

National Association of State EMS Officials

Data Managers Council Monthly Meeting

Conference Call

May 20, 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 May 20, 2014 at 1333 hours (CST).**Roll Call, Ryan Tyler**

Attendees:

Andrew Fulton – DE

Bob Cooney - PA

Chip Cooper - NH

Chris Lochte - AL

Christopher Handley - Navy / DOD

Chuck Happel - WI

Clay Mann - NEMSIS

Dan Lee – IL

Jean Speck - CT

Joe Moreland - KS

Josh Legler – Associate Member

Juan Esparza - FL

Karen Jacobson - NEMSIS

Kevin Putman - MI

Kimberly Torris - OR

Lindsey Narloch - ND

Melissa Belgau - WA

MicChele White - AL

Nathan Jarrett - OR

Paul Sharpe - VA

Rachael Alter - NASEMSO

Ridgely Ficks - MA

Robert Keys - SD

Rogelio Martinez - AZ

Ryan Tyler - AR

Shari Graham - MT

Dagan Wright - OR

Secretary's Report

Meeting minutes were unavailable for April 15, 2014. They will be presented at the June 17, 2014 DMC monthly meeting.

Chair Report

- Paul attended the May 6 and May 7 Medical Directors Council (MDC) Workgroup on Model EMS Clinical Guidelines. The MDC set out to develop a core set of medical

guidelines to help state EMS systems ensure a more standardized approach to the practice of patient care and to incorporate evidence-based guidelines. The effort entails the development of a core set of clinical guidelines which will be offered as an optional model for state, regional and local EMS systems to adopt. Standardizing guidelines is intended to enhance the ability of EMS providers to move across systems, improve EMS data collection and analysis, and provide the most current standards of practice for Prehospital care. Develop model protocols that use language to compliment NEMSIS Version 3 dataset. This is useful in providing clinical data from each state registry and everyone is using the same terminology. Here is the link to the Model EMS Clinical Guidelines Project:

<https://www.nasemso.org/Projects/ModelEMSClinicalGuidelines/index.asp>

- NASEMSO asking the Data Managers and the Highway Incident and Transportation System (HITS) to provide comment on the Federal Highway Administration National-level Safety Performance Measure NPRM (FHWA-2013-0020). The comment period will end on June 9, 2014. This is a new generation of the Crash Outcome Days Evaluation System (CODES) that links collision and medical records to identify serious crash injury data. Mary Hedges is asking the DMC Council to look over the new draft guidelines and submit any public comments appropriate to the scope of the Data Managers Council. Here is the link to the National Performance Management Measures; Highway Safety Improvement Program: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=FHWA-2013-0020-0003>

Here is the link to the federal rulemaking site for this docket:

<http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=FHWA-2013-0020-6773>

- Paul reminded everyone to start the conversation with billing agencies. The move from ICD 9 to ICD 10 could prevent some agencies from getting paid within NEMSIS version 3. Reach out to the major billing companies to ensure that no issues would arise during the transition. Make sure that each agency talks with their billing agency.

Chair-elect Report

Lindsey Narloch has no report.

NASEMSO Report –

Rachael Alter reported that a request was made to each council to provide a representative to the judging panel for the Poster Competition at this year's annual meeting in Cleveland. Terry Mullins (Director, AZ) expects that the work can be accomplished electronically and should take

no more than a few hours of time. If you are interested in putting your name in the 'hat' for this opportunity, please email Paul Sharpe and Rachael Alter by Friday Noon Eastern time.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

NEW BUSINESS

- **Managing issues not covered by Version 3** –The objective is to be able to ask a question for interpretation. Provide a response to the question in a timely manner. Once the question is answered, provide a way for dissemination of information to the Data Managers Council and provide a repository for previously asked question. Example would be mapping a LUCAS 2 Chest Compression System within the NEMSIS dataset. **Chip Cooper** made a motion for the Data Managers Council to establish a workplace, blog site or a centralized location for DMC members to pose questions related to issues and have a response to those questions. This will act as a central repository for all question and response. The motion was second **Ryan Tyler**. The motion was approved with no opposition by members.
- **Vendor Successes/Selection/Installation** – Make an agenda item to review the process of accepting data from the vendor community on behalf of the EMS Agency.
- **Golden Hour Appeal** – On April 2, 2014; Federal Court in Marshall Texas issued a judgment against emsCharts for enhanced damages plus interest for direct, induced, and willful infringement. The Court also agreed to issue Golden Hour a Permanent Injunction which would enjoin emsCharts from further infringement.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Annual meeting planning committee** – No movement currently. Sent an email back to Jean Speck to see if a presenter from GIS would like to give a presentation. Paul reminded the group that NEMSIS will be hosting a Software Developers Annual Meeting on Wednesday, October 8 during the annual meeting.
- **Data Definitions Workgroup** – Sent out an email requesting participation. Please respond to the email.
- **Mentoring Workgroup** – Chip has no movement currently. The group will attempt to convene in July.
- **Data Quality Workgroup** – Lindsey has no movement currently. The group will convene in a week. Utah provided schematron rules for the group to review and amend accordingly.

NEMSIS TAC Time

- **Schematron Rules** – NEMESIS has a process of reviewing rules as they are submitted to the NEMESIS TAC. Vendors are waiting on what the state schematron rules are going to be look like. NEMESIS has a share point site to provide updates, procedure list, and other pertinent information for migration to NEMESIS version 3. The website link is the following: <https://sp.nemesis.org/sites/main/National/Forms/AllItems.aspx> or send an email to [Clay Mann](#) or [Karen Jacobson](#) for review and posting.
- **NEMESIS Repository** – Dr. Mann discuss the development of a repository/ library for the download of files. Also provide the ability of vendors to automatically ping the system for new updates from state documentation and download the update. Josh discussed the need for the repository to solve an issue with vendors needing a clear and consistent way to receive state specific information.
- **Benchmarking API** – A reporting tool for vendors to benchmark data against the performance measures at the National, State, or regional level.
- **NEMESIS Version 3 Revision Request** – Start the review for items submitted for change request to the NEMESIS TAC.
- **“Not Values”** – Here is a link to the NEMESIS V3 Guidance for the use of NOT Values: http://nemesis.org/v3/documents/NEMESIS_v3_NOT_Values_Use_Guidance_05282014.pdf

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the call concluded at 3:20 pm Central Standard Time at the motion of Ryan Tyler and second by Joe Moreland, respectively.

Meeting Record respectfully submitted by Secretary Ryan Tyler