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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF August 6, 2021

Present: Joseph Schmider, Texas-Chair
Donnie Woodyard, Colorado-Vice Chair
Joe House, Kansas-Secretary
Justin Romanello, Member-at-Large, New Hampshire

Absent: Wayne Denny, Idaho-Treasurer

Guests: Doug Wolfberg, Page, Wolfberg and Wirth
Dan Manz, EMS Compact
Ray Mollers, NREMT
Josh Tilton, NREMT
Tracy Henson, NREMT

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schmider called the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice to order at 3:00 p.m. Friday, August 6, 2021, and took roll call.

AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Schmider

- Noted the start time being listed incorrectly as 3:30 pm EST instead of 3:01 pm EST. No concerns with a majority present and no major business before the committee.

Change made and hearing no other changes, agenda was approved.

MINUTES

Chair Schmider asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the July 2, 2021. Hearing none, Woodyard moved for approval; House seconded. No discussion was noted, 3 Yeah, 0 Nay, and 1 abstention, the was motion approved.

REPORTS

Treasurer

Approval postponed to August 20, 2021

Chair

Chair Schmider provided an update

- Executive Director position
 - In the final stage of hiring a candidate
 - Executive Session at the end of this meeting to discuss employment contract

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NREMT

Tilton updated the committee NEMSCD

- Kansas will have most, if not all, of their information in today
- Louisiana is in the QA process
- Texas using the database frequently to determine who the states have licenses to practice in another state
- Colorado happy to have another bordering state with data in the system

Moller shared that work continues on the new website for the EMS Compact. Woodyard recognized the National Registry for their continued support s to supply staff and resources to assist with the website development. Woodyard then asked other commissioners and stakeholders to offer their input on what they would like to see on the website.

Educator

Manz sadly announced the passing of Drexdal R. Pratt, Director of the NC Division of Health Service Regulation (retired)

Manz updated the committee on the following:

- Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman, Chair Missouri EMS Advisory Council, responded in writing (attached herein) that the User Access Agreement is an important step forward and addresses many of their concerns regarding security of data within NEMSCD

House motioned to accept Dr. Bowman's letter into the minutes; Woodyard seconded. With no discussion the motion was approved without dissent.

- Presented to the Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) on how the EMS Compact works and an overall perspective on compacts in general during their virtual Leadership Conference.
 - Session: Issues with Licensure Portability and Interstate Movement of Personnel
 - Great interaction
 - 50-60 in attendance
- Legislation
 - Several states have legislation pending, picking up a state or two month that are in the process of having legislation introduced, the common thread that is surfacing is the Department of Defense (DoD)
 - The DoD is a big supporter of health profession licensure compacts, as they make mobility easier for significant others to move with the service member, especially when they are a paramedic, nurse, or physical therapist
 - The DoD has now begun approaching legislators in a target state who understand compacts, understand licensure portability and mobility, and are willing to support health professions. The DoD will ask them to introduce all the compacts in in one fell swoop
 - Manz will send a letter to the legislator involved and copy the State EMS office thanking them and introducing himself and offer to answer questions
 - Manz recently received a reply from one of the State EMS Official stating they do not support compact because
 - The cost of participating is undefined and ambiguous
 - The background check requirements are not as rigorous, and it would be a step backwards in terms of public protection
 - There is no standard disciplinary process among the States, and the feel this sets up some disparities in terms of how this thing would be administered
 - Their state does not license anyone for a health profession with a felony background of any kind and they feel some other compact member states may and they would not welcome someone who had a felony background to operate in their state
 - Very specific outlooks on why the state wasn't planning on participating
 - Would like to reach out to them and inform them of the benefits of the compact
 - Chair Schmider ask Manz to reach via a phone call
 - Wolfberg informed the Executive Committee the director of the state department of military affairs from the above-mentioned area reached out to Rick Masters, counsel for the Council on State Governments, requesting he set up a meeting with the counsel for the EMS Compact to discuss the concerns of the State EMS office. Wolfberg is happy to participate with Chair Schmider's permission. Chair Schmider asked Wolfberg to participate in the meeting.
- NASEMSO
 - Manz recommended hosting non-member states and conducting a COMPACT 101 session

- Chair Schmider likes the idea
- Vice-Chair Woodyard believes it would be a venue to share how other states handle the fitness to practice concerns within their states

OTHER BUSINESS

Rules Amendment Update

- Rule amendments were posted to the EMS Compact website for a 60-day review period
- Rule amendments will be voted on September 16, 2021, at the Commission meeting
- To date there have been no public comments
- Need to encourage member states to review the language, as the changes are based on stakeholder feedback
- Manz will draft communication and send out informing member states to review the new language, as they will be held accountable and need to understand the update prior to the September 16 meeting.

September 16 @ 15:00 (EST) Commission meeting (Develop draft agenda) Final agenda by 8-16-2021

- Elections
- Rule Approval
- Updates
- Chair Schmider to send a draft to the executive committee for review for posting by 08.16.2021

Other Commissioner Comments

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Schmider noted that we had passed the 3:30 pm start time listed on the agenda and asked the one attendee that had joined if there were any questions or comments; attendee had no comments.

Woodyard motioned to move to Executive Session upon adjournment of the Executive Committee for the purpose of discussion of negotiation of contracts and employment matters. House seconded. Discussion – Counsel Doug Wolfberg certified that an Executive Session could be held for this purpose pursuant to the exemptions set forth in Section 10.B.5(b) and (d) of the Compact. No further discussion. Roll call vote was performed.

Joe Schmider – Yea
 Donnie Woodyard – Yea
 Joe House – Yea
 Justin Romanello – Yea

The motion was approved 4-0 to proceed into Executive Session upon adjournment.

With no further business brought before the Commission, House motioned to adjourn; Romanello seconded; Chair Schmider adjourned the meeting at 3.:37 p.m. Friday, August 6, 2021.

The Executive Committee convened their executive session commencing at 3:44 p.m. Friday, August 6, 2021 and concluding at 3:57 p.m. Friday, August 6, 2021. Commissioners Schmider, Woodyard, Romanello, and House were present. No action was taken during the executive session.

Next EC conference call is August 20, 2021, at 3:00 PM (EST)

Respectfully submitted,



Commissioner Joe House, Kansas
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Dan Manz, EMS Compact Educator

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The Missouri EMS Compact Sub-committee, which is part of the State EMS Advisory Council, met last week and discussed the various items you provided to us regarding database privacy and possible sale of data from the database.

The consensus of the committee is that the national compact "User Access Agreement" regarding database privacy which is attached to the National Registry policies is a very important step forward. This answers many of the concerns we have expressed about the security of the data and we support the Compact Board of Directors with these steps.

We also reviewed and discussed the revised agreement between the Compact and the National Registry. We think that the changes clarify the questions that were raised about the possible sale of data.

Again, we appreciate the Board's willingness to engage with these issues and their efforts to resolve the questions.

We also believe that the Board's efforts to bring on board an Executive Director will help to further establish various policies and procedures to protect the database.

Thank you for your willingness to assist us with understanding the on-going efforts of the Compact Board of Directors regarding these issues and to effectively resolve our questions

Best regards,

Lynthia Andrews Bowman

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