



# NASEMSO Data Managers Council

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## MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, March 19, 2019 • 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time**

### Call to Order / Call Roll / Approve Agenda

Agenda approved.

### Roll Call

#### *DMC Members*

Felicia Alvarez (UT)  
Charles Becvarik (NM)  
Drew Chandler (KY)  
Chip Cooper (NH)  
John Cramer (ID)  
Christina Crowley (RI)  
Donna Etheridge (MS)  
Ridgely Ficks (MA)  
Doug Fuller (NE)  
Shari Graham (MT)  
Lance Iversen (SD)  
Michelle Johnson (DE)  
Michael Kaufmann (IN)  
Jay Ostby (WY)  
Dipti Patel (GA)  
Kevin Putman (MI)  
Aaron Rhone (PA)  
Amber Vitanen (CO)  
Anne Vossbrink (AZ)

#### *Other NASEMSO*

Rachael Alter (NASEMSO Staff)  
Joshua Legler (Assoc. Member)  
Sharon Steele (NE)

#### *Others/Partners:*

Cathy Curley (PA)  
Julianne Ehlers (UT)  
Monet Iheanacho (NEMSIS TAC)  
Jeremy Kinsman (NHTSA OEMS)  
Clay Mann (NEMSIS TAC)  
Hank Weinstock (MA)  
Lisa Young (NEMSIS TAC)

### Secretary's Report

February meeting minutes approved

### Chair/Vice-Chair Report

No report

### Regional Reports:

- East: Chip Cooper (NH) – no report, hasn't seen any meeting notices
- Great Lakes: Dan Lee (IL) – meetings have been cancelled
- South: Drew Chandler (KY) – Presented at the regional meeting



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- Western Plains: Jay Ostby (WY) – a little behind work on infographic
- West: Anne Vossbrink (AZ) – No report. Wondering about just DMC regional work and whether that is possible.

### Council Project & Committee Representative Reports *(as available)*:

- NASEMSO Community Paramedicine/Mobile Integrated Health Committee – Anne Vossbrink
  - None
- NASEMSO HITS Committee – Tim Seplaki
  - Not present
- NASEMSO EMS Data Opioid Workgroup – Tim Seplaki
  - Not present

### Old Business

- Funding for All-Things Data (Tom McGinnis)
  - Not present
- Reminder—Nominations
  - Chair-Elect
  - Secretary
  - Great Lakes Regional Representative
  - South Regional Representative

### New Business

None

### Other Business

- Anne: Rejection of non-mandatory national elements in NEMESIS; TAC is considering taking these out of the national Schematron as an error and making it a warning, since they aren't mandatory. But this wouldn't happen until v3.5. Would like to see that this not be an error unless it's mandatory, so she can deal with it.
  - Josh: There are some tests in the national Schematron file on elements that are not National elements if those elements are just left blank than nothing triggers, but if they are filled out in their wrong, so for example a date-time that's out of order that will flag. Josh & Clay will be meeting to review the requirement in detail – and something will come out for feedback from everyone.
  - Clay: We are looking at some modifications for v3.5. May also release a new version of the national Schematron file before the release of v3.5.
  - Anne recommends that people look at your data to see what's failing and see if it's not re-importing – you may have a hole and not even realize it.



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- Amber has a query that allows for filters and reviewing rejected data
- Ridgley is going out to bid. Has anyone done this recently and can you share?
  - Amber will send their RFI; Chip will send both an RFP and Contract.

### Partner Reports

#### NHTSA Office of EMS

- Announcement from Jeremy (*need to review these minutes*)
  - [ET3 Project](#) (Emergency Triage, Treat, & Transport)
    - AZ agencies have interest, and are in contact with the EMS Bureau
    - NHTSA OEMS, along with HHS ASPR, working with CMMI to help answer questions about NEMESIS. Will keep the DMC in the loop and as the project moves forward, making sure that EMS data is contributing to the success of this project. State-level data should positively impact the program.
  - Potential presentations at the DMC meeting in Salt Lake City:
    - HIE Interoperability discussions with Rachel Abby (HHS – ONC)
    - ET3 Project and EMS data (CMMI is probably interested in hearing about current state of EMS data and barriers – how this data might help measure the performance of that project)
      - Kevin indicated that the draft schedule is out but will check to determine if there is the ability to accommodate.
    - Jeremy is leaving NHTSA. Job announcement will be out in the next couple of months.
  - Anne would like to know what kind of data they are planning on collecting and in what format the ET3 Project is hoping to collect
    - Group agreed that it would be nice to know more

#### NEMESIS TAC

- Lisa: Deployment of v3 Cube, scheduled to go live on Friday.
  - Walked the group through how to get to the cube and use it; will ask for feedback on usage and within 3 weeks will release a new package, and then work on the state-specific (restricted) version of the Cube
    1. Clay indicated v3 will be updated weekly (more current than the yearly v2 cube updates) and people will still have access to the v2 cube
- Josh: Enhancements to the StateDataSet Builder
  - Copy & paste data into Facilities, if any data is invalid those data will be highlighted
  - Minor bug fixes and keeping up with changes on the web



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- Clay: The NEMSIS website now has a section with published NEMSIS-related research. (under “Using EMS Data” → Articles and Publications)
- Lisa: Walked the group through where to find the new combined change log. Updated automatically (emails will still be sent weekly, but updates on the page real-time).
  - Chip requested that a link from Technical Resources would be helpful
- Julianne: Proposed products to ease v3.5 introduction and integration. Start with how-to videos on how to navigate the site and data cube. Asking for feedback on what would be useful/what’s not useful – both from agency and provider level.
  - Clay: Reminder that beginning of last year, sent a survey asking about transition difficulties- most of the responses indicated that ‘indirect’ costs (e.g., training and creation of helpful tools) were most prohibitive. So TAC is trying to put together these resources to help with this.
  - Clay: Making progress in new data dictionary and Schematron files are moving forward
- Lisa: Monet and Lisa are available for support with any submission issues you may be having (e.g., troubleshoot with vendor, rejections, etc.)
  - Monet: congrats to TN and MA, MO, CA, LA for going green
- Clay: 2019 NEMSIS V3 Implementation meeting in Deer Valley will be August 12 & 13

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 2:30 PM eastern.

Meeting ended at 3:38 eastern.

Notes respectfully submitted by Rachael Alter, NASEMSO Staff