

NASEMSO Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, November 3, 2017
Meeting Record



PRESENT

Officers:

President: Keith Wages (GA) (partial)
Past President: Paul Patrick (UT)
Treasurer: Gary Brown (VA)
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East: Jason Rhodes (RI)
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Great Lakes: Kathy Wahl (MI)
Western Plains: Andy Gienapp (WY)

Councils:

Data: Kevin Putman (MI) and Tom McGinnis (CA)
Pediatric: Carolina Roberts-Santana M.D. (RI)
Trauma Managers: Carole Mays (MD)
Personnel Licensure: Helen Pullen (WI)
Health and Medical Preparedness: Joe Schmider (TX)
Medical Directors: Harry Sibold M.D.

EXCUSED ABSENT

Secretary: Alisa Williams (MS)

ALSO PRESENT

Members:

Steve McCoy (FL), HITS
Joe House (KS), Air Medical
Terri Godde Education Committee
Peter Taillac M.D. (UT)

Federal Partners:

NHTSA: Dr. Jon Krohmer and Susan McHenry
NEMSIS TAC: Dr. Clay Mann and Karen Jacobson

Staff:

Beth Armstrong, Executive VP
Dia Gainor, Executive Director
Mary Hedges, Program Manager
Kevin McGinnis, Program Manager
Zoe Renfro, Project Coordinator
Kathy Robinson, Program Manager

CALL TO ORDER / SELF INTRODUCTIONS

President-elect Kyle Thornton called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Eastern time. Beth Armstrong called roll and noted a quorum was present.

DISCUSSION

Introduction – Dr. Jon Krohmer made introductory remarks expressing the high importance NHTSA places on the data and the system. Good communication throughout the EMS community is critical. Everyone with a stake should know where we are coming from and where we are going. Both the positive opportunities and the issues with progress. Jon has participated in meetings to engage conversation about the status. There has been a change in the focus on timelines.

Krohmer asked NASEMSO to articulate what state EMS officials need in terms of communication and support.

Needs for Improvement – Dr. Clay Mann began with an explanation about the purpose of Version 3 including improving data quality, enhance performance assessment, prepare for the next step (HL7). He remarked that the reason for V.3.5.0 is because of feedback about still too many data sets, too complex and too confusing. They proposed to convert 13

elements as “defined lists,” three elements remain “as is” (Medication Allergies, Medical/Surgical History and __).

We need clarity on disposition – patient disposition, incident disposition and transport disposition.

They have collected 118 other revision requests since 3.4.4 was made available. TAC has reduced this to 100. Data managers voted at a NEMSIS meeting overwhelmingly supporting these changes.

Other topics covered by Mann (see PowerPoint slides):

Issues with V3.3.4 and V3.4.0

Potential Benefits of V.3.5.0

Current NEMSIS Versioning Timeline

How can we improve the revision process?

How can we further assist states with NEMSIS?

How can we improve transparency and participation?

Steve McCoy (FL) expressed support for a 7-year revision cycle and Keith Wages noted that the sunset date of a version is as important as the roll-out plans for a new version.

There was relief expressed that Version 3.3.4 closure date is extended to 2019.

Wages invited Doctors Krohmer and Mann to have regular dialog with state EMS directors, medical directors and data managers as a component of all in-person NASEMSO meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m. Eastern time.

Meeting Record respectfully submitted by NASEMSO Executive Vice President Beth Armstrong.