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COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2021

Commissioners Present:

Donnie Woodyard, Colorado-Vice-Chair
David Newton, Georgia
Wayne Denny, Idaho -Treasurer
Kraig Kinney, Indiana
Joe House, Kansas-Secretary
Alisa Williams, Mississippi
Nicole Gamm, Missouri

Tim Wilson, Nebraska
Justin Romanello, New Hampshire-Member-At-Large
Christopher Price, North Dakota
Richard Wisniewski, South Carolina
Joseph Schmider, Texas-Chair
Guy Dansie, Utah
Gary Brown, Commonwealth of Virginia

Commissioners Absent:

Diane McGinnis, Delaware
Rebecca Curtiss, Iowa
Brandon Ward, Tennessee

Brandon Kelly, Wyoming
Vacant, Alabama
Vacant, West Virginia

Guests:

Dan Manz, EMS Compact
Mark Terry, NREMT
Ray Mollers, NREMT

Doug Wolfberg, Page, Wolfberg, and Wirth
Tracy Henson - NREMT

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schmider (TX) called the meeting of the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice to order at 3:01 p.m. Friday, April 9, 2021 and Secretary House (KS) took a roll call of commissioners present.

SEATING NEW COMMISSIONERS

Educator Manz announced new commissioners

- South Carolina: Richard Wisniewski
- Wyoming: Brandon Kelly
- Missouri: Nicole Gamm
- Louisiana: Susan Bailey, effective July 1, 2021

AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Schmider (TX) opened the floor for any comments on the agenda. One correction was noted: Item 13 should also include the Secretary position. House (KS) motioned to accept as corrected; Woodyard (CO) seconded. No further discussion and no dissent. Motion approved.

MINUTES

Chair Schmider (TX) asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 16, 2020, meeting. Kinney (IN) motioned to approve as presented; Dansie (UT) seconded. Discussion asked that when referencing a Commissioner in future minutes, there be use of either the first initial or the Commissioner's state. No further discussion and no dissent. Motion approved.

CHAIR
Joe Schmider
Texas

VICE CHAIR
Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse
Colorado

SECRETARY
Joe House
Kansas

TREASURER
Stephen Wilson
Alabama

MEMBER-AT-LARGE
Justin Romanello
New Hampshire

Chairman Report

Chair Schmider (TX) welcomed the new commissioners to the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice (ICEMSPP).

Chair Schmider (TX) commented that 2020 was a busy year for the ICEMSPP while in the middle of a pandemic.

- The compact proved to be a great resource for member states during the Covid response, allowing participants to move among the states and provide support where the need was greatest.
- New member states were added bringing the number of states to 21.
- Stood up the database
- The Executive Committee continued to meet twice a month

Chair Schmider (TX) commented that the ICEMSPP, and its Commissioners, are making EMS history and building a strong foundation for the future. This could not be achieved without the strong support provided from the following:

- NREMT
- Page, Wolfberg and Wirth
- NASEMSO
- NHTSA-Office of EMS
- IAFF
- AAA
- NAEMT

Chair Schmider (TX) proposed that the Commission consider scheduling full commission meetings on a regular basis. It was shared that this should be more frequent during these early development years, but that regularity will assist with the anticipated minor adjustments necessary to maintain the EMS Compact. It was proposed to look at beginning with a full commission meeting in both March and September, with the September meeting being considered the annual meeting for the Commission. Denny (ID) motioned that the Commission accept this proposal. Newton (GA) seconded. Discussion reinforced the principles stated and that it would allow for Commissioners to better schedule for these meetings. No dissent. Motion approved.

Chair Schmider (TX) provided an update upon the Executive Director position:

- Advertised the position in March
- Looking to start summer 2021
- Applications
 - 27 applications were received, 13 did not follow process and will be removed
 - One application was late leaving 13 strong applicants.
 - Two rounds of interviews
 - Panel
 - Kyle Thornton, NASEMSO
 - Bill Seifarth, NREMT
 - Ray Moller, NREMT
 - Joe Schmider, ICEMSPP
 - Donnie Woodyard, ICEMSPP
 - Human Resource functions will be handled by Page, Wolfberg, and Wirth

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Denny (ID) reported normal expenses for D. Manz. Treasury balance as of April 2, 2021, is \$39,391.51. No additional updates from the finance committee.

Chair Schmider (TX) asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Treasurer's report through April 2, 2021. Hearing none, Denny (ID) motioned to approve the report; House (KS) seconded. No discussion and no dissent. Motion approved.

NREMT Update

Moller (NREMT) thanked the Compact for all they do for the industry and affirmed the National Registry's continued support of the ICEMSPP.

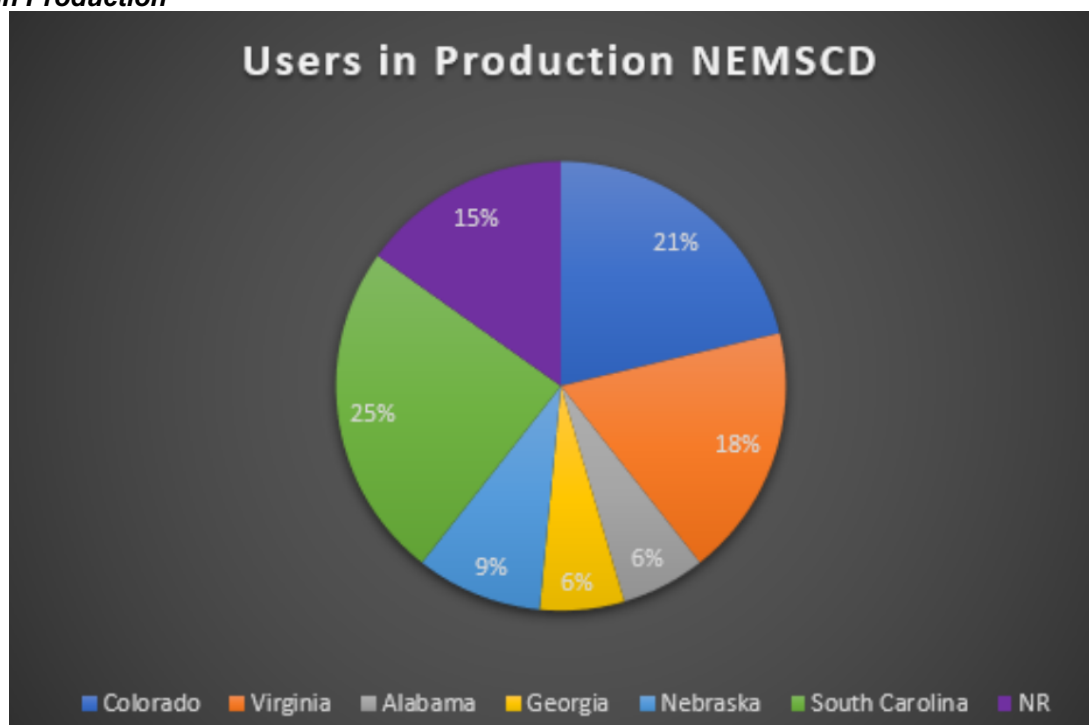
Tilton (NREMT) provided an update on the National EMS Coordinated Database (NEMSCD)

- In production – 26%
- QA status – 21%
- Production Q2 – 21%
- In active – 32%

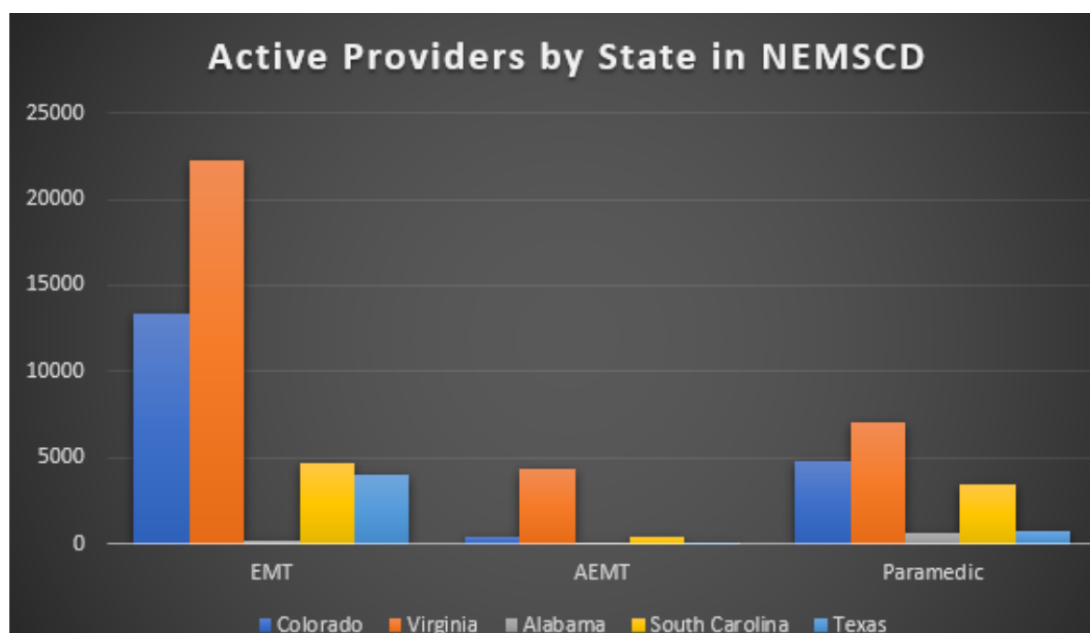
State Status

State	NEMSCD Status	Production Users	EMT	AEMT	Paramedic	Project Status
Alabama	Production	2	231	47	326	In progress
Colorado	Production	7	31136	488	7559	Completed
Delaware						Unknown
Georgia	QA	2				3/29-4/9
Idaho						4/12-4/23
Indiana						Unknown
Iowa						Unknown
Kansas	QA					March
Louisiana						Unknown
Mississippi						May
Missouri	QA					March
Nebraska		3				Unknown
New Hampshire						4/26-5/7
North Dakota						Unkown
South Carolina	Production	7	4668	394	3457	In Progress
Tennessee						In initial API build
Texas	Production		4021	101	716	In progress
Utah						May
Virginia	Production	6	22287	4300	7079	Completed
Wyoming						June

Users In Production



Active Providers by State in Database



Vice-Chair Woodyard (CO) recognized the National Registry for their work standing up the database and building the routine workflows needed for end users.

EDUCATOR UPDATE

Educator Manz provided an updated on the following:

- There are approximately 250,000 providers with the privilege to practice in the Compact, with 100,000 in the database; the number for those that are eligible to participate is close to 300,000

- Completed Tasks/Projects
 - Manual form to begin privilege to practice among states until database is fully operational
 - Rule changes work
 - Database policies
 - State legislative work
 - Educational YouTube Videos
 - [EMS Compact 101](#)
 - [Do I need National Registry Certification?](#)
 - [Why do we need an EMS Compact?](#)
 - [What are the requirements to use the Compact?](#)

RULES AMENDMENT

Denny (ID) motioned the Commission open the public hearing for Proposed Rule Amendments; House (KS) seconded. Motion carried and the Public Hearing opened.

Educator Manz updated the Commissioners on proposed rule 11.7 amendment notification. In accordance with Section 1.4 of Rules, the proposed rule change was distributed to the stakeholder lists and published on the ICEMSPP website on January 28, through March 8, 2021. One comment, representing an agency, was received and posted on the website for public view and included in the meeting pre-read booklet. A group request was not received for a public hearing.

Denny (ID) provided an overview of the rule and the draft language.

Rule:

This rule is an update to previously adopted rules for operations of the National EMS Compact Database by the member states of the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice. Specifically, this rule deletes Section 11.7 of the existing Rules and adjusts portions of Section 4 for consistency.

Chair Schmider (TX) asked if there was any discussion, hearing none, then asked if there was any public comment. Chris Lake (IAFF) stated the IAFF would like to see a process to verify that states are performing background checks in their efforts to safeguard citizens and the workforce. Chair Schmider (TX) agreed and stated it is important for all states to perform checks as agreed to when joining the compact. With no further comments, Denny (ID) motioned to close the hearing; Newton (GA) seconded. No further discussion and no dissent. Motion carried and the Public Hearing closed.

Chair Schmider (TX) called for a motion to adopt the language as presented; Denny (ID) moved for adoption as presented; Brown (VA) seconded. Discussion reminded Commissioners that Article 3 requires member states to provide documentation to requiring background checks of all applicants for initial licensure and Article 13 clearly identifies steps the Commission can take for a state choosing to not follow Article 3. It was asked for consideration of prioritizing the drafting of a rule to address what would suffice for documentation as referenced in Article 3. Further discussion appreciated and commended the IAFF on not only providing comment upon the rule, but also providing a potential solution. No further discussion and a voice vote taken. There were no dissenting votes and no abstentions. Unanimously, the motion carried and the amendments were adopted as written.

ELECTION

Chair Schmider (TX) noted that 3 officer appointments had been made by the Executive Committee that require ratification by the Commission. Joe House (KS) had been appointed to Secretary; Wayne Denny (ID) had been appointed to Treasurer; and Donnie Woodyard (CO) had been appointed to Vice-Chair. These three positions are up for nominations and election for the remainder of their unexpired term. All three individuals expressed their willingness to continue in the appointed role as the Commission desires. Chair Schmider (TX) opened the floor for additional nominations.

- Secretary: No additional nominations from the floor. Newton (GA) motioned to close the nominations for Secretary. Denny (ID) seconded.
- Treasurer: No additional nominations from the floor. Williams (MS) motioned to close the nominations for Treasurer. Kinney (IN) seconded.
- Vice-Chair: No additional nominations from the floor. Denny (ID) motioned to close the nominations for Vice-Chair. House (KS) seconded.

Vice-Chair Woodyard (CO) motioned that Secretary House cast one ballot for the seating of the three positions for the remainder of the unexpired terms; Denny (ID) seconded. No discussion and no dissent. Motion carried.

Joe House (KS) will serve as Secretary through September 2021, Wayne Denny (ID) will serve as Treasurer through September 2022, and Donnie Woodyard (CO) will serve as Vice Chair through September 2021.

Chair Schmider (TX) announced that an election will be held at the annual meeting in September for the Vice-Chair and Secretary positions. Chair Schmider (TX) asked Denny (ID) and Romanello (NH) to lead the Nominating Committee and run the elections at the September meeting.

DATA SHARING

Vice-Chair Woodyard (CO) shared the ICEMSPP has received correspondence regarding the concerns of stakeholder data protection. Woodyard (CO) shared data security and integrity are the highest priority of the ICEMSPP. The database reflects state data, and the compact uses the same model as the nursing compact. Each member state retains the authority over their data and retain the ability to categorize individual data elements as restricted or non-restricted as those data elements are entered into the compact. There are a set of mandatory data elements required to ensure that the compact database is operational and as defined in the agreement, states are validating the credentials of EMS providers for the safety of the public and for transparency.

Vice-Chair Woodyard (CO) shared two new concepts the database may be able to provide.

- Voluntary subscription push notifications for the EMS personnel in the database regarding licensure status and expiring certifications
- Provide a mechanism for employers to review their employees and see the status of their certifications and changes in privilege to practice in other states

Vice-Chair Woodyard (CO) stated moving forward there is work needed on policy clarifications ensuring the agreement that is in place for the administration of the database is updated to allow the ICEMSPP and the National Registry to reaffirm the commitment to security and transparency. Before moving forward with either shared concept or anything similar, the ICEMSPP would seek a clear motion from the member states providing direction and authority to move in this direction. Vice-Chair Woodyard (CO) emphasized that both concepts were provided for knowledge of the capacity within our database.

Chair Schmider (TX) stated the Executive Committee will continue to develop the concepts and present to the full commission at the September meeting.

House (KS) stated most of this information is currently available for entities through their individual states, this will just provide a tool in making the information easier to access; Vice-Chair Woodyard (CO) agreed with this statement.

Chair Schmider (TX) reiterated that there is no intent or desire from this Commission upon selling provider information, now or in the future.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

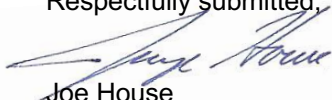
PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

With no further business brought before the Commission, Woodyard (CO) motioned to adjourn; Denny (ID) seconded. Without dissent, Chair Schmider (TX) adjourned the meeting at 4:21 p.m.

Next Full Commissioner meeting is September, date to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,



Joe House
Secretary
JH/tlh