

National Association of State EMS Officials

Data Managers Council Monthly Meeting

Conference Call

August 19, 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 August 19, 2014 at 1335 hours (CST).

Roll Call, Ryan Tyler

Attendees:

Anne Vossbrink - AZ	Kevin Putman - MI
Brenda Clotfelter - FL	Lindsey Narloch - ND
Chip Cooper - NH	Michael Tayler - NY
Christopher Handley - Navy / DOD	MisChele White - AL
Chuck Happel - WI	Murray Lawry - IN
Clay Mann - NEMSIS	Ridgely Ficks - MA
Daniel Lee - IL	Robert Keys - SD
Jay Ostby - WY	Rogelio Martinez - AZ
Jean Speck - CT	Ryan Tyler - AR
Jenna Protzko - VT	Shari Hunsaker - UT
Josh Legler -	Tom McGinnis - CA
Juan Esparza - FL	

Secretary's Report

The July meeting minutes were approved unanimously. Moved by Ryan Tyler and seconded by Murray Lawry.

Chair-elect Report

Items will be covered in the New Business section.

NASEMSO Report

Rachael Alter stated that NASEMSO is in the process of signing a new cooperative agreement with NHTSA. They are making changes to the Scope of Work section that will impact all NASEMSO councils. The new cooperative agreement will be establishing a new performance measures that will require a representative from each council to participate on the committee. Rachael will have an update at the September meeting or if no update at the September meeting, she will have one at the Annual Meeting in Cleveland, OH.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

NEW BUSINESS

- **State Recommended Quality Rules** – On Wednesday August 13, 2014 NEMSIS Version 3 Implementation Call that involves the vendor community and data managers. Lindsey has been working with fellow colleagues on state recommended quality rules. The groups reviewed the work of Steve McCoy and Juan Esparza on Florida’s business rules and add additional business rules that could be beneficial to stakeholders. This would become a list of possible rules if a data manager went with the recommended list of version 3. This would be the language that a data manger and stakeholders would want to review.
- **State Schematron**- Lindsey brought the question how individuals and vendors are generating and implementing schematron. Vendors will be able to accept state schematron to be used but the software will not generate the state schematron for distribution. This raised questions concerning how could states get a schematron if resources do not exist. Lindsey mentioned that the business rules developed by the data managers council be generated in to a schematron file. Clay Mann mention about conformity between the field providers and the state expectations. NEMSIS TAC is in talks with Josh Legler to develop a generic state level schematron. It is a little difficult to generate due to the state elements being recommended and not required. Every State will be collecting various state elements. The rules may not work in a common file. Major concern is not having a State schematron file because of the potential errors that could remain in the data and be reported back to the agency for correction. Clay mentioned that States need to decide on validity rules before writing schematron rules. Unified schematron rules benefit the state and data coming into the system.
- **Standard Vocabulary for Time Intervals** – Joe Moreland has suggested putting out recommend or standard vocabulary for Time Intervals. Steering Committee is contemplating creating a ten (10) question survey asking which variables your state uses to define the time sequence events in an EMS call.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Annual meeting update** – Ryan Tyler mentioned that this should be a great conference this year. He will be getting with Rachael to ensure that no surprise will happen.
- **Data Definitions Workgroup** – Chris Handley did not provide an update during the meeting due to censorship from the NSA.
- **Mentoring Workgroup** – Chip Cooper just returned from FMLA. No progress.
- **Data Quality Workgroup** – Lindsey Narloch stated the group has one final meeting to finish up. It will be an excel spreadsheet with if then statements to ponder when generating state rules.
- **Vendor Selection Resource** – This guide was developed through the input of Data Managers. Jean Speck went through the original guide and updated to reflect language and verbiage.

NEMSIS TAC Time

- **Karen Jacobson** - Clay mention that Karen is undergoing major surgery and will be back in the office in four weeks.
- **Compliance Testing** – Clay mentioned that three new companies requested compliance testing. Currently seven products are in compliance test.
- **NEMSIS 2014 Annual Meeting** – Clay reminded the group that the NEMSIS Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 0900 hrs til 1700 hrs during the NASEMSO Annual Meeting. The agenda is listed on the NEMSIS website.
- **NEMSIS Tools** – Josh Legler is working with NEMSIS on development of two new tools. First is a benchmarking API tool. This will be a service that vendor product could call into and receive benchmarking information to use in there reporting tools. Second tool is a resource repository. This tool will be a service that the vendor product could call into and receive updated information on any tool the State wants NEMSIS to post and all standards maintained by NEMSIS.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 16, 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 Secretary Ryan Tyler