FICEMS

Federal Interagency Committee on EMS

FICEMS Overview

- Created by Congress in 2005
- Representation from 10 different Federal agencies and an appointed State EMS Director
- Two or three in-person meetings annually
  - Teleconferences as needed
- Technical Working Group
  - Meet monthly via teleconference
  - Subcommittees meet regularly
- Staff support by NHTSA

Statutory Authority

- Created in 2005 by Congress in SAFETEA-LU Legislation (42 U.S.C. § 300d-4) to:
  - Ensure coordination among Federal agencies involved with State, local, tribal or regional EMS and 9-1-1 systems
  - Identify State, local, tribal and regional EMS and 9-1-1 needs
  - Recommend new or expanded programs, including grant programs, for improving EMS and implementing improved EMS communications technologies, including wireless 9-1-1
  - Identify ways to streamline the process through which Federal agencies support EMS

FICEMS Membership

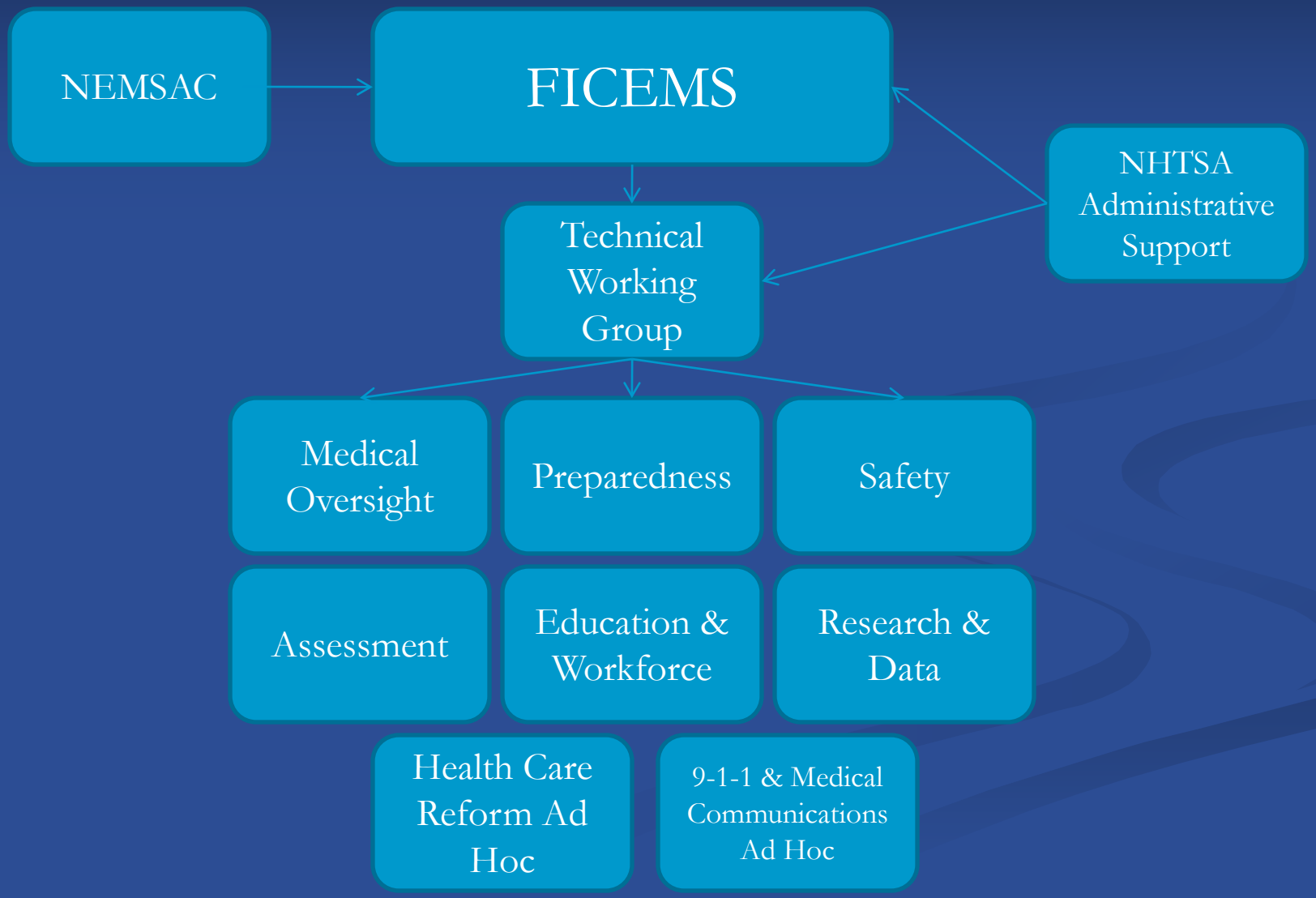
- Department of Transportation
  - Administrator, NHTSA
- Department of Homeland Security
  - Assistant Secretary of Health Affairs
  - US Fire Administrator
- Department of Health and Human Services
  - Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response
  - Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration
  - Director, Center's for Disease Control and Prevention
  - Administrator, Center's for Medicare and Medicaid Services
  - Director, Indian Health Service
- Department of Defense
  - Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs
- Federal Communications Commission
  - Chief, Wireless Communication Bureau (FCC)
- State EMS Director (Appointed by the Secretary of DOT)

2009 Chairperson – Kevin Yeskey, HHS/ASPR
2010 Chairperson – David Strickland, DOT/NHTSA

FICEMS TWG

- Technical Working Group (TWG)
  - Drew Dawson- Chairman of the TWG
  - Eight subcommittees:
    - Medical oversight
    - Preparedness
    - Assessment
    - Data and research
    - Safety
    - Education and workforce
    - Health Care Reform and EMS integration (ad hoc)
    - 9-1-1 and medical communication (ad hoc)
  - 2 year work plans

FICEMS Organizational Chart



FICEMS Accomplishments

- Pandemic Flu Preparation
  - State EMS System Pandemic Influenza Preparedness: A Report of the FICEMS (December 2009)
- Evidence-Based Guidelines
  - Sponsored National conference (September 2008)
  - Evidence-Based Guideline Model Process

FICEMS Accomplishments

- National EMS Stakeholders Meeting (March 2010)
- EMS Research Gap Analysis (2009)
- FICEMS Letters
  - NEMSIS
  - Medical Direction
  - National Health Security Strategy
  - Health Care Reform
    - CMS
    - ASPR
    - GAO

FICEMS Ongoing Activities

- National EMS Assessment
- Response to NTSB Recommendations
  - Mexican Hat Motor Coach Crash
  - HEMS
- Pilot test EBG model process
- Continuing discussion on EMS preparedness for a pandemic influenza outbreak

FICEMS/NEMSAC Support Contract

- Millennium Services 2000+ Incorporated
  - Meeting management
  - Handouts
  - Minutes
  - Travel for NEMSAC members
  - Other meeting support

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