

National Association of State EMS Officials

Data Managers Council Monthly Meeting

Conference Call

February 17, 2015

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 February 17, 2015 at 1330 hours (CST).**Attendees:**

Chuck Happel – WI	Juan Esparza – FL	Richard Gibbons – PA
Dagan Wright – OR	Kevin Putman – MI	Ryan Tyler – AR
Dan Lee – IL	Lindsey Narloch – ND	Scott Beckley – CO
Dwayne Lopez – HI	Mark Miller – AK	Shari Graham – MT
Jean Speck – CT	Paul Sharpe – VA	Steve McCoy – FL
Jenna Protzko – VT	Ridgely Ficks – MA	Sue Morris – OH

Others

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

Secretary's Report

Chuck joined the meeting late but at the end of the meeting the minutes from the 12/16/14 were discussed. Jean Speck moved to approve as presented. Seconded by Sue Morris, motion passed.

Chair Report

Paul reminded everyone to use the DMC List Serve to get everyone's involvement.

Chair-elect Report

Lindsey spoke about the Performance Measures Initiative where she is a representative. She requested input from the membership on what is meaningful to DMC.

NASEMSO Report

Rachael noted that the List Serve had been updated. Also discussed was the Distribution of NEMSIS data which is a deliverable for NHTSA. She will follow-up with Paul, Lindsey and TAC.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

NEW BUSINESS

- **The moratorium on v3 Updates was discussed.** This was a request from the NASEMSO Executive Committee.
 - Paul wanted to update everyone that some of these concerns were from the State Directors.
 - Moving Targets
 - Items should be locked in for 5 to 10 years.
 - Clay noted that we need to convey clear and concise information regarding these ideas.
 - Suggested keeping the revision process as it is. Only perform Minor Revisions – value is to add new medications, procedures, equipment and is widely used we can make the changes. Add a value (Update ICD-10-Codes, GNIS Codes, etc.)
 - Allow major changes to occur every 3 years or similar time frame.
 - Ensure interoperability with other systems like CARES, medical devices, etc.
 - Much more discussion was brought forward by many participants. It was decided to take the discussion further by using the DMC List Serv. More to come.
- **NEMSIS Timeline for Migration** also brought much discussion. One of the suggestions was to have a Survey to support a date to change to. Clay agreed to send out a survey. Paul moved to extend to the v2 closing date to 6/30/16. Steve changed it to 12/31/16 as a favorable amendment. Dan seconded the amended date. More discussion followed. Vote was to approve with no opposition and Doug abstaining.

- **Proposed NEMESIS Projects for 2015** were reviewed.
 - Lindsey asked if there should be more collaboration with the HIE's.
 - Clay spoke to the additional HL7 work that may be able to help address this issue. He was uncertain which group would push to provide a national linking model. The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) was identified as the coordinator for implementing HIE's.
 - Paul stated he liked the education that is included in the projects. He did caution that the resource files cannot overwrite things like zip codes. Clay will check to make sure this does not occur.
 - Juan asked about being able to compare states against other states. Clay mentioned this was to be covered under point 7.g. but may require some changes to existing Data Use Agreements.
- **Inappropriate Use of NOT Values** was a topic requested by Anne Vossbrink (AZ).
 - It was suggested that benchmarking against the national data might be a place to determine an allowable percentage.
 - With Anne not being present this topic will carry over until next meeting.
- **De-Identifying Data** was brought forward by Jean Speck.
 - Example was for an area that has very few calls and when the data is provided may actually allow for the patient involved to be identified.
 - Dan suggested not always leaving categories the same intervals, i.e.; age groups every 5 years may want to change the interval to over 80 instead of every five years through to 100 as there may be only one or two in the higher groups.
 - Josh will send a link to a report that helps describes this. Other resources were noted and all will send to Rachel to disseminate to everyone. Jean will summarize a proposal to forward on.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Data Definitions Workgroup** – Chris Handley (DoD)
 - No update – March meeting will focus on the Work Groups
- **Mentoring Workgroup** – Chip Cooper (NH)
 - No update – March meeting will focus on the Work Groups

NEMESIS TAC Time

- **V3.4.0 Update** – N. Clay Mann
 - Clay provided some updates. Great comments came during the open comment period. Some typos were caught and addressed. Release is scheduled for March 2, 2015.

- **Benchmarking Service** – Josh Legler NEMSIS TAC Contractor
 - Josh touched on the Benchmarking Service. This will allow vendors to reach out to the database to be able to compare national data to their customer’s data.
 - Due to shortage of IT staff this may see a delay before being available. No date is currently available.
- **State-Specific Resource Builder** – Josh Legler NEMSIS TAC Contractor
 - Josh then spoke to the State-specific Resource Builder which was presented at the annual meeting last fall. Once the resource has been created it will reside in a NEMSIS repository where it can be available to all.
- **Other TAC Items** – Karen Jacobson
 - Karen spoke about the EMS Agency Toolkit Report. She requested to fill out an Excel spreadsheet and submit it to Karen.
 - Tableau webinars will be upcoming in March. Notifications will be sent out.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the call concluded.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 17, 2015 2:30-4:30pm (Eastern)

Meeting Record respectfully submitted by Secretary Chuck Happel.