

National Association of State EMS Officials

Data Managers Council Monthly Meeting

Conference Call

June 17th, 2014

Chair: Paul Sharpe, Virginia

Chair-Elect: Lindsey Narloch, North Dakota

Secretary: Ryan Tyler, Arkansas

Immediate Past Chair: Joe Moreland, Kansas

**Call to order by Paul Sharpe on June 17, 2014 at 1335 hours (CST).**

**Roll Call, Lindsey Narloch**

Attendees:

Chris Lochte - AL

Chuck Happel - WI

Cynthia Romero - NM

Dennis Blair - AL

Jay Ostby - WY

Jean Speck - CT

John Cramer - ID

Juan Esparza - FL

Karen Jacobson - NEMSIS

Kayode Olupinyo - TX

Kevin Putman - MI

Lindsey Narloch - ND

Lori McHenry - AL

Melissa Belgau - WA

Michael Tayler - NY

MisChele White – AL

N. Clay Mann - NEMSIS

Paul Sharpe - VA

Rachael Alter - NASEMSO

Robert Keys - SD

Rogelio Martinez - AZ

Stephen Wilson - AL

Steve McCoy – FL

Sue Morris - OH

**Secretary's Report**

The April meeting minutes were approved unanimously. Moved by Jean Speck and seconded by Paul Sharpe.

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**Chair Report**

- Paul Sharpe welcomed the new members to the data council; Cynthia Romera – NM; Angie Biggs- IN; MisChele White – AL.

- Paul provided feedback on the National EMS Clinical Guidelines Project to the Medical Director's Council on Sunday. Comments mainly focused around bringing congruence between the verbiage used by the guidelines and NEMSIS V3.

### Chair-elect Report

Lindsey Narloch has no report.

### NASEMSO Report –

Rachael Alter has no report.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### NEW BUSINESS

- **Vendor Selection Guidance Document** – The council reviewed the document together. Paul Sharpe took notes that the committee viewed via the Webinar and will be sending out an updated draft to the council. Juan Esparza will email Paul the language that tech companies use in defect/enhancement timelines (i.e. Critical, Priority, etc).

#### **Other topics that came up during the review –**

Melissa Belgau wondered about web services in V3 and if others had heard of vendors charging a separate fee for web services. Also, she wondered how many states are trying to push towards real time submission or within 12 hours.

Lindsey Narloch brought up the timeline that is usually takes agencies to begin to successfully submit data to the state. Steve McCoy said it varies widely and depends both on the vendor and the tech expertise at the agency level. Paul Sharpe said usually 3-6 months.

NEMSIS will provide changes to the standard in March, and vendors will have until the first day of the next year to implement those changes.

- **Other Resources Needed** – Paul Sharpe suggested an Installation Checklist/Guide for agencies.

### OLD BUSINESS

- **Vendor Successes/Installation** – Paul Sharpe in Virginia sporadically publishes quality scores between vendors. They will also give vendors their scores as compared to others.
- **Managing Issues Not Covered in V3** – The DMC Steering Committee and NEMSIS will meet tomorrow to determine if the NEMSIS TAC would like to house this or if it should come from NASEMSO.

- **Annual meeting planning committee** – Ryan Tyler sent a draft of the agenda. Steve McCoy and Juan Esparza have agreed to talk about state schematron rules. Paul Sharpe was going to check with Ryan before sending the draft out. It was requested to put a reminder on the bottom of the agenda about the NEMSIS Progression of the Version 3 Standard meeting which will be held on that Wednesday.
- **Data Definitions Workgroup** – Chris Handley relayed to Paul that the group has had their kick off meeting and will be meeting in July.
- **Mentoring Workgroup** – Chip Cooper relayed to Paul that the group has some documents created and will be meeting in July.
- **Data Quality Workgroup** – Lindsey Narloch reported the group would be meeting tomorrow to begin work on assertions for the state recommended elements.

### NEMSIS TAC Time

- **Agency Toolkit Pilot** – At the mid-year meeting, Clay Mann had presented an outline for an agency toolkit that would be run off of the Cube using SAS and sent directly to the agency. Very soon, the TAC will send out an introductory email and the first report. In this email, feedback from the agency will be requested. Pilot services are in North Dakota and Florida.
- **NEMSIS Progression of the Version 3 Standard Meeting** – This will be held on October 8th (all day) in conjunction with the Annual National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. DMC members do not need to register with NEMSIS (which has a fee), just notify Paul Sharpe at [paul.sharpe@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:paul.sharpe@vdh.virginia.gov) and he will compile the list of data managers that will be attending for NEMSIS so the TAC can assure enough seating and refreshments.
- **Requests for Data** – The NEMSIS TAC has to refuse about half of the requests they receive for national data. The main reasons are usually because what they are after is not collected at a national level or the researcher wants to compare states. When the TAC has referred the researcher to the state, many have stated that after contacting the state, they are told they cannot oblige the request. NEMSIS TAC would like to get a better handle on which states are able to share data with researchers.
- **Access to the NEMSIS Cube** – The TAC is toying with the idea of a new kind of user. The request would go through each state's data manager. An example of a use would be a state epidemiologist would be given a password that would work for 30 days. They would not see agency number or zip codes.  
**DMC Feedback** – Mike Tayler requested this not be advertised as this would not be something that NY would be interested in. Paul Sharpe brought up the option of giving data managers the ability to create an account for a person with equal or less rights. It was also brought up that data managers want the researcher to understand the weaknesses in the data.  
**Feedback Requested** – NEMSIS TAC is wondering how quickly the reporting services will generate reports. Karen Jacobson will be sending out an email requesting feedback.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the call concluded at the motion of Robert Keys and second by Jean Speck, respectively.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 15, 2014 2:30-4:30pm (Eastern) and every third Tuesday of the month thereafter from 2:30-4:30pm (Eastern).

Meeting Record respectfully submitted by Chair – Elect Lindsey Narloch.