

Thursday, June 22, 2006

National EMS Data Managers Council

Attendance:

Officers:

Tim Erskine, Ohio - President

Bob Dillon, Delaware – Vice President

Chris Montera, Colorado – Secretary

Members:

Chris Handley, Maryland

Bob Heath, Nevada

Jean-Claude Kandagaye, Kansas

Chad Lohmeier, North Carolina

Charles McSweeney, New Jersey

Joe Moreland, Kansas

Bob Norlen, Minnesota

Kathy Schmitt, Washington

Friedrich von Recklinghausen, New Hampshire

Lynda Williams, Oklahoma

Others:

Patti Harris, EMSsystem

Clay Mann, NEMSIS

Kevin McGinnis, NASEMSO

Susan McHenry, NHTSA

Called to order: 1305

Introductions

Bob Bass Addressed the group regarding our direction for the day. He presented the Charter for us to review.

Charter Review:

Tim E. gave an overview of the charter which are attached to these minutes. Questions followed:

1. Western States met and wanted Trauma added to the document to better fit the goals of the organization.
2. Meetings for Trauma and EMS data should be at different times so that people may attend both.

3. Difference between Council and Committee. A committee is a subgroup of the councils.

Officers:

Tim, Bob, and Chris are interim officers by acclamation with elections at the annual meeting. Tim read the process for nominating and electing officers. It was decided to create a nominating committee via email.

Regional Representatives:

Four Regions currently exist. Regional representatives exist to provide input as a steering committee to the Council.

Western –	Kathy Schmitt, Washington Alternate - Bob Heath, Nevada
South Central –	Lynda Williams, Oklahoma
North Central –	Bob Norlen, Minnesota
Eastern –	Bob Dillon, Delaware

Update on NEMSIS:

NEMSIS TAC has been on line since last year. Presentation is attached to these minutes.

Reporting tools will be coming out for the national data set for local and state systems. Reports include comparison for agency to state, nation and other like services.

Small grant opportunities for states to help with data systems and should be in place by September.

Comments:

NHTSA is very pleased with all of the progress that the States are doing. Long term funding is still the only area that remains tenuous and will depend on the appropriation from Congress. Due to the ground swell of support the Secretary has stated that NEMSIS is one of 2 model data sets in the Nation.

NEMSIS Data Element Definitions:

Kevin McGinnis: Standardizing the Data needs to be coordinated with Homeland Security with resource typing project and Disaster Management program and has all to do with data communications. National Information Exchange Office on how data systems exchange data as it travels back and forth.

Define:

1. EMS Event – Like inclusion event
2. Element
3. Field Length – has been defined by max constraint in NEMSIS 2.2
4. Reports

Consensus that we need to work on this project starting with the national elements. All agreed that we need to work with the other databases and start aggregating what states are doing with the definitions.

A committee was created to define elements with the following Data Managers:

Tim E. will head up this committee. An email will be sent out to all data managers to get people on the committee and build consensus. Tim will create a Wiki for this project so that everyone can contribute.

Creating a Report Committee was tabled until a later date.

State Data Values:

Lengthy discussion talked about how we could create a State recommended data set that states could collect over and above the National set. Two schools of thought were presented whether States used it as a data collection tool or a patient care report. Many felt that if the data tools were used as a patient care report (PCR), then adding new fields for states to collect should not be tough to include. If states used it as a data collection tool over and above the PCR, then it would be harder to sell to the providers to enter more data.

We determined to do a survey of all states to see what they collect and what they would like to see collected in the future as a State data set. This survey will be done after talking with NEMSIS to see what they have done in this area.

Institute of Medicine report:

The undercurrent of the report includes the idea that the future of medicine and the findings of this report is data driven. Regional meetings will be held to talk with stakeholders and discuss the ideas presented.

Other Business:

Notice was sent out to all states encouraging participation in the National EMS Data Managers Council. Tim will resend.

Goals were set to be achieved before the next meeting.

1. Nominating committee needs to have the nominations finished.
2. Elements will be cataloged and create a draft for several of the data elements.
3. Reassess the State data lists through NEMSIS TAC.
4. Cross-over between Trauma and EMS data.

Meeting Adjourned 1636.