



**EMSC National Resource Center
Town Hall Conference Call**

April 1, 2008
2:00 PM

Participating Grantees:

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| 1. Philip Engle, OR | 13. Rachael Alter, ID |
| 2. Kelli Rice, ND | 14. Marie Renzi, DE |
| 3. Addie Grigsby-Roshell, AR | 15. Jan Brinkman, ME |
| 4. Cynthiana Lightfoot, DC | 16. Martha Gohlke, NY |
| 5. Lori Haskett, KS | 17. Cyndy Wright-Johnson, MD |
| 6. Tom Taylor, KY | 18. Donna Westlake, CA |
| 7. Kristin Gurley, UT | 19. Kristi Berg, MN |
| 8. Debbie Huffman, LA | 20. Paula Adkison, MO |
| 9. Stacy Morton, OK | 21. Thomas Michael Campbell,
MS |
| 10. Katrina Altenhofen, IA | 22. Amy Marsh, SD |
| 11. Peter Otten, VT | 23. Deborah Clapp, MA |
| 12. Beverly Willis, (joined by Andy
and Veronica), TX | 24. Ann Klasner, AL |

Attending EMSC National Resource Center (NRC) staff:

1. Tasmeen Singh
2. James Morehead
3. Karen Belli
4. Diana Fendya
5. Theresa Morrison-Quinata

Conference Call Discussions:

Kentucky Trauma System

Tom Taylor released hot off the press news that Kentucky now has a trauma system. For more information related to this announcement, contact Tom at TomD.Taylor@kctcs.edu.

New Program Manager Needed

Lori Hasket announced that they are seeking applicants for a new Kansas EMSC program manager. If you are interested in filling this position, contact Lori at LHaskett@kdhe.state.ks.us.

EMSC Important Program Announcement sent on March 19, 2008

Attendees were polled to ensure all had received the "Important Program Announcement" related to the data collection requirements, instructions for

Electronic Handbook entries, and the Annual EMSC Grantee Meeting and National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) Meeting registration. The information was sent electronically on March 19, 2008. Two grantees indicated that they had not received the announcement and the information was resent on April 2, 2008.

Grantees asked the following questions:

- 1. If a grantee has already met the 80% response rate required, may they continue data collection as they aim to achieve a 100% response rate?*

Yes. Should grantees choose to continue with data collection until they have reached a 100% response rate, the program encourages you to do so.
- 2. Do grantees still need to submit a request for data exemption to the NRC once they have achieved the 80% response rate or is this automatic?*

There is no need to contact the NRC. Grantees are required to work with the National EMSC Data Analysis Resource Center (NEDARC) to collect data. NEDARC will confirm the 80% response rate achievement.
- 3. What if a grantee is using inspection reports and not surveying?*

If a grantee is using inspection reports, contact NEDARC to confirm that you have adequately collected data. Once they have approved data collection, the grantee can stop collecting data until the 2010 grant year.
- 4. When does the NRC expect the updated pediatric equipment list to be released?*

The NRC anticipates that the pediatric equipment list will be released in the Fall of 2008, but it does not expect to roll out the list and change the pediatric equipment list referenced in performance measure 66b until the EMSC 2010-2011 grant year.
- 5. Will a draft of the pediatric equipment list be available before its final release?*

The NRC will seek permission to make the draft equipment list available to distribute during the 2008 Annual EMSC Grantee Meeting.

Formation of the Performance Measures Advisory Committee (PMAC)

The NRC announced that the EMSC Performance Measures Advisory Committee (PMAC) had been formed to provide input in to the implementation of current performance measures and to the development of future EMSC performance measures. The PMAC will meet on April 28-29, 2008. During the EMSC Regional Meetings,

which will be held at this year's Annual EMSC Grantee Meeting, EMSC program managers, family representatives, and principal investigators will have an opportunity to discuss the proposed performance measures and to provide feedback to the federal EMSC Program. Note that all performance measure work needs final approval by HRSA.

EMSC Regional Meetings at the Annual EMSC Grantee Meeting

The NRC announced that this year's EMSC Regional Meetings will be held in the evening of the first day of the Annual EMSC Grantee Meeting. Meeting rooms will be provided. All program managers, principal investigators, and family representatives are welcome to attend the regional meetings. Advanced registration for the regional meetings is not required. The NRC will provide dinner. More details will be released shortly.

During the regional meetings, grantees will receive a "feed-back" form to complete as a group. The "feed-back" form will include questions related to the proposed performance measures. EMSC Federal Project Officers Dan Kavanaugh and Tina Turgel will circulate between the various regional meetings to address concerns as needed.

Additional regional agenda items may also be addressed during this meeting time.

Question: Can advisory members attend the meetings?

Yes. All state EMSC program team members are welcome to attend the meetings. All participants at the regional meetings are required to register for the full Annual EMSC Grantee Meeting.

Question: Is there a mechanism available that would enable grantees to connect with the states in their region before the Annual EMSC Grantee Meeting?

Yes. The NRC agreed to help organize and facilitate EMSC regional conference calls. Specifically, the NRC can provide a phone line free of charge for the conference calls, if needed.

NASEMSO Executive Board to form an EMSC Council

The NRC announced that NASEMSO had communicated with the state EMS directors regarding the formation of the NASEMSO EMSC Council. Conference call participants were polled as to who had received communications from their state EMS directors related to the formation of the council. A large majority of the

grantees had not received communications from their state EMS directors. The NRC further announced that NASEMSO will hold an election during the meeting to seat a chairperson for the EMSC Council. Grantees are encouraged to attend the EMSC Council meeting, scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on June 24, 2008. If EMSC Council meeting participants are not registered for the full NASEMSO meeting, please notify NASEMSO by sending an email to info@nasemso.org. There is no registration fee to attend the EMSC Council meeting.

Paul Patrick from Utah will facilitate the first part of the June 24 meeting. He will explain the rules of membership. Following his presentation, nominations for chairperson will be heard, election of chairperson will be determined, and initial planning for future activities for the council will begin.

This council is an opportunity for EMSC managers to work with other state officials. For questions regarding the EMSC Council, contact NRC Director Tasmeeen Singh at tsingh@cnmc.org or your NRC liaison.

EMSC National Heroes Awards

Grantees were reminded to submit their nominations for the EMSC National Heroes Awards.

Future Funding for the EMSC Program

Question: How does the future funding of the EMSC Program look at this point?

The President's fiscal year 2009 budget request does not contain funding for the EMSC Program. The next step is for the House and Senate to consider appropriations. Congress will start the fiscal year 2009 appropriations process in approximately June of this year. For more information, contact Karen Belli at the NRC (email: kbelli@cnmc.org).

HRSA Electronic Handbook

Grantees were advised to work with NEDARC to analyze the data collected for fiscal year 2007 and to ensure the accuracy of data entries into the Electronic Handbook for performance measures 66a, 66b, 66d, and 66e.

Performance Measure 68D

Question: Has a state met performance measure 68d once they have institutionalized EMSC in their state?

No. Grantees are not required to officially establish a state EMSC program in state statute, regulation, or other mandate. While a mandated state program may contribute to EMSC permanence, this is not part of the performance measure. Grantees should focus on integrating the EMSC priorities, which are performance measures 66a-66e and 67, into state mandate. For more information on performance measure 68d, including the definition of these EMSC priorities, see pp 88-92 of the 2007 EMSC Performance Measures: Implementation Manual for State Partnership Grantees.

Conclusion of the Conference Call:

At the conclusion of the one-hour conference call, participants were asked whether they found the call to be helpful. Participants found the call helpful and encouraged their continuation on a quarterly basis. A participant suggested and the NRC agreed that two separate call-in times on the same day should be scheduled for those unable to attend due to conflicting schedules. The next NRC Town Hall conference call, scheduled for July 8, 2008, will offer two separate call-in times.

One participant suggested that a blog be created to enable grantees to network with one another. The NRC informed participants that NEDARC has a state site just for grantees. The NRC would ask NEDARC if a blog could be setup.

The call concluded with a thank you to those grantees who attended.