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While I applaud the efforts to draft and imagine an agenda for the future, including what EMS will be like in the future, I have some concerns about the incomplete direction or vision of the document.

I feel that there has been an identity crisis among the EMS community as to what EMS will do and what it will offer in the future. Educators are tasked with preparing a workforce of individuals that are prepared to respond to “any and all” emergencies- When tasked with such a nebulous description the preparation becomes both massive and poor- lending itself to vast amounts of interpretation and drift. EMS has its foot in two worlds paramilitary (police and Fire) and the healthcare industry- neither of which has fully embraced what EMS does or taken responsibility for the profession on its own. The EMS community has been unable to rally and create a movement of their own path for various reasons.

I believe for EMS to continue forward there needs to be a clear definition of where EMS stands in the health care community. Before the integration of these guiding principles is able to take form, there needs to be a clear framework that EMS will adhere to on a national scale. I was disappointed while reading the document that there was no clear direction to be taken or recommended by this group.