

National Association of State EMS Officials

Data Managers Council Monthly Meeting

Conference Call

July 23, 2013

Chair: Joe Moreland, Kansas
Chair-Elect: Paul Sharpe, Virginia
Secretary: Ryan Tyler, Arkansas
Immediate Past Chair: Stephanie Daugherty, Florida

Call to order by Chair- Elect, Paul Sharpe

Roll Call, Ryan Tyler

Attendees:

Bob Cooney – Pennsylvania	Lindsey Narloch – North Dakota
Chip Cooper – New Hampshire	Melissa Belgau - Washington
Christopher Handley - Navy	Nick Nudell - NEMS AC
Chuck Happel - Wisconsin	Paul Philips - Kentucky
Clay Mann - NEMSIS	Paul Sharpe - Virginia
Daniel Lee - Illinois	Rachael Alter – NASEMSO
Donna Etheridge - Mississippi	Ridgely Ficks – Massachusetts
Doug Fuller - Nebraska	Ryan Tyler - Arkansas
Hailey Pate – California	Ryan Frick - Ohio
Jay Ostby – Wyoming	Steve McCoy - Florida
Jenna Protzko - Vermont	Stuart Castle – New Mexico
John Cramer - Idaho	Sue Morris - Ohio
Josh Legler	

Minutes from the June 18, 2013 Meeting

Minutes of June 18, 2013 meeting were not sent out prior to Today's meeting on July 23, 2013. Minutes will be sent out after today's meeting and be on the Agenda for August meeting.

Old Business

Work Plan and Data Manager Environmental Scan

Rachael Alter: At this moment there are no updates for the work plan. About six (6) state Data Managers and roughly three (3) or four (4) territories have not completed the environmental scan. Rachael was able to talk with individuals at the Image Trend Conference about completing the environmental scan. Once the environmental scan is completed by the remaining few individuals, this should help with prioritizing goals within the work plan. The goal is to have the survey completed by Friday July 26, 2013 or by the end of next week Friday August 2, 2013.

Annual Meeting

Paul Phillips: Close to completing a specific agenda for the meeting in September. Joe has eliminated a couple of items from the agenda to accommodate another speaker with the medical directors. There is a concern about overloading our agenda with the allocated two days.

The agenda planning group has discussed taking action on the Data Managers Council: Goals and Strategic Direction 2013 during the meeting. The goal is a proactive approach on creating action points and moving forward with the plan. Time was set aside for a breakout session for workgroup members to start discussing and working on the plan.

The agenda also has the standard partner updates from NASEMSO, NHTSA, and NEMSAC.

The group keeps hearing what are you doing with my data? Recently had a conversation with a committee member about data and the usage. Lee Turpin, AMR CQJ, told how they are being penalized due to response times. They were able to take current data and place into a Rapid Acute Physiology Score (RAPS) as another indicator to prevent future penalization. Lee Turpin and Dr. Racht will be speaking on development and validation of the RAPS scoring system.

Joe Moreland will be giving presentations on EMS workforce and data quality.

Also scheduled is a vendor forum. This forum is for vendors to come and talk about their plans for Version 3 and answer question from the group.

Clay Mann: Two important topics for the NEMSIS portion of the agenda.

- Provided a review of the suggested minor revisions for V3.3.3. Results of this discussion will be taken to the vendor meeting in October.
- Provided a review of agency level NEMSIS reports containing injury and surveillance and the process of obtaining a report. An EMS service will make a request to the NEMSIS website; the state data manager will validate the person requesting the information and will return a report based on NEMSIS data with requesting agency's identification number.

States working together developing custom elements (Including a central repository for them)

Clay Mann: Currently in development with Jorge at NEMSIS. Currently have four software agencies going through compliance testing. We have this drafted out and would like to share our ideas with the group to get comments.

Version 3 compliance testing is ImageTrend and AR Concepts, Inc.

- Image Trend: <http://www.imagetrend.com/products/eds>
- AR Concepts, Inc. : <http://www.arconceptsems.com/>

Version 2 compliance testing is with Harrison Software and a company not wanting to disclose compliance testing at this time.

- Harrison Software: <http://www.harrisonsoftware.net/index.asp>

How to establish a state level vendor approval process agencies?

Chip Cooper: If we place this item in the parking lot it will have to be for a short time.

Paul Sharpe: Agencies will benefit from a vendor approval process to ensure that data is going to the state correctly and protect our agencies from not being in compliance.

Projects that influence or additional education on the NHTSA traffic records program.

Paul Sharpe: Joe Moreland spoke about having some of them attend the annual meeting and collaborate with them. I will ask the chair if this can be a future need.

DMC Work groups

- A. Data Linkage Workgroup**
- B. Definitions Workgroup**
- C. Funding Workgroup**
- D. Mentoring Workgroup**
- E. Vendor Workgroup**

Benchmarking EMS data

Stronger nation benchmarking will help the states with agencies down the road. This will be placed in the parking lot.

Trauma Registry and EMS Data uses/integration/education.

Due to time constraints and no one wanting to present, this is possibly part of the presentation that Joe Moreland is presenting at annual meeting.

Health Information Exchange and EMS data do we have a role?

This is a great opportunity to address how to integrate EMS into the Health Information Exchange and share data between each group. Kathy Robinson has experience with this topic and will be discussed with Agenda planning group after this meeting.

New Business**NEMSIS**

Clay Mann: As of yesterday on July 22, 2013 at 7:00 pm, NEMSIS has closed all data collection for the year 2012. They have started the process of cleaning and preparing the data for the release of the NEMSIS Public Research Data set. This is scheduled for release in the next three weeks. Currently had full reporting from forty-two (42) states and territories that roughly submitted 19.8 million records for 2012. In comparison from 2011, only 14.7 million records were submitted. The data is exponentially cleaner each year.

NEMSIS 2013 Annual Meeting: Progression of the Version 3 Data Standard will be held on October 24-25, 2013 in Park City, Utah. We have a draft agenda on the website. Highlight will be the HL7 consultants at the meeting. They will be bringing the draft standard that has been validated and approved through HL7 represents the version 3 data set. They will also be that will be demonstrating how to use the CDA to wrap around the complaint HL7 XML and transported from an ambulance to a hospital. The other highlight is the NEMSIS TAC has been able to get Josh Legler to help with the Version 2 to Version 3 mapping program. Josh will be announcing and releasing at the meeting.

Rachael Alter: Jean Speck from Connecticut wants to thank everyone for responding to her data question. Jean sent Rachael a compilation of the responses and will send it to anyone in the group that wants the information.

Mary Hedges is doing a search for vendors for the annual conference. The only data vendor is Image Trend. Please send a list to Rachael with potential vendors.

Doug Fuller: Rachael and I have been discussing having the annual meeting or parts of the annual meeting on a conference call due to certain restrictions with State budgets. Rachael discussed the pros and cons of having this option for those that cannot make it to the annual meeting.

Adjournment:

Paul Sharpe: There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. CDT.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at 1:30 CDT.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ryan Tyler, Secretary.