

**NADMAT Meeting**  
**April 16, 2004**

**In attendance:**

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**DMAT AK 1**-Phyllis Goodwin, Mike Rodriguez (proxy)  
**DMAT AL 1**- Donna R. Mason-Smith, Anthony Ceci,  
**DMAT AL 3**- Randy Smith, Mary James, Carlos Redman Sr., Philip Thomas, Laura Woahail, Stanley Vinson, Connie Willis, Roy Waite, Jimmy Harper, Shannon Morgan, John McMahan, Pam Lee, Steve Huffman, Doug Sims, C.E. Parman,  
**DMAT AR 1**-Harvey Pugh, Tim Tackett (proxy), Chris Keabin  
**DMAT AZ 1**-did not attend meeting  
**DMAT CA 1**-did not attend meeting  
**DMAT CA 2**-Laura Riney, Steve Richer, John (Commander)  
**DMAT CA 3**- cannot read name  
**DMAT CA 4**-Theresa Rymer (proxy), Susanna Leung, Jake Jacoby, Michael Sohmer, John Anderson, Gene Adkin, Janet Nadol, Maria Joedicky Marina (VMAT-9) Tori C. Buckles and Scott Norton  
**DMAT CA 6**- David Lipin, Chris Burgardy, Bill Bush  
**DMAT CA 11**-Jim Acosta,  
**DMAT CT 1**-Paul Brooks, Mike Zanker, Marge Letitia, Mark Prete  
**DMAT FL 1**- Gary Kruschke, Shannon Norris, Kwia Jura, Nancy Wilson, Lucuano Dodson, Jeffery McCann, Ed Tate, Jay Brosnan, Glen Greenough, Paul Lio, Mike Sweets  
**DMAT FL 2**- Bob Hendrickson, Bruce Gottschalk  
**DMAT FL 5**- Steve Williams  
**DMAT FL 6**-Lloyd Parker, Dave Freeman, James Lapkoff  
**DMAT GA 1**-Connie LaVine, Terri Kutzleb, Charles Murphy  
**DMAT GA 3**-Judy Edwards, Debbie Johnson, Susan Delegram, Janet Jones, Patrica Wilkins, Diana Thacker, James Jordon, Laura Block,Mark Spradlin, Cair Spradlin (proxy), Laurie Hatalla, Emile Delegram, Pat Foster-Bradley, James Tarpley, Marc Pupo, Mark Burton, Angela Remero, Nini Trinidad,Dee Elder  
**DMAT IL 2**- Phil G (cannot read name)  
**DMAT MA 2**- G.S. (cannot read name)  
**DMAT MO 1**- Mark G (cannot read name)  
**DMAT MN 1**- M. Hillman  
**DMAT NY 2**-Commander- David Kimmel, Deputy Commander-Nitin Natarajan  
**DMAT NY 4**-Thomas Lowe, Joe Seagelbacher  
**DMAT OH 5** Patricia Dermitt, Brian Kurtz, William Devir  
**DMAT OR 2**- Helen Miller, Lou Brumer, Lawrence Hipsman, Charles Valencia, John Brander, Cindy Parks, Colleen Gruow, David Cary, Steve Ryan, Nick Kennedy, Jm Thomas, Bobbie-Jo Randolph, Ralph Garon, M. Peggy A. Pearson, Greg Close,  
**DMAT PHS1**- Ray Clark, Ann Ellis  
**DMAT RI 1**-Selim Suner, Ed Teevan, Pat Teevan, Lori Trucker, Cheryl Lawrence,

Tom Lawrence

**DMAT SC 1-**W. L. Master, Bill Masterani

**DMAT TX 1-** Dusty Shelhamer, Rich Barrett, Leland Hart, Ed Clark, Carolyn Freddrick, Harry Jack, Becky Smith, Michael Simmons, Susan Simmons, Bill Caper, William Day, Marjorie Day, David Price, Mario Gonzales, Irene Ledsmann

**DMAT TN 1-**Teddy Rogers, Christy Westmoreland, Cindy Schultz, Randan Ricketts

**DMAT WA 1-**Willaim Engler, Theresa Gutherie, Kris Benvenuto, Mary Weadd, Brad Waiteon,

**VMAT 4/VMAT 9-**Lorna Lanman, Julie Wallar, Jerry Upp, Wayne Wingfield, Sherry Nash

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I. Call to order at 1730 by Helen Miller ( Presentation of a new gavel)

A. Introductions and statement of Mission of NADMAT

1. A sharing of information and goals for all disaster medicine teams
  2. A way to bring the concerns from the teams to the appropriate leadership of FEMA/OEP
  3. Goal is to have all teams as members of NDMAT
  4. 2001 it was voted to have NADMAT open to all teams
- \* Noted that DMORT has their own team since 1996

Judy Edwards passes out ballots to vote for third chair

Attendance sheet is passed around

II Approval of Minutes from the last Annual Meeting

A. Motion approved by Gary Kruschke (FL1), seconded by Susan Simmons (TX 1)

III. Progress report from Meeting with NDMS Leadership

- A. The minutes from the Annual Meeting were sent to Mike Lauder and Gary Sirmons but there was no acknowledgement that they had been received.
- B. February conference call was cancelled. General Council was told that NADMAT is not a union or corporation, but an advocacy group for NDMS but NADMAT representatives were told that FEMA would not formally meet with NADMAT
- C. NADMAT is not being recognized by FEMA and all conversations must be as
- D. Team Commanders, not as NADMAT representative
- E. Workgroups are a concern.
  1. How are the workgroups formed?
  2. Should there be a 2 year- limit?
  3. Should there be a rotation of personnel on the workgroups so that everyone
  4. Who will have a chance to participate?
  5. Concern that the workgroups all meet at different times so there is no

chance to work/or any discussion with the other branches (Operations, Communications, Logistics, Logistics)

- F. A suggestion was made to have a yearly meeting with direct contact with the
  - 1. Commanders or Deputy Commanders of each of the above groups and a
  - 2. Biannual meeting with FEMA leadership
- G. Who elects the members of each workgroup?
- H. There is concern that FEMA cannot recognize NADMT as it does not fit within their format.
- I. *Question:* Since FEMA does not recognize NADMAT, should another workgroup be formed to re-define and re-name NADMAT( Team Commander Working Group)

*Answer:* Set up another workgroup to look into this suggestion

- Attorney (Blackwell) suggested that FEMA needs to formally send a letter stating
- J. Why they will not communicate with NADMAT
    - 1. Helen Miller stated that NADMAT was told that the General Council does not have to respond to anything
  - K. *Question:* Should the teams lobby their Congressman on behalf of NADMAT or NDMS?

*Answer:* NADMAT does not have an agenda and does not have anything to do with lobbying to Congress

- It was noted that several teams had already made approaches to their Congressman. Helen Miller had the concern from a conversation on Sunday that Congress is not aware of the NDMS problems and would they even care?

1805- Fire Alarm goes off causing evacuation of the room

1810- Re-enter the meeting

1820- Fire Alarm goes off. No evacuation of the room. Notified that the alarm will continue to go off every 2 minutes until re-set

1825- Delay while waiting for members to return for a quorum

1830- Meeting called back to order

#### IV. New Business

- A. Background checks. No discussion
- B. VMAT-
  - 1. Noted there were many problems as there were no VMATs west of the Alleghanny Mountains

C. Recategorization-only one example of the problems/processes

1. Dr. Sooner (RI1) had a concern as there were so many legal issues, do we need to have an attorney on the panel?
2. Many of the teams that have been downgraded from level 1 to level 3 or 4 have been responding well throughout the years
3. There was a concern that Region 10 does not have any level 1 teams
4. Harry (TX1) noted that there were no level 1 teams in Texas
5. Jay (CA3) suggested that the teams investigate state MOU's rather than relying on Federal classifications
6. FL1 noted that some MOU's may be void if set up prior to Oct 1, 2003
7. Bill (TX1) stated that the Texas Congressmen are very receptive to having DMATs and want to be part of the oversight process
8. It was noted that whatever your team has been classified should not be discussed between teams

V. Nomination of third chair

Gary Kruski (RI1) is nominated as third chair. FL1 motions and AL 3 seconds. motion is passed. Move to close the nominations is made and seconded. Gary Kruski is voted the third chair for 2004

VI. Open Forum

- A. There was concern that FEMA is only associated with loans, re-construction and that FEMA really does not understand NDMS or what to do with the NDMS personnel.
- B. A comment was made that maybe we should just not respond when called for a disaster and maybe they (FEMA) will realize how much they really need us. Mark Spradlin (GA-3) stated that we could not/would not do this. The Attorney agreed. Majority agreed that the teams will all respond if called
- C. Debbie Johnson (GA-3) noted that 1 in every 44 people is a nurse and we need to take our concerns to our Congressman and vote
- D. Green (FL1) questioned if we really need to have 109 teams. Is the recategorization really a ploy to start dissolving some of the teams
- E. CA3 asked for clarity. Can NDMAT be considered an advisory group?

Call to question

Read the motion

AK1-for

AL1-for

AL3-for

CA2-for

CA3-for

CA4-for

CA6-for

CA11-for

FL1-for  
FL2-for  
FL6-for  
GA3-for  
IL1-for  
NY2-for  
NT4-for  
OH5-for  
OR2-for  
PH1-for  
RI1-for  
SC1-for  
TN1-for  
TX1-for  
WA1-for  
Motion is passes

Question from GA3. Do we have a quorum?

Answer: Yes

Call for a vote-Passes

#### VII. Concerns:

- A. There is concern that FEMA wants NDMS to be more like NG. Team members do not want that and feel that NDMS will fail if it does happen
- B. Concern that FEMA will start deploying individual members instead of teams

#### VIII Suggestions :

- A. The teams need to look forward to what is possible in the future not back at what was
- B. All team members should use the chain of command within their teams and not call FEMA with concerns
- C. It was noted that all previous rules have changes and NADMAT may need to make some changes also
- D. An effort should be made to communicate tonight's meeting information with the teams who were not present

Tim Tackett noted the excellent work Helen Miller had done as the president of NADMAT

The gavel was passed to the new president, Judy Edwards

The meeting was adjourned at 1950