

National Association of State EMS Officials

DMC Monthly Meeting

Conference Call

June 18, 2013

Chair: Joe Moreland, Kansas

Chair-Elect: Paul Sharpe, Virginia

Secretary: Ryan Tyler, Arkansas

Immediate Past Chair: Stephanie Daugherty

Call to order by Chair- Elect, Paul Sharpe

Roll Call, Ryan Tyler

Attendees:

Angie Rios – Georgia

Lindsey Narloch – North Dakota

Bob Cooney – Pennsylvania

Melissa Belgau - Washington

Chip Cooper – New Hampshire

Paul Philips - Kentucky

Christopher Handley – Navy

Paul Sharpe - Virginia

Chuck Happel - Wisconsin

Racheal Alter - NASEMSO

Melissa Belgau - Washington

Ryan Tyler – Arkansas

Gary Shirley - Tennessee

Shari Hunsaker - Utah

Jay Ostby - Wyoming

Steve McCoy - Florida

Jennifer Ojiaku – Minnesota

Tammy Sajak - Texas

Karen Jacobson – NEMSIS

Minutes from the June 18, 2013 Meeting

Paul Sharpe: Does any member have corrections or additions to the minutes created by Ryan Tyler.

A motion was received to the Chair-Elect by **Chip Cooper of New Hampshire**, to approve the minutes as presented. **Chuck Happel of Wisconsin, 2nd** the motion to approve the minutes as presented. With no opposition from the Data Managers Council the minutes were approved.

Old Business**Work Plan**

Rachael Alter: Work plan includes all the changes discussed at the Mid-Year Meeting and discussed on the April 16, 2013 meeting. The merger of goals and objectives helped streamline the Data Managers Council Workplan. She posed the question to the council members regarding any concerns or comments about the updated workplan. The group did not have comment for Rachael at this time.

Paul Sharpe: Posed the question to Rachael, "Where do we go from here and what does Rachael need from the group?" Her response was the next major step is to look at the responses from the Environmental Scan which had a few questions related to individuals working on a workgroup. People have shown interest in participating with certain workgroups. Within the next month having the work group's setup and tackling the next major hurdles in completing the workplan. This is a work in progress with no final deadline. The council will need to revisit the plan once the environmental scan is complete.

Data Manager Environmental Scan

Rachael Alter: Roughly 28 states have completed the environmental scan. Joe and Rachael discussed calling upon the Regional Representative to call those states that have not participated in the survey since the due date has passed. Goal is to obtain an 80% response rate on this survey. Rachael addressed the group regarding some state are having trouble completing some of the data related questions.

Data Element Review Update

Paul Sharpe: Josh has moved on from Utah. Paul advised the committee that the suggested list include "EMS Friendly" terminology. Vendor community was concerned that changing the label to EMS language would violate UMLS and other license

requirements. NEMSIS-TAC was able to clarify the issue and label changes can be made. Council discussed the need to review the nomenclature the NEMSIS-TAC added and consider an attempt by all members to use the same EMS friendly language to be consistent. Also, recommended removing Data Element Review update from future Agenda items.

DMC Charter

Rachael Alter: Years ago the Council updated their charter. The issue dealt with the section on officers versus steering committee versus regional representatives. Council combined the steering committee and regional representative under the officer category. Jim DeTienne, NASEMSO President, wanted the same language for each council to be standardized. Back in April the charter was updated to reflect verbiage and language change. The Council Charter can be found on the NASEMSO website located under the tab About NASEMSO. Here is the hyperlink to the Council Charter: <http://www.nasemso.org/About/DocumentDownloads/documents/CouncilCharterfinal10-15-2010.pdf>. Any concerns or comments please contact Rachael.

Destination upload to NEMSIS

Karen Jacobson: Challenges for trying to use National Provider Identifier to use as a code for dFacility.03 ~ Facility Location Code or eDisposition.02 ~ Destination/Transferred To, Code, which was defined as the code of the Facility as assigned by the state or the EMS Agency. In an ideal world, every hospital would have one number. Upon instigation found out that hospitals have an NPI number for ICU, X-Ray, Lab, and etc.. In order to have an NPI has to be an institution that bills CMS. This reason is why NEMSIS is moving away from NPI. Karen is requesting that state submit their hospital identifiers to the NEMSIS Sharepoint.

New Business

Planning Annual Meeting – volunteers?

Paul Sharpe: Joe Mooreland was looking for volunteers for our annual meeting in September. He or she would be charged with developing and setting the Agenda for September's meeting. Ryan Tyler and Paul Philips volunteered for this endeavor. The Council came up with a list of potential topics for the Agenda.

- NEMSIS TAC is willing to fill holes in the agenda as the council will allow
- Council Member s were interested in the following topics:

- States working together when developing custom elements
 - Creating a Central Repository for Custom Elements
- How to establish a state level vendor approval process
- Projects that influence or additional education on the NTHSA traffic records program
- DMC work group updates
- Benchmarking EMS Data
- Trauma Registry and EMS data uses/integration/education
 - Joint session with Trauma Managers
- Health Information Exchange and EMS data do we have a role?
 - **Kathy Robinson at NASEMSO** may have insight on this topic

NEMSIS

Karen Jacobson:

- State's status from version 2 to version 3
- PDF with all state plans (on this page of NEMSIS website):
 - a. <http://nemsis.org/supportv3/v3.html>
- Each state page of the v3 State/Territory interactive map (at the bottom)
 - a. <http://www.nemsis.org/supportv3/stateProgressReports/index.html>
- Provided an update on the outcomes/deliverables of state submitting their version 3 implementation plans to the NEMSIS TAC. Submitting your version 3 plans to the NEMSIS TAC gives vendors a "one stop shopping" place to access this information. This will help prevent vendors from calling and gives them a starting point. This will become a Central Repository for all vendors to use. Karen gave permission to post a link to the webpage at the following address:
<http://www.nemsis.org/supportv3/stateProgressReports/index.html>.

Version 3 Custom Elements for Compliance Testing

Vendor's have made a request that custom elements be actual elements that client can use instead of test custom elements just used for compliance testing. The NEMSIS TAC sees value in this request as each software company will create the same custom element for compliance. A test custom element would be an element that will be used by other states and EMS agencies. Karen clarified that the TAC will not test individual states' custom elements. She asked for examples

of custom elements states may want to use so the TAC can replace the current test elements with real world elements.

Demographic (Agency) Custom Element:

1. NEMSIS TAC will create an element called “Additional Certifications (EMS, FIRE, etc)”. This element will be used to capture values such as ABLIS, PALS, ACLS, PEPP, ITLS, PHTLS, Fire Fighter 1, Fire Fighter 2, NIMS courses (IS-100, IS-200, etc.), Instructor courses, etc. The values will be associated with the EMS professional by linking the certifications (elements) in the dPersonnel section. Element grouping has the potential to capture the Certification Start and Expiration date of the additional certifications. If you can think of any other values for certification, please email a list to Karen Jacobson at Karen.jacobson@hsc.utah.edu
 - a. The next NEMSIS release date is March. DMC can come up with

EMS/EVENT Custom Element:

1. EMS/Event Custom Element(s)
 - a. Option 1: Extending an Element

To capture the “car vs animal” cause of injury it may be important for states and/or EMS Agencies to know/document the type of animal involved in the accident. The new ICD-10-CM codes could act as a trigger to extend an element. The NEMSIS TAC will add “Type of Animal hit by the vehicle”, with a value choice of Bear, Beaver, Cow, Deer, Elk, Goat, Horse, etc. The values choices in Cause of Injury include six options to document vehicle vs animal. These ICD-10-CM codes/descriptors could act as triggers to extend an element or “require” a new element.

 1. The NEMSIS TAC will add “Type of Animal hit by the vehicle”.
With the value choices:
Bear, Cow, Deer, Elk, Goat, Horse, Moose, etc.
 - b. Option 2: Adding a New Element
 1. TAC will work with the DMC to identify an appropriate custom element to add.
 - c. Option 3: Adding a New Grouping
 1. Florida may provide a Stroke/Mental Assessment Grouping they will be using based on Florida Stroke Criteria.

Karen clarified that the NEMSIS TAC will not be testing individual state’s custom elements. She asked for examples of custom elements states may want to use so the NEMSIS TAC can replace the current test elements with real world elements. Karen is requesting demographic and essential EMS Data Set elements for testing.

State/Territory Destination Codes – NEMSIS Version 3

Karen Jacobson: NEMSIS had four new states submit data. They are Wisconsin, Connecticut, Arizona, and Kentucky. She discussed that there are significant issues with most states submitting their Demographic files and statistical year. Many states have not submitted their Agency Demographic data or statistical year information. It is a national element with very little value and cannot be used currently in the cube.

Paul Sharpe: Ultimately sounded like an Image Trend issue. Virginia as an example has never submitted a demographic file. Asked Image Trend how to update demographic file and has not received an answer at this time.

Discussion:

None noted from council members.

Next Meeting:

Council discussed the options of cancelling the July meeting versus having it a week early or versus having the meeting a week later. The group decided upon having the meeting on **Tuesday July, 23, 2013 at 13:30 CDT.**

There was also a discussion about having it a week early so an annual meeting agenda could be finalized. Rachael suggested the planning and steering committee use the list of suggestion to populate the rough agenda for state employees can receive approval for travel to NASEMSO conference in September. The agenda can be finalized as we move closer to the meeting.

Adjournment:

Paul Sharpe: Hearing silence regarding any other new business, will adjourn the meeting until **Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at 1:30 pm CDT.**

Meeting adjournment on June 18, 2013 at 16:20 CDT.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ryan Tyler, Secretary.