



**NASEMSO Data Managers Council
Norfolk Annual Meeting Minutes
October 11 – 12, 2010**

Chair: Bob Norlen, Minnesota
Chair-Elect: Stephanie Daugherty, Florida
Secretary: Kevin Putman, Michigan

Day One

Meeting called to order on 10/11/2010

In Attendance:

Bob Norlen, Minnesota – Chair; Stephanie Daugherty, Florida – Chair-Elect; Kevin Putman, Michigan – Secretary; John Cramer, Idaho – West Reg. Rep.; Joe Moreland, Kansas – North Central Reg. Rep.; Stuart Castle, New Mexico; Derrel Cone, Kentucky; Bob Cooney, Pennsylvania; Chip Cooper, New Hampshire; Doug Fuller, Nebraska; Chris Handley, Navy/Battelle; David Harden, Arizona; Holly Hedegaard, Colorado; Karen Jacobson, NEMSIS; Joshua Legler, Utah; Kevin McGinnis, NASEMSO; Greg Mears, EMSPIC; Aaron Reinert, NEMSAC/Lakes Region EMS; Paul Sharpe, Virginia; and William Thompson, Maryland

Guests:

Eric Chaney, Navy/Battelle; Joe Graw, ImageTrend; Rene Nelson, Zoll; and Rob Pray, Zoll

Welcome, Introductions, Approval of Agenda and Mid-Year Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Harden (Legler 2nd) to Approve Agenda – Carried

Motion by Harden (Fuller 2nd) to Approve Mid-Year Minutes – Carried

NEMSIS Version 3.0 Update – Mears:

- Dr. Mears gave an update on the Version 3 component Wikis and their comment periods.
- Compliance testing for Version 3 will be moved to the NEMSIS TAC
 - Details of testing still need to be worked out but may include a site visit or some other type of hands-on demonstration of the software
 - Testing also likely to include functionality and ease of use components as well
- Tools and Support to remain at the EMSPIC
- Question was raised regarding moving from separate Race/Ethnicity fields to one combined field. Dr. Mears stated that this was due primarily to OMB direction that states if a person is self reporting, then it should be asked through two separate questions; otherwise, it should be asked as a single combined question.



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Patient Tracking Project Update – McGinnis:

- In the past there were no standards for patient tracking. This created problems within states as neighboring regions may have been using different products that could not communicate with each other. The project was developed to create a standard means of transmitting and receiving data amongst the various systems rather than to dictate the data structure of the systems themselves.
- The majority of the federal partners wanted to participate. Some wanted to take it beyond patient tracking and make it appropriate for all event persons tracking whether they were patients or not. Work is being done on this expansion.
- The patient tracking standard has been submitted to OASIS and is expected to be approved within six months
- This project came from NASEMSO members and received \$500,000 in Federal funding

Military Transition and Implementation of NEMSIS – Handley and Chaney:

An overview was given regarding the challenges of trying to bring the military in general and more specifically the Navy into compliance with NEMSIS or some similar standard. Challenges are numerous for the Navy or any other branch of the military to submit data to NEMSIS. Chris compared this to the current NFIRS data collection process, the various levels that the data has to go through, and the end result of it being stored in separate secure servers and that their data is not included with the civilian fire data nor is the NFA able to even access it.

Funding the State EMS Data System: Implementation & Sustainment: What's Available? – Reinert:

Aarron described some of the various funding sources that are available that states may be able to use for EMSIS funding. This included the well known sources such as the NHTSA 408 funds, but also included some more obscure and non-traditional funding sources. The PowerPoint will be available on the NASEMSO site.

NEMSIS Technical Assistance Center Update – Jacobson:

Karen attempted to give an update regarding the current efforts to improve the quality of the data and the various efforts regarding Version 3. However, the discussion was taken off track and became a discussion regarding the relationships between NEMSIS, NEMSIS TAC and the EMSPIC. This discussion was revisited with Susan McHenry on day two of the meeting. Ms.



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Jacobson's complete presentation is posted on the NASEMSO web-site at:

<http://www.nasemso.org/Councils/DataManagers/documents/NEMSISTechnicalAssistanceCenterUpdateKarenJacobson.pdf>

Day Two

In Attendance:

Bob Norlen, Minnesota – Chair; Stephanie Daugherty, Florida – Chair-Elect; Kevin Putman, Michigan – Secretary; John Cramer, Idaho – West Reg. Rep.; Joe Moreland, Kansas – North Central Reg. Rep.; Rick Alcorta, Maryland; Stuart Castle, New Mexico; Derrel Cone, Kentucky; Bob Cooney, Pennsylvania; Chip Cooper, New Hampshire; Doug Fuller, Nebraska; Chris Handley, Navy/Battelle; David Harden, Arizona; Holly Hedegaard, Colorado; Karen Jacobson, NEMSIS TAC; Joshua Legler, Utah; Clay Mann, NEMSIS TAC; Kevin McGinnis, NASEMSO; Susan McHenry, NHTSA/OEMS; Aarron Reinert, NEMSAC/Lakes Region EMS; Paul Sharpe, Virginia; Nevena Skoro, Virginia; William Thompson, Maryland; and Keith Wages, Georgia

Guests:

Larry Cook, Utah CODES Project; Susan Cooney; Joe Graw, ImageTrend; Rene Nelson, Zoll; and Rob Pray, Zoll

DMC Nominations:

Bob opened with the acceptance of nominations from the floor for the DMC Steering committee elections that would be taking place at the end of the day. One additional nomination was received: Bob Cooney for East Regional Representative.

EMS Data Linkage – Cook:

Larry Cook gave an extensive presentation on data linkage including describing the type, what is needed, and several examples of the reliability and discriminating power of the matches as the number of elements to match on was reduced. Some notes were taken, but they do not do justice to the presentation. The PowerPoint does a better job and will be posted to the NASEMSO site.

NEMSIS Update and Strategic Vision (Revisited) – Jacobson and Mann:

Karen revisited her topic from the previous day. She emphasized data quality issues and showed examples of the submission reports.



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NHTSA Update – McHenry:

Susan gave an update on what is going on with NHTSA and NEMSIS.

- NHTSA currently operating on a continued resolution until December 3rd
- NEMSIS TAC is coming to the end of their first five-year agreement (12/31)
 - NEMSIS TAC now a \$1.5 million line item in the budget
- Section 408 grants will continue at current rate until reauthorization is passed
 - States required to certify NEMSIS compliance to qualify
- There was a delay in the appointments for the NEMSAC, but they have been submitted for approval
- Additional information on NEMSAC and FICEMS can be found at NHTSA/OEMS' website www.ems.gov

Closed Session for NASEMSO membership only:

No Minutes

What Questions can the Data Answer:

Dr. Rick Alcorta started an impromptu discussion on getting data from the street level to the state level and what could and should be done.

State Updates & Best Practices

Data Quality and NEMSIS – Moreland, Cooper, Graw, & Jacobson:

A presentation was done discussing what was being done in two ImageTrend States to improve overall data quality and increase the percentage of records that were being submitted to NEMSIS.

Zoll Update and State Data Reporting Best Practices – Nelson:

Rene Nelson from ZollData gave an update on what is being done at Zoll with regards to state reporting. Ms. Nelson also gave an overview of ZollData as it relates to the overall corporation.

Hospital Dashboard – Moreland:



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Joe gave an update on the Hospital Dashboard project that he discussed and last year's annual meeting. He also discussed the work that was being done between Digital Innovations (Collector [KS State Trauma Registry] and ImageTrend to move data back and forth between the two systems.

DMC Steering Committee Elections:

The DMC nominates and elects the members of the steering committee every two years. As Council Chair, Bob Norlen automatically became Immediate Past Chair. As Chair-Elect, Stephanie Daugherty automatically became the new Council Chair. The remaining positions were filled through a balloted election. The results are as follows:

- **Chair-Elect:** Joe Moreland, Kansas
- **Secretary:** Lindsey Narloch, North Dakota
- **East Region Rep:** Bob Cooney, Pennsylvania
- **North Central Region Rep:** Doug Fuller, Nebraska
- **South Central Region Rep:** No Candidate
- **West Region Rep:** John Cramer, Idaho

These individuals started their terms at the close of the Annual Meeting and will serve through the annual meeting in 2012.

Motion by Moreland (Cooney 2nd) to accept changes to DMC Charter – Carried

Motion by Daugherty (Cramer 2nd) to Close the meeting – Carried

Adjourned: October 12, 2010

Minutes submitted for approval by Secretary on November 18, 2010.