

Meeting Minutes
National Association of Mobile Integrated Healthcare Providers
October 05, 2021



CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Reg P. James, Board Chairperson, at 8:05 pm EST, October 05, 2021. The meeting was held in person at The Glenn Hotel in Atlanta, Ga and via Zoom. Copies of the meeting agenda were emailed in advance to all association members.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

10 board members were present in person and 1 via Zoom to answer roll call :

- Reg P James
- Randy E. Bowers
- Dixon Marlow
- Jim Adkins
- Thomas Derkowski
- G. Christopher Kelly
- Anne Margaret Perry
- Victoria Reinhartz
- Andrew Ross
- Brandon Pate (Zoom)
- Robert Wronski

2 Board Members were not present: Scott Willits and Timothy Nowak.

Persons present in addition to Board of Directors: Martha Peribonio, Executive Director

The necessary quorum to conduct general business was established, and the meeting convened.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Andrew Ross made the motion, seconded by Anne Margaret Perry, to approve the minutes of the Sept. 1, 2021 meeting of NAMIHP.

There was no opposition, discussion nor dissenting votes. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reg James, Chair thanked all Board Members who were in attendance in Atlanta. The support is immeasurable. Also, gratitude was extended to those Board Members who spoke. Noted that for next year's Summit we may reconsider not having two rooms because all the speaker presentations were of great interest that attendees did not like not being present for all. Thanks for expertise and wisdom and what all Board members bring is shown by the way the organization is growing.

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Dixon Marlow, Treasurer/Secretary shared that the ability for everyone to be together brings a great value and is refreshing and offers to support to many so no one feels alone in MIH. On Monday night, the comradery was almost immediate and very renewing and valuable. Periodic get togethers (even virtual) with some social time or in-person meeting option on a quarterly basis or other, to be able to have the face to face time to discuss programs was valuable.

Randy Bowers, Vice-Chairman shared that he has able to learn so much during The Summit. He was able to hear from many and learned much that he can take back with him to his program.

BUSINESS REPORTS

- **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**
 - Current Members: well over 100
 - This week is very important – that the NAMIHP is seen as a united group that is serious, has passion for the industry to do well, and is moving forward.
 - Many important conversations have been had at the Summit and partnerships are beginning to form.
- **EXECUTIVE STAFF REPORT**
 - No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Membership & Outreach Committee report submitted by Committee Chair, Victoria Reinhartz, Action Items Completed:
 - Currently over 100 members
 - The preparation for the Summit was fantastic (speaker line-up, CEU credits, technology, evaluations, communication with HMP Global)
 - Still needing tabling support at the Expo
 - Next Committee meeting is Oct. 11th to evaluate the Summit and strategize for next year's Summit
 - Next step is to develop an Internal Sponsorship Guide for members
 - As NAMIHP grows larger, clinicians or others will be integrated and can benefit from talking points, current sponsors or conversations with potential sponsors
 - End of year goals for State and Government Officials to be brought in
 - Appoint Chairs for the sub-committees
 - CEU application process initiated & completed
- Professional Standards Committee report by Committee Chair, Andrew Ross
 - Training & Education Sub-Committee report by Thomas Derkowski
 - Nothing to report currently

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- Accreditation Sub-Committee report by Robert Wronski
 - Robert had a meeting with Rural Health Paramedicine office which has help develop state standards.
 - Committee has not really gotten of the ground yet but moving forward there is lots of promise.
- Credentialing Sub- Committee report by Anne-Margaret Perry
 - Still waiting process after Education Standards get set.
 - There should first be a generic MIH credentialing and then as new programs pop up (Example: Mom and Baby) then new endorsements can be found
 - IBSC already has the CP-P exam and are talking about a generic MIH exam for MIH credentialing and then can have new program endorsements (Mom and Baby, Fall Prevention, Post-Overdose, etc)
- IBSC has been so open and willing to work with us on exam revisions or new exams. Andrew Ross has been in conversations with IBSC and they are very excited to work with NAMIHP. The Committee would like to push forward with the assumption that there would be a national credentialing for which NAMIHP would set the guidelines for but that is not solely under the umbrella of Community Paramedicine but rather under the umbrella of MIH which CP falls under. That is the standing of the committee. People are looking to NAMIHP to share guidelines that we have available. We will provide a recommendation and a framework.
 - Dixon Marlow – look at other organizations in the industry, for example the NREMT- we can set the standards. Some states have standards or working on it but we can have a suggested standard which will become the standard because people are looking for leadership and its prime opportunity to do so. One of the most important tasks we have before is to make sure we include, solicit, and seek out as many people that are out there that have an opinion because if we don't, it is going to hurt us. If we don't have the early programs included in what we are doing, there will be a chance for nay-sayers. So we continue to invite anyone out there who wants to have a voice. Encouragement to the Committee to take this and run with it but at the same time “drag” everyone else along and make sure to solicit as many as people as possible including opposing voices.
 - Rob Wronski – there are 45 states that need to set legislation and they will be asking, “what does the NAMHIP say?”
 - Reg James – there is maybe a possibility to have webinars where folks provide their experience and input, feedback, an open invitation to share their materials.
 - Dixon Marlow – to these points being able to have draft legislation that people could offer to their legislators.
- Organization and Operations Committee report by Committee Chair, G. Christopher Kelly.
 - Working on initial discussions of Bylaws edit but nothing to present yet.

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- Dixon Marlow reported the current bank balance is between \$8,600 which gets replenished through memberships, registration fees for Summit, and Amerimed underwriting.
- Question for Chris Kelly: It will get to a point where we need to establish how the Board will eventually roll off because not sure if the bylaws state how we will scaffold that for the first Board.
- Question from Drew Ross: Is there precedent for the inaugural Board to serve a bit longer? Answer: There is no right or wrong, it is a matter of setting the policy. A revised draft will be drawn and that will be a talking point on it. It is possible that the Inaugural Board can serve longer but we will scaffold the rolling off.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- By Reg James: It is time to get more strategic and focus on the next 12 months.
 - Proposed: 2022 Strategic Plan – not meant to shoehorn us into one place or another; it's a starting point to discuss moving forward and make sure that we are all moving in the same direction for the next 12 months (proposal attached at the end of this document).
 - Toolkits: resources for everyone (fire, hospital, EMS), useful links – to live in Member section of website
 - Possibility of future State Chapters or Advisory Councils
 - Some states already have MIH Coalitions/Councils
 - What's the best vehicle to involve state officials? Is it an advisory committee of state officials by state or region?
 - Dixon Marlow recommended adding a Regulatory & Legislative Committee to the board.
 - Randy Bowers commented that to be successful we need to be about healthcare and community.
 - Rob Wronski commented that there are MIH programs with over 450 resources to draw from. Resources for assistance come from much more than paramedics and police officers.
 - It is agreed that NAMIHP should add a Legislative & Regulatory Committee. The motion is made by Dixon Marlow and seconded by Anne Margaret Perry. There was no opposition or further discussion, so the motion was approved.
 - Following that, Jim Adkins made a motion to nominate Randy Bowers to Chair the new Legislative & Regulatory Committee and Anne Margaret Perry seconded the motion.

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The motion was voted upon and there was no opposing votes so the motion was passed that Randy Bowers will Chair the new committee.

- A motion for setting a timeline for feedback on the 2022 Strategic Plan within 2 weeks from this meeting date was proposed by Dixon Marlow and seconded by Jim Adkins. The motion passed with no dissenting votes or further discussion.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Reg James: Due to new meeting format where the Board meets on the 1st and 3rd month of the quarter and all members meet on the 2nd month of the quarter, Chris Kelly has suggested that we have guest speakers at the all-member meetings so that there is a value add/educational opportunity at these meetings and not only business. There would still be a brief report form each Committee Chair but this would be a format that would make the Quarterly Member Meeting more valuable. Andrew Ross motion to adjourn this meeting, seconded by Anne Margaret Perry; no further discussion or dissenting votes. Motion passed.
- Reg James: CAMTS is working on the logistical aspect of MIH Accreditation and that is huge. The Board is encouraged to embrace their invitation to work and collaborate on their MIH committees. We are not aware of their cost structures yet. The encouragement is to continue the work that has been started between the NAMIHP Professional Standards Committee and CAMTS. Victoria Reinhartz is also on the CAMTS MIH Committee and confirms that CAMTS is very open to feedback and edits. We do not start from scratch in an area where the expertise and background work is done. The approach is collaborative. Our most important asset will be NAMIHP's members' experience and expertise.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Rob Wroniski motion to adjourn this meeting, seconded by Anne Margaret Perry.

No discussion or dissenting votes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25am..