

FICEMS Safety Committee: Proposed 2 Year Priorities 2009-2011

Working Group Focus Area	Objective	Near-Term Focused Goals	Longer Term Focused Goals	Potential Output
EMS Provider Safety & Health	Identify key provider safety & health issues.	Develop a TWG recommendation for a FICEMS overarching EMS Safety & Health Position Statement Solicit stakeholder input.	Develop a report to FICEMS based on stakeholder findings and other data sources. Develop a process to revise the USFA EMS Safety Techniques and Applications Guide.	Provide quarterly briefings to TWG. Provide semi-annual report to FICEMS. A revised EMS Safety Techniques and Applications Guide.
	Ensure inclusion of EMS safety concerns are addressed in TWG committee functions.	Dialog with all TWG committees and NEMSAC.	Monitor inclusion of EMS safety issues in the TWG committee functions.	EMS provider safety & health is fully addressed in the TWG EMS assessment study.
EMS Patient Care Safety	Identify key patient care safety issues.	Develop a TWG recommendation for a FICEMS overarching EMS Safety & Health Position Statement		
	Identify current benchmarks and indicators.	Obtain stakeholder input on pre-hospital patient care benchmarks and indicators. Dialog with the TWG Medical Oversight Committee and NEMSAC.	Develop a report to FICEMS based on stakeholder findings. Begin developing national benchmarks and indicators.	Provide quarterly briefings to TWG. Provide semi-annual report to FICEMS.
EMS Safety Data Research	Identify key questions and data sources. List funding mechanisms for EMS Safety & Health data research.	Identify key indicators Explore data availability Develop SOW for a study of EMS Safety.	Develop a self reporting instrument to be used at the state or local level. Explore funding options for EMS Health & Safety Effectiveness Study.	Recommendation to TWG about EMS Safety needs . Published request for application (RFA) for study of EMSS cost effectiveness.

FICEMS Assessment Committee: Proposed 2 Year Priorities 2009-2011

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National EMS Assessment	Identify key questions and data sources for baseline assessment	Provide on-going direction to the UNC study	Develop a Report to Congress based on UNC findings	Briefings to TWG/FICEMS Report to Congress
	Develop a process for an ongoing National EMS Assessment	Identify potential funding sources Solicit stakeholder feedback on assessment methodology	Develop SOW for process to determine indicators and benchmarks for ongoing National EMS Assessment	Briefings to TWG/FICEMS Published RFA to develop a national EMS assessment instrument
EMS Preparedness	Ensure inclusion of EMS preparedness issues in National EMS Assessment	Open and maintain dialog with TWG Preparedness Committee and UNC investigators	TWG Preparedness Committee input is incorporated into final UNC work plan	EMS preparedness fully addressed in National EMS Assessment report
Interoperability of EMS Communications	Develop a self-reporting instrument to be used at the state or local level	Identify key interoperability assessment indicators Explore data availability	Explore mechanisms to promote or require assessment at State level	Joint meetings with TWG Preparedness Committee Recommendation to TWG about interoperability assessment needs
Funding of EMS Systems and Cost-effectiveness	Define and describe characteristics of EMS system configurations in US Identify sources of funding for EMS systems Assess cost effectiveness of funding mechanisms by EMS system configuration	Establish definitions of EMS systems (Monitor JHU & UNC studies) Explore funding options for study of EMS system funding & cost effectiveness Determine EMS system outcomes relevant to CEA	Develop SOW to study EMSS funding & cost-effectiveness (2 studies?) Describe spectrum of funding sources for EMS systems by system type	Briefing to the TWG/FICEMS Propose definitions of EMS systems for FICEMS endorsement Published RFA for study(ies) to describe sources of EMS system funding and EMS system cost effectiveness

Abbreviations: UNC – University of North Carolina; JHU – Johns Hopkins University;
CEA – cost-effectiveness analysis; SOW – statement of work; RFA – request for application

FICEMS Preparedness Committee: Proposed 2 Year Priorities

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<p>Pandemic Influenza Preparedness</p>	<p>Monitor and facilitate the recommendations included in <i>State EMS System Pandemic Influenza Preparedness: A Report of the FICEMS</i>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin tracking recommendations in the FICEMS Flu Report for the following areas: Improve Federal financial and technical assistance to support EMS and 9-1-1; Assure the personal protection and safety of EMS personnel; Improve medical oversight; Coordinate community mitigation strategies; Enhance continuity of operations and surge capacity. • Revise the current H1N1 PPE recommendations for EMS in CDC guidance for EMS and 9-1-1. [2.2] • Set up FICEMS meeting to discuss new grant program. [1.3] • Work with DHS-HHS grants coordinating committee (DHCC). [1.1] • Work with DHS/OHA on COOP guidance for EMS. [5.1] • Distribute CDC guidance on PPE. [2.2] • HHS coordination of SNS w/State EMS Offices. [2.1] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with the FETIG to develop a conceptual model for providing just-in-time training system support to State EMS Offices. [4.3] • Increase grant program support for State and local EMS and 9-1-1 systems to enable just-in-time training, including funding for LMS platforms and other associated costs. [3.1] • Create a new State EMS System Pandemic Influenza Preparedness grant program to address pandemic influenza preparedness gaps that are outside of the statutory scope of existing preparedness grant programs. [1.3] • Disseminate model legislation and model regulations to States for modifying the scope of practice of EMS personnel during an influenza pandemic and other public health emergencies. [4.5] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a quarterly written status report to TWG. • CDC H1N1 revised guidance for EMS and 9-1-1 • Conceptual model for LMS. • LMS platform for just-in-time (JIT) training. • Model legislation and regulations disseminated. • FICEMS meeting on grant program. • Grant program established.

Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Triage

Establish a national MCI triage guideline with sufficient specificity to ensure uniformity and interoperability.

- Continue to work with the CDC's Terrorism Injuries: Information Dissemination Exchange (TIIDE) on revising Sort Assess and Lifesaving Treatment (SALT) guidelines.

- Incorporate national MCI triage guideline into National EMS Education Standards.
- Develop Evidence Based Guideline (EBG) process for future changes in MCI triage.

- Update MCI triage guidelines in EMS Education Standards.

**Mass Casualty
Incident
Preparedness**

Improve EMS
response to
MCI's.

- Monitor and Coordinate with the National EMS Assessment, regarding EMS preparedness.
- Continue to monitor the status and FICEMS response to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) report NTSB/HAR-09/01 (Mexican Hat report) recommendation H-09-5 (*"Evaluate the system of emergency care response to large-scale transportation related rural accidents and, once that evaluation is completed, develop guidelines for emergency medical service response and provide those guidelines to the States"*) with the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO)/HITS committee, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) and the TWG.
- Monitor and comment on the Target Capabilities List (TCL) and the National Health Security Strategy (NHSS).

- Review report of the National EMS Assessment and identify preparedness gaps.
- Review recommendations/guidelines of NASEMSO HITS committee concerning the Mexican Hat report recommendation H-09-5.

- Draft recommendations to TWG regarding Mexican Hat report.
- Draft recommendations to TWG regarding preparedness based on National Assessment gap analysis.

FICEMS Data and Research Technical Working Group 2 Year Work Plans

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<p>Educate IRB's on Exception from Informed Consent policies and procedures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage wide dissemination of "Using the Exception from Informed Consent for Emergency Research: Report from the National EMS Research Agenda Conference" • Host a webcast to disseminate the document and to prepare for the larger goal of presenting at an IRB conference. • Identify key elements to facilitate "standardization" of IRB review\ • Pilot test strategies to centralize specific aspects (scientific, ethical) of IRB review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a resource (toolkit) for IRB's as part of the long term dissemination strategy • Present the document "Using the Exception from Informed Consent for Emergency Research: Report from the National EMS Research Agenda Conference at an IRB conference for IRB chairs. • Evaluate feasibility of implementing key elements in centralization of IRB review. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved education for IRB's on how emergency research using the exception from informed consent can be conducted in an ethical manner • Potential standardization and centralization of IRBs review
<p>Expand the utilization of NEMSIS data</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a resource or "how to guide" for researchers wanting use NEMSIS data. • Highlight States that effectively utilize NEMSIS data. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore ways in which NEMSIS data can be included in State Public Health data which may improve access to NEMSIS data. • Linking NEMSIS database with the HL-7 healthcare data base sets. • Linkage of NEMSIS data set with other large sets of 	<p>Improving the evidence base for patient care decisions</p>

		<p>EMS data/registries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate the future needs for standardized data collection, review and upgrading. 	
Utilize data and research to improve safety in EMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlight best practices in patient safety among EMS agencies around the country. • Create a toolkit for local implementation of an EMS patient safety program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catalogue best practices in EMS patient safety • Create a list of EMS “Never Events” • Defining taxonomy/data dictionary for EMS adverse event reporting • Develop an anonymous national reporting system for patient safety incidents • Review and modify the reporting system as needed 	Development of a systematic approach to patient safety in EMS
Include identified gaps in emergency care research in federal funding announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey federal agencies within HHS (NIH, ASPR, AHRQ, HRSA, NHTSA) to identify where there is congruence among strategic plans as it relates to EMS research • Develop a dissemination plan for the FICEMS Gap Analysis document 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing identified gaps through federal funding mechanisms • Development of a peer reviewed manuscript on this process • Continue periodic evaluation and develop appropriate action plan time table 	Increase in the number of federal funding announcements that include pre-hospital emergency care research as a focus