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COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2020

Executive Committee Present: Joseph Schmider, Texas-Chair
Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse, Colorado-Vice-Chair
Andy Gienapp, Wyoming-Secretary
Stephen Wilson, Alabama-Treasurer
Justin Romanello, New Hampshire-Member-At-Large

Commissioners Present:

David Newton, Georgia
Joseph House, Kansas
Alisa Williams, Mississippi
Sam Vance, Missouri
Tim Wilson, Nebraska

Chris Price, North Dakota
Robert Wronski, South Carolina
Guy Dansie, Utah
Gary Brown, Virginia

Comm Absent: Diane McGinnis, Delaware
Rebecca Curtis, Iowa

Wayne Denny, Idaho
Brandon Ward, Tennessee

Guests:

Dan Manz, EMS Compact
Donnie Woodyard, NREMT
Ray Mollers, NREMT

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schmider called the meeting of the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice to order at 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2020 and took a roll call of commissioners present.

AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Schmider opened the floor for any comments on the agenda, hearing none, moved on.

MINUTES

Chair Schmider asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the October 25, 2019 meeting. Hearing none, Wilson, Alabama moved for approval; Romanello, New Hampshire seconded. Motion approved.

REPORTS

Chairman Report

- Executive Committee meetings are held the first Friday of the month to discuss Compact business and the third Friday of the month to discuss operational activities
- Rules update and next steps-Rules have been updated and the full commission will discuss at the annual meeting
- EMS1 Article-published two weeks ago, stated Compact progress is going well, article well received

CHAIR
Joe Schmider
Texas

VICE CHAIR
Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse
Colorado

SECRETARY
Andy Gienapp
Wyoming

TREASURER
Stephen Wilson
Alabama

MEMBER-AT-LARGE
Justin Romanello
New Hampshire

Treasurer Report

Commissioner Wilson reported normal expenses for D. Manz and receipt of NREMT transfer of \$60,000. Treasury balance as of March 10, 2020 is \$58,906.51. No report from finance committee.

Chair Schmider asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Treasurer's report through March 10, 2020. Hearing none, Brown, Virginia moved for approval; Newton, Georgia seconded. Motion approved.

Chair Schmider, on behalf of the Compact, expressed his gratitude to the National Registry of EMTs Board of Directors and leadership team for their continued support of the Compact.

NREMT Update

Woodyard-Focus has been on the software functionality, which is on target and to begin preproduction environment testing on April 1, 2020. Virginia is performing beta testing with software vendor. Urge all states to perform an inventory of software program(s) and determine software requirements with their IT teams and providers, contact NREMT for assistance.

Continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and have restricted NREMT travel; will continue to discuss the new State Director orientation, should know more in the next 24 hours.

Educator Report

- Annual meeting will be held in conjunction with NASEMSO on June 16, 2020
- Two additional states join Compact: Indiana and West Virginia
- Rhode Island, Washington, Louisiana may still enact this year
 - Rhode Island put multiple compacts into budget bill
- May see significant adoptions in 2021

Compact Operational

Chair Schmider informed the Commissioners that the EC voted on March 6, 2020 to bring before the full commission the discussion to determine if the Compact could be operational given the current quarantine situations across the country?

Wolfberg, Counsel-stated the Compact may be operationalized, as no contingencies currently exist in the Compact; therefore, assuming all other conditions are met, the privilege to practice (P2P) could be exercised, if the Commission makes the determination. Not contingent upon the issuance of a rule.

Vice Chair Bakehouse motioned to discuss if the Compact is operational; Dansie, Utah seconded.

- Discussed Compact rules
 - All rules are to be used, unless they can't be complied with
 - Newton, Georgia has objections regarding rule 11-Background Checks, related to sharing criminal background information, need to request official opinion from the FBI if this information may be shared
- Discussed Manual process
 - Standard Information Exchange Form: name, license expiration, adverse action, medical direction
 - Form can originate in either the Home or Remote state

Based on discussion, Chair Schmider requested the first motion be withdrawn and re-stated.

Vice Chair Bakehouse withdrew motioned to discuss if the Compact could be operational; Dansie, Utah seconded.

Vice Chair Bakehouse motioned to declare the Compact operational and use manual forms pending the functionality of the coordinated database; Dansie, Utah seconded.

Newton, Georgia offered an amendment to clarify there would not be sharing of criminal background sharing until official opinion from the FBI was received.

Vice Chair Bakehouse amended the motioned, to declare the Compact operational, and allow member states to utilize a simplified manual forms process to collect an individual's name, license level, affirmation of unrestricted status, license expiration date, and home state medical direction, pending the full functionality of the coordinated database; Dansie, Utah seconded.

Chairman Schmider called for a roll call vote:

Stephen Wilson, Alabama-Treasurer	Abstain
Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse, Colorado-Vice-Chair	Yes
Diane McGinnis, Delaware	Not Present
David Newton, Georgia	Yes
Wayne Denny, Idaho	Not Present
Rebecca Curtiss, Iowa	Not Present
Joseph House, Kansas	Yes
Alisa Williams, Mississippi	Yes
Sam Vance, Missouri	Yes
Tim Wilson, Nebraska	Yes
Justin Romanello, New Hampshire-Member-At-Large	Yes
Chris Price, North Dakota	Yes
Robert Wronski, South Carolina	Yes
Brandon Ward, Tennessee	Not Present
Joseph Schmider, Texas-Chair	Yes
Guy Dansie, Utah	Yes
Gary Brown, Virginia	Yes
Andy Gienapp, Wyoming-Secretary	Abstain

Motion approved.

Scenario Graphic Report

- Graphics were completed and sent to Executive Committee (EC) for review; EC requested a narrative to explain pathways
- EC desires that the Commission reach consensus on graphics and narrative before distribution
- Slide 3, EMS regulates profession and place of employment, 3b particularly, graphic does not illustrate ambulance must be licensed, narrative is also confusing-add caveat that remote states may put on additional limits
- Commissioners to review and let D. Manz know if there are questions or edits

2020 Elections

Chair Schmider announced three position are up for election at the annual meeting-Chairman, Treasurer, and Member at Large. Two volunteers were requested to form the Nominating Committee-Commissioners House, Kansas and Wilson, Nebraska volunteered.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Newton, Georgia motioned to request an opinion from the FBI related to what information can be shared by the members states, to include criminal history record information/background check findings; Williams, Mississippi seconded. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Schmider asked everyone to keep Tennessee in their thoughts and prayers as they are still going through a difficult time.

With no further business brought before the Commission, Newton, Georgia motioned to adjourn; Wronski, South Carolina seconded; Chair Schmider adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

Next EC conference call is March 20, 2020 at 3:00 PM (EDT)

Next Full Commissioner meeting is Tuesday, June 16, 2020 in Reno, Nevada.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Gienapp
Secretary
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