm>

The SHWT reaffirmed that the meeting this fall will be in Las Vegas and is in the process of securing a location. The joint meeting will be the first part of the week due to Dia and Fergus's schedules. More information will be coming out as it is received.

Fergus Laughridge – I may be able to help out in securing a location.

- Gene will have Karen - SHWT executive secretary get in contact with Fergus.

Gene – NWCG Glossary was mailed out this morning with a few more changes. More headings were added since the last draft was: Advanced Life Support (ALS), Air ambulance, ambulance, and Basic Life Support (BLS). If anyone has any more comments please have them into Gene by July 1, 2003.

Fergus – On number 18 – Ambulance – add after patient(s) and approved/licensed by a state to do so.

Kim Christensen – What are the differences in EMT-A, EMT-B, and EMT-1:

Gene – They are different definitions for different states. EMT-P is the same in all 50 states.

Kim Christensen – When these definitions get into the different systems, i.e. ROSS how will they know the difference between EMT-A, EMT- B etc.

Dia Gainor – There should be a single one used that reflects the state requirements. 1994 is for EMT Basic, 1998 for EMT-P and 1999 for EMT-I.

Fergus – There is not reference to being state certified under EMT-I or EMT-P.

Sherri Collins – The National Park does not have state certification only the national registry. So adding state certified would not work for the NPS.

Fergus – Then make it “state certification or equivalent.”

Gene – Sherri do you have an update on the NPS-51?

Sherrie – None at this time, I will be in Washington sometime next week and will ask Randy at that time. I don't foresee any changes to the draft as Randy is more involved in the Homeland Security at this point in time.

Gene – Dia or Fergus has there been any more discussion on the bullets that Bruce sent out to the group?

Dia – Not that she is aware of, this was Bruce's project

➤ Then we will defer this back to Bruce Cheeseman.

#### Round Robin:

Jeff Scussel – I apologized for coming in late to the phone call but I was on the phone with Jeanie Worsch from the Montana Med Board. They have yet to get us anything in writing. They are thinking of writing an exception for EMT's to come into Montana with out being licensed, but they will be required to practice Montana Basic protocols. The fire will need to provide the name of the EMT, the state they are licensed in and their certification number. Not sure on how to handle IMS, so we will operate as we have in the past. The letter that Bruce sent out from Idaho on the process for certify out of state EMT's was faxed to the MT Medical Board. Their concern is that if ID certifies the individuals then they are going to be held liable for the EMT's actions and Montana doesn't want to do that. They want the issuing state to still be the liable party. I would

recommend that Dia and Fergus meet with Ken Leighton-Boster at their meetings and try to figure out how things are going to be done.

Another issue that came up is the EMT's that are on a Hotshot crew. These are not under the control of the medical unit and therefore are not able to control the level of medical care the EMT gives to the crew member.

Gene – That person is not compensated or hired on as an EMT but rather as a crew member therefore is not operating as an EMT.

Fergus – The basic level still needs to be adhered to. Anytime you take the level of care beyond this level and provide medicine it then comes under State Medical board direction.

Jeff – If the EMT on the crew is a paramedic, he is going to operate at that level regardless of the state he is in. He will use his equipment.

Gene – They need to leave that equipment at home and get them into the proper care when they are out of the direction of their medical control.

Jeff – You know that they are not going to do that, they are going to perform at their level of training.

Fergus – They need to remember that they are a member of the hot shot crew and not an EMT-P at the time of hire.

Gene – This may be an issue that needs to be addressed at a later date.

Dia – The contact information should be up on the NASEMS website.

[http://www.nasemsd.org/member\\_list.html](http://www.nasemsd.org/member_list.html)

Kim – I just mailed the ROSS listing of MEDL's to Bobby this morning and will be mailing out the inventory listing of the 100 and 500 person medical kits.

Jeff Scussel – Jeff Hatch and I are the two representatives for the Forest Service and since Jeff is not on this call I need to touch base with him to see if we can share the job of disseminating information out to the other 8 regions. How is this information getting out with the other agencies?

Gene – The notes are going out to the SHWT and they then forward out to other groups so some information is getting out there. With the Web site up and running hopefully more information will get out there.

The next conference calling dates are:

1. Friday, July 11, 2003 10:00 Pacific, 11:00 Mountain, 1:00 Eastern
2. Friday, Aug 1, 2003 10:00 Pacific, 11:00 Mountain, 1:00 Eastern
3. Friday Aug 29, 2003 10:00 Pacific, 11:00 Mountain, 1:00 Eastern

## COMPLETED ACTION ITEMS

Action Item	Assigned to	Due Date	Action Taken
Mail out the Fire Summary (NFES 1815) that was typed up after discussion with Chuck Whitlock a member of the SHWT	Bobby Golden		Mailed 3/20/03
Dr Spencer Hall offered his assistance. Will find out if he will be a good SME	Dia Gainor		Felt he can be a SME contact as well as many others 4/11/03
Combined May meeting with SHWT	Gene Madden		Postponed until fall 2003. 3/28/03
List of IMS in the Northern Rockies	Bobby Golden		R1 IMS list mailed to core group 3/10/03
National Park Service has in place a template for EMT standards and will be mailing it to the core group.	Sherry Collins		visited with Randy Coffman from NPS and will try to get the NPS-51 document to us 4/11/03 mailed out a draft to the group
Look into EMAC as a way to manage our situation.	Dia Gainor		Jeff Hatch sent out a document on WY EMAC
Write a letter asking for permission to link the National Registry to the web site, and explain why we are linking to their site.	Gene Madden		Completed
Need to try and get the two NPS chapters on training and credentialing	Sherrie Collins		Faxed to Bobby 5/2/03 Hard copy mailed to all 5/5/03 Faxed to Gene Madden 5/27/03
Putting information onto the NWCG Safety & Health website to pass onto people wanting to know the status of what this group is doing.	Kim Christensen		Not a problem just need to see what needs to be on the site Completed 4/11/03
Draft the headers for the standards	Dia Gainor and Fergus Laughridge		Completed Mailed to the group 5/2/03
Story on EMSG creation for Wildland Firefighter Magazine	Gene Madden		Completed and sent to Wildland Firefighter
Letter to William Brown, Exec. Dir. @ NREMT for approval to link their website for info	Gene Madden		Completed Letter sent to National Registry
Bruce asked for the email EMSG list	Bobby Golden	5/5/03	Completed 5/5/03
FAX/Mail DRAFT RM-51 to all members	Bobby Golden	5/5/03	Mailed hard copy 5/5/03
See if Dr Jui would like to join in on the calls	Bobby Golden		Message sent to Dr Jui 3/4/03 Follow up message 3/10/03
Upon reviewing the NASEMSD site Dia found out that there were no phone numbers so she will send us an electronic list.	Dia Gainor		Association headquarters is working on the list 3/20/03 Completed 6/13/03
Call the MT EMS director Ken Leighton-Boster for a copy of his new rule given to Jeff Scussel	Dia Gainor and Fergus Laughridge		
List of IMS and MEDL in the other geographical areas	Kim Christensen		Kim has the list for DOI and is working on the USFS & others 4/11/03 Kim has a list and will mail to Bobby to clean up
Mail out the 100 & 500 (NFES 1760 & 1835) kit contents listing, both for in region and out of region	Kim Christiansen	5/30/03	Kim will get this out

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Assigned to</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
Jeff Hatch did not receive the NPS-51 document	Bobby Golden	6/8/03	Completed Mailed 6/3/03
The draft we received is it the latest?	Kim Christensen	6/13/03	
Idaho has developed a letter to be used for EMT's crossing state lines and will send to Bobby	Bruce Cheeseman	6/13/03	Completed 5/30/03
Sanitize notes for posting onto the web	Bobby Golden	6/13/03	Completed 6/12/03