

National Association of State EMS Officials

Data Managers Council Monthly Meeting

Conference Call

December 16, 2014

Chair: Paul Sharpe, Virginia

Chair-Elect: Lindsey Narloch, North Dakota

Secretary: Chuck Happel, Wisconsin

Immediate Past Chair: Joe Moreland, Kansas

Call to order by Paul Sharpe on December 16, 2014 at 1335 hours (CST).

Attendees:

Drew Chandler – KY	Steve McCoy – FL	Anne Vossbrink – AZ
Chip Cooper – NH	Sue Morris – OH	Paul Sharpe – VA
Cathy Curley – PA	Lindsey Narloch – ND	Jean Speck – CT
Ridgely Ficks – MA	Jay Ostby – WY	Michael Tayler – NY
Chris Handley – Navy	Kevin Putman – MI	Murray Lawry – IN
Chuck Happel – WI	Cynthia Romero – NM	Rogelio Martinez – AZ
Robert Keys – SD		

Others

Rachael Alter – NASEMSO
Karen Jacobson – NEMSIS TAC
Joshua Legler – Consultant, NEMSIS TAC
N. Clay Mann – NEMSIS TAC

Secretary's Report

No minutes were available for approval.

Chair Report

Paul Sharpe provided information from the NASEMSO Board of Directors Retreat. The types of data being stored and used were discussed. Kevin McGinnis gave a presentation on Mobile Integrated Healthcare.

Suggestion was made to restrict any changes to the NEMSIS database. Placing a minimum date before any new changes could be made was discussed. There was a consensus of attendees to support this.

Chair-elect Report

Lindsey thanked everyone for the card! She has recently been appointed to the Development of EMS Performance Measures Steering Committee (new NASEMSO Project with NHTSA).

NASEMSO Report

Rachael referenced the new website database and some of the problems that have surfaced. Continuing to resolve those issues.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

NEW BUSINESS

- **Changes to the meeting schedule** – Paul suggested setting defined meeting times for each workgroup throughout the year. Most speaking favored this type of structure.
 - Chip asked if these meetings could be recorded. Paul thought we could.
 - Schedule will follow.
- **Destinations** – Ridgely asked how everyone treats entering destination without actually transporting so that hospitals can get access to the record. Recommendation was to use treated and transferred care instead. Much discussion followed.
- **Mid-Year meeting** – To be held in San Antonio, TX April 20th thru 22nd. Paul asked for volunteers for help putting together an agenda for the DMC meeting.
 - There is discussion about changing the meetings to Spring and Fall and get away from annual and mid-year.
 - Jean asked about recent email about a Vendor who claimed to be complaint but actually was not. Discussion identified a better way of defining the tables on the NEMSIS website.
- **State to State Discussion** – Nothing brought for discussion at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Data Definitions Workgroup** – No report.
- **Mentoring Workgroup** – No report. Chip stated they would be continuing after the start of the new year.
- **Data Quality Workgroup** – Lindsey will have one more meeting to finish. Some thoughts were to suspend this group until more data is available.

NEMSIS TAC Time

- V3.4.0 Candidate Release update – (N. Clay Mann)**
 The candidate release (CR1) for version 3.4.0 is available on the NEMSIS TAC homepage in a zip file. We are working on a statement that lists the changes that have been implemented. Over 400 revision requests were submitted and 108 were implemented. Some of these requests had multiple components to them. The large majority of requests were minor (e.g., value additions, definition or comment updates, etc.) New elements were added and two elements were removed, including one national element.

Good work and recommendations were completed by the CAD and Medical Device work groups but many of the significant revisions requests have not been implemented with Version 3.4.0 CR1, particularly for the Medical Device requests. The NEMSIS TAC needs to work with additional stakeholders regarding some of these requests before they can be implemented. The American Heart Association (AHA) has a meeting scheduled in January 2015 and they would like some changes as well.

The number of elements for the Version 3 standard increased with the v3.4.0 CR1 Release. The overall total increased from 578 to 585 with nine new elements and two retiring. The National Subset drops from 166 to 165, with the EMS DataSet having one element retired.

The NEMSIS TAC provided via email on December 12, 2014 through the NASEMSO Data Managers list serve an email with a high level overview of the elements changes with the NEMSIS Version 3.4.0 CR1 release.

New Elements in Version 3.4.0 = 9

DEM DataSet Elements Added with v3.4.0 Release (2)	Element Type
dCustomConfiguration.09 - Custom Data Element Grouping ID	Optional
dFacility.15 - Facility Phone Number	Optional
EMS DataSet Elements Added with v3.4.0 Release (7)	Element Type
eCustomConfiguration.09 - Custom Data Element Grouping ID	Optional

eDispatch.06 - Unit Dispatched CAD Record ID	Optional
ePayment.58 - Insurance Group Name	Optional
ePayment.57 - Payer Type	Optional
eSituation.18 - Date/Time Last Known Well	Optional
eArrest.19 - Date/Time of Initial CPR	Optional
eExam.21 - Stroke/CVA Symptoms Resolved	State Recommended

V3 Elements Retired with v3.4.0 Release = 2

V3 Elements Retired with v3.4.0 Release (2)	Element Type
eArrest.10 - Therapeutic Hypothermia Initiated	National Element
ePayment.43 - Ambulance Transport Code	Previously Deprecated

- V3 Transition Plans for States – (Karen Jacobson)**
 The NEMSIS TAC is looking for updates regarding State and Territory plans to transition to Version 3. Have there been any date changes? Have there been any rollouts not conveyed to the NEMSIS TAC? If the data manager has identified any resources please provide them to Karen Jacobson at the NEMSIS TAC (Karen.Jacobson@hsc.utah.edu or 801-585-1631).
- Status of the V2.2.1 Closure Date for the NEMSIS TAC**
 The question was posed about the status of the Version 2.2.1 closure date by the NEMSIS TAC. Clay replied that we take direction from NHTSA and NASEMSO regarding the closure date for Version 2.2.1.
- V3 Submissions to NEMSIS – (N. Clay Mann)**
 The NEMSIS TAC is developing a web service Version 3 submissions Test Site. This will enable states to submit test of practice records without issue.
 When the state or territory is ready to submit Version 3 data to the NEMSIS TAC, Please contact Karen Jacobson to obtain a NEMSIS v3 web service account. These accounts are generic with no expiration for the password, but must be associated with one state email account. (Karen.Jacobson@hsc.utah.edu or 801-585-1631)

The NEMSIS TAC would like to see daily web services submissions to populate the NEMSIS Version 3 EMS registry. Discussion ensued regarding why this may be difficult for some states based on regulation or expectations on frequency of submissions from the EMS agency to the State.

- **Tableau v2 State Reports** – (N. Clay Mann)

The NEMSIS TAC will schedule a “general” webinar to introduce the new Tableau report dashboard in January 2015.

At the NASEMSO Annual Meeting Jean Speck (CT) asked if a report could be created to track EMS agency submissions and when the records drop off. Such as report is now available but the TAC is addressing a few security issues before we make it available to the States and Territories. The three reports available include:

1. State Data Quality Analysis: *Completeness, Consistency, Valid Times, and Agency Ranking for overall completeness*
2. State Surveillance Analysis - by Zip Code & Map: *MCI and Sick Person Responses*
3. State Agency Performance Analysis - by Zip Code & Map: *Cardiac Arrest, Stroke, and Severe Trauma*

- **TAC EMS Agency Reports (Version 2.2.1)** – (N. Clay Mann)

The EMS agency reports referenced in the past are being refined with input from three states and selected EMS agencies. For states that would like to participate in this project and receive a report please contact Karen Jacobson and she will provide you with an excel spreadsheet to identify the EMS agencies (Karen.Jacobson@hsc.utah.edu or 801-585-1631).

- **NEMSIS Version 3 Pending Tools / Resources** – (Josh Legler, consultant for the NEMSIS TAC)

Josh Legler provided updates on three items:

1. **Version 3 National Schematron Rules** - New rules have been created based language in the data dictionary (comment or definition).

TAC Note: An example is eDisposition.22 – Hospital In-Patient Destination, where the comment reads “To be documented when in eDisposition.21 “Hospital-Non-Emergency Department Bed” is selected.”

Josh thanked Dan Lee (IL) for providing feedback on the draft v3.4.0 CR1 rules. Official Coding and public comment will be available week of January 5, 2015.

2. **Version 3 API Benchmarking Report** - The goal is to have the reports available by May 2015.
3. **Changes to the Repository for v3 resources** - The intent is to have one location for EMS software companies to locate state resources (e.g., State Elements, Schematron Rules, EMS Agency Lists, Facility/Destination Lists, Suggested Lists, etc.). Working on best options on how to standardize the information to ease the process for vendors with consistent formatting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the call concluded.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 20, 2015 2:30-4:30pm (Eastern) and every third Tuesday of the month thereafter from 2:30-4:30pm (Eastern).

Meeting Record respectfully submitted by Secretary Chuck Happel.