

National Association of State EMS Officials
Data Managers Council Monthly Meeting
Conference Call
September 19, 2017

Chair: Kevin Putman, Michigan

Chair-Elect: Tom McGinnis, California

Secretary: Chuck Happel, Wisconsin

Immediate Past Chair: Vacant

Call to order by Kevin at 2:35p (eastern)

Attendees:

Data Managers:

Felicia Alvarez (UT)

Charles Becvarik (NM)

Angie Biggs (IN)

Drew Chandler (KY)

Chip Cooper (NH)

Mark Conklin (NV)

John Cramer (ID)

Chelsea Dubie (VT)

Juan Esparza (FL)

Ridgely Ficks (MA)

Doug Fuller (NE)

Chris Hector (LA)

Michelle Johnson (DE)

Martin Lansdale (OK)

Dan Lee (IL)

Todd Manni (RI)

Tom McGinnis (CA)

Jay Ostby (WY)

Kevin Putman (MI)

Tim Seplaki (NJ)

Michael Taylor (NY)

Anne Vossbrink (AZ)

Other

Rachael Alter (NASEMSO)

Melissa Belgau (WA EMS)

Cathy Curley (PA)

Camry Hess (IN EMS)

Karen Jacobsen (NEMSIS)

Clay Mann (NEMSIS)

Rashmi Nagaraj (MA EMS)

Mark Roberts (Santa Barbara County)

David Saylor (Beyond Lucid)

Sharon Steele (NE EMS)

Adriene Winuk (CA EMSA)

Approval of Minutes

None to ready to approve.

Regional Reports

- No Regional reports were provided.

Council Representative Reports

- No reports were provided

Old Business

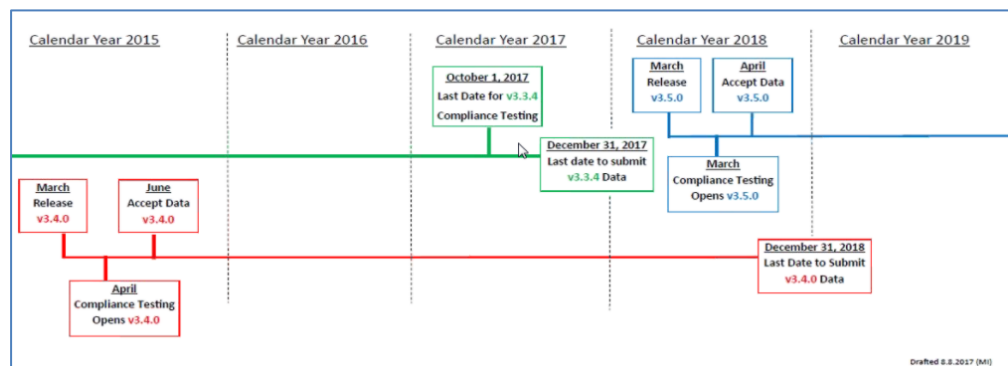
- Data Manager Roles & Responsibilities: Rachael reviewed a few updates to the roles & responsibilities document.
 - Motion passed to submit the document to NHTSA

New Business

- Rachael reviewed the Fall Meeting Agenda draft
- eDisposition.12 & NEMESIS v3.5 Timeline Discussion
 - eDisposition.12 Background
 - Challenges created by too many values in this element (long and confusing to providers)
 - Proposed that with v3.5 this element be split apart or greatly modified
 - Version 3.5 Timeline Background
 - Biggest concern is timeline is too short (Jan 1, 2019) to change business rules. Unsure if vendors can meet the transition timeline.
 - It comes down to NHTSA decision to stick to current timeline
 - DMC should put together a statement on timeline concerns and support of timeline pushback (to go to NHTSA) – we need more time, certainly if more changes are made to eDisposition.12
 - Additional changes to the standard (Modification of National Elements; Additional Values)
 - Discussion
 - Anne: Under the impression that the split of eDisp.12 wasn't going to be part of the first rollout of v3.5. Recommend that DMC determine whether to split before discussing the timeline.
 - Chip: What about v3.4.1 for some of the smaller things; or take our time and fix what we can with v3.5
 - Tom: Understood that eDisposition.12 would be split with v3.5
 - Dan: They're interlinked – should we work on eDisp.12 later, or if v3.5 is pushed back, then maybe we should do the major overhaul. The two are interlinked.
 - Mark: Additional concern is retiring v3.4 is in conjunction with v3.5
 - Sharon: Agree that there at least needs to be an extension of v3.4.0. In the past, there have been two versions running simultaneously
 - Kevin: The way it's supposed to work is a version is released in March and implemented by January the following year, with the previous version retiring. Things changed when the moratorium was instituted two years ago. Major versions to the standard are only supposed to come out every 4 years. (Clay: That's correct). Don't like changes to be delayed if the need exists, due to delays of major changes. The current revision process allows minor revisions to the standard. Maybe with every 4 year major release, at the end of year 2 (of 4) the next major release is published to

allow for development. Give 1 year + 9 months to implement the change. Anything that is minor could still be released.

- Anne: Is adding additional elements, or changing elements a minor or major change (don't understand what constitutes a change). There are items that shouldn't be postponed.
- Kevin: Anything that changes the schema is a major change. The addition of any elements is major, but value additions is minor. (Clay: that's correct)
- Clay: Any addition or deprecation of an element, backwards compatibility must be maintained with a minor revision.
- Karen: A minor release can indicate values that are to be marked as "deprecate" which would be removed with a major release.
- Kevin: As a group, we need to come up with something to present to NHTSA & NEMESIS TAC "this is what we feel should happen" – tossed out the concept of the timeline as a suggestion for discussion to allow more time for changes
- Doug: Timeline does need to be looked at, but we need to get into the meat of the matter – pros & cons of splitting eDisp.12
- Kevin: Agreed, but if the timeline isn't going to budge, then consensus seems to be that we can't split eDisp.12
- Chip: Sounds like most agree that we need to do something with the timeline
- Kevin: Saying we can only have major revisions every 4 years is okay, but allowing only 9 months to implement isn't enough time (*no one debated that concept*).
- Chip: need to come up with a position statement (which is how the moratorium occurred)
- Clay: Current timeline



- Great ideas that can be shared with Jon & Susan. Options:
 - Minor revision to v3.4.1 in 2018
 - Moratorium so v3.4 extends
 - Push back v3.5 by one or two years

- Because of the moratorium, some changes have built up as we are figuring this out
 - Mark R: Need to consider how this affects those who aren't reporting and those who are. Can't keep putting on bandaids.
 - Kevin: Believe that v3.5.0 still needs to be released but not mandated for implementation until a later date. We need a minor release sooner. Some things may be too disruptive to fix – but we need to fix major things (e.g. eDisp.12) or just understand that it will never be fixed. (kicking the can)
 - Chip: We need a greater overlap between major versions. E.g. v3.4.x would go through 12-31-2018 with versions running concurrently for maybe 2 years.
 - Dan: We need to think about hard stops (states with multiple vendors – we need the timeline, but may be put in a position where we can't meet the timeline). Question on vendor readiness. What's the relationship between obtaining NEMESIS compliance and deployment to clients. If vendors aren't ready in time to meet the deadlines established everyone is in a tough spot to meet those deadlines. An overlap of transition from one major version of a standard to the next that will help. As the NEMESIS/ State Rules match will be better.
 - Anne: there will always be vendors who aren't ready. Would like to see what the proposals are (AZ issues could be simply fixed). What other things would be affected by the proposed changes.
 - Clay: Our instruction to vendors is they bring a production ready product to NEMESIS for compliance testing.
 - Kevin: Chicken & the Egg: Vendors say they can't sell the product until they're NEMESIS compliant and implement it until they get the compliance. Maybe there needs to be a timeline – you have to have a product for sale for implementation within 6-months of compliance.
 - Dan: it only takes a certain portion of vendors with products not ready for that to fragment the state data
 - Mark: We need to consider other integrations such as CARES, NTDB, etc.
 - Chip: For eDisp.12 – workgroup is meeting Thurs to discuss final proposed changes. With input from this group, the recommendations will go to NHTSA and NEMESIS. Propose one additional meeting to finalize recommendations, timelines, etc.
 - Tom: I don't think we're going to make any major changes today. The NEMESIS and NASEMSO meetings are very close together.
 - Discussion ended to move to eDisposition.12 presentation for DMC membership.
- eDisposition.12 Split Workgroup – PowerPoint
 - Comments in GoToMeeting indicate that not everyone agrees with the concept of splitting eDisp.12
 - Chip went through the PowerPoint
 - Three Options:

- Keep as one element
- Split into two elements
- Split into three elements
- A poll will be created to allow membership to respond to the concepts in the PPT
 - Will be sent after the final workgroup meeting
 - Could open poll to stakeholders and users as well

NEMSIS TAC

- Clay quickly reviewed the new NEMSIS National [Naloxone Dashboard](#)
- Summer Work Group Sessions:
 - eOutcomes working to improve that section to make it more applicable to CMS. Make it just represent the National and State elements.
 - Universal unique ID question that Josh has been working on – met to tighten up that document for a well-developed recommendation
 - Current composition of National elements – whether they are appropriate. Group will promote the idea at the vendor meeting that some elements be demoted and some be promoted
 - Suggested Lists - Looking to identify a defined list of value choices. Reached out to the membership to see what impressions have been added – took those and have some being voted on.
 - Will take products coming out of the workgroups and will make them available
- Survey sent asking about v2 to v3 migration – aggregate responses will also be made available.

Other Business

- Anne: Thanks to the work groups for their efforts, particularly those involved in the eDisposition.12 Work Group.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the call concluded at 4:33p eastern.

The next DMC meeting will be Monday, October 9th, 2017 at the Oklahoma City Fall Meeting Meeting Record respectfully submitted by Rachael Alter, NASEMSO Staff (with much help from Karen Jacobsen)