

National Association of State EMS Officials

Data Managers Council Monthly Meeting

Conference Call

January 21, 2014

Chair: Paul Sharpe, Virginia

Chair-Elect: Vacant

Secretary: Ryan Tyler, Arkansas

Immediate Past Chair: Joe Moreland, Kansas

Call to order by Paul Sharpe on January 21, 2014 at 1333 hours (CST)

Roll Call, Ryan Tyler

Attendees:

Andy Fulton - Delaware

Chip Cooper - NH

Chuck Happel - WI

Clay Mann - NEMSIS

Daniel Lee - IL

Donna Wilson - OR

Jean Speck - CT

John Cramer - ID

Josh Legler - Associate Member

Juan Esparza - FL

Karen Jacobson - NEMSIS

Kayode Olupinyo - TX

Lindsey Narloch - ND

Melissa Belgau - WA

Michael Tayler - NY

Paul Sharpe - VA

Rachael Alter - NASEMSO

Ridgely Ficks - MA

Robert Keys - SD

Rogelio Martinez - AZ

Ryan Tyler - AR

Steve Boylls - CO

Stuart Castle - NM

Sue Morris - OH

Secretary's Report

Rachael Alter presented the December 17, 2013 Council Minutes.

Action: The December Council Minutes will be presented at the next DMC Monthly Meeting on February 18, 2014. Majority of discussion from December's meeting was centered on approving the national set of validation rules to pass on to NEMSIS for review.

Chair Report

Paul Sharpe attends the NEMSIS Steering Committee meeting. Dr. Clay Mann and Karen Jacobson presented the accomplishment of the NEMSIS TAC outlined by last year's goals with a side by side comparison of each accomplishment. Goals were broken down by Information Technology features and service features that provide resources on a State and local level.

NEMSIS TAC also discussed the need to collaborate with other stakeholders to incorporate State EMS data within the new Health Information Exchange and Emergency Preparedness.

Current threat assessment to the NEMSIS project is agencies deviating from the National Standard by adding values and data elements. State officials need to emphasize to the local agencies to stay within the national standard with little deviation if feasible.

NEMSIS TAC also held a NEMSIS version 3 roll out session to State directors in cooperation with NASEMSO. A presentation was given on current State submission with a demonstration on the data quality dashboards and data cube. Also, gave an update on the NEMSIS version 2 to NEMSIS version 3 timeline and a new tool for local agency performance reports.

Action Items

Action: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

NEW BUSINESS

- **Announce the results of Chair-elect election** – Rachael Alter did not want to announce and surprise the individual without prior notification to today's meeting.

Action: Rachael Alter will follow up with all three nominated individuals and will send an email out of the winning candidate to the Data Managers Council.

- **Setting Mid-year meeting Agenda** – Paul Sharpe wanted to open the floor to discussion for the Mid-year meeting agenda. Due to the limited time the group has together, should the meeting dedicated to council meetings or dedicated to topics relevant to the group. Put together a draft agenda that can be tweaked if needed.
- **Creating an “EMS Data Agenda for the Future”** – Lindsey Narloch brought the notion of having a document that involved stakeholder input that gives a direction on how data is accomplished in each State. Lindsey suggested bringing stakeholders together to lay out a vision, priorities surrounding data, issues surrounding data, and State specific goals. This document will be used to explain to the provider that has questions surrounding data collection. Lindsey's idea of having a vision to show to providers has blossomed into an EMS Data Agenda for the Future.

- **Version 3 Critical Patch Request** – Trying to wrap up the data quality rules to send off to NEMSIS for review. An issue was discovered through the validation rules that certain elements will require an added pertinent negative that would trigger a major change. Could NEMSIS and the vendors tolerate this issue at the moment? Chip Cooper essentially during the review of schematron, problematic elements could be enhanced with pertinent negatives that would not require a business rule. After discussion with NEMSIS TAC and vendor community, they felt a critical patch release was warranted. This would give notice to the vendor community to help during the software development and programming. Examples of changes were in the definition of elements to aid in answering questions a little easier and with accuracy. Another example is within the billing elements to be in alignment with CMS. Paul Sharpe mentioned another critical patch will be released after the annual release of NEMSIS version 3.3.4. Example of a major item identified was within the ICD 10 codes for provider impressions pertinent negatives revolving a Transport with No Complaint.

OLD BUSINESS

Workgroups were formed during the annual meeting in Nashville, TN this past year. If you would like to participate in a particular group please contact Paul Sharpe or Rachael Alter.

- **Data Linkage Workgroup** – Shari Hunsaker, unable to attend today's conference call.
- **Data Definitions Workgroup** – Gary Shirley, unable to attend today's conference call.
- **Mentoring Workgroup** – Chip Cooper during the annual meeting the group meet to identify potential candidates for a mentor. Particularly each member has a level of experience with NEMSIS elements and projects surrounding data collection and dissemination of data. The group has reworded the Strategic Priority within the DMC Strategic Plan to achieve maximum mentoring and outreach opportunities among council members. Goal was centered on new data managers and how to incorporate them into the group. Each activity could benefit each member in varying stages of development.
- **Data Quality Workgroup** – Lindsey Narloch will be arranging a meeting with the Data Assertion Workgroup to meet with the Data Quality Workgroup.

NEMSIS TAC TIME

Pilot Program – Karen Jacobson talked about a new pilot program that to disseminate NEMSIS data to EMS Agencies. The participating EMS Agencies will receive an eight (8) page profile report surrounding agency submission. This will be geared for State that does not have a mechanism in place to give information back at the service level.

Compliance – Chip Cooper referenced an experience with his vendor surrounding the term of compliance. Dr. Clay Mann was able to discuss the compliance issue with vendors. Compliance testing falls into two broad categories of send and receive data that differentiates from the State level and Field level. Dr. Mann also directed the group discussion by reviewing the Compliance Process found on the NEMSIS website. Here is

the link for the discussion:

<https://www.nemsis.org/v3/becomingCompliant/documents/NEMSV3Compliance20131120.pdf>

Karen Jacobson brought up the question posed by Zoll of the intended usage of dAgency.01 and dAgency.02. The intent of the element is how the State would use the element. dAgency.02 is defined as the primary identifier for the entire Demographic Section. Each of the Demographic sections must be associated with an EMS Agency Number. An EMS Agency can have more than one Agency Number within a state. This reflects the ability for an EMS Agency to have a different number for each service type or location (based on state implementation). The EMS Agency Number in dAgency.02 can be used to auto-populate eResponse.01 EMS Agency Number in the EMS Event section.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the call concluded at 3:22 pm Central Standard Time at the motion of Chip Cooper and second by Paul Sharpe, respectively.

Meeting Record respectfully submitted by Secretary Ryan Tyler