



**NASEMSO Data Managers Council
Mid-Year Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2009**

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

Meeting called to order on June 8, 2009 at: 8:17 AM

In Attendance:

Bob Norlen, Minnesota – Chair; Kevin Putman, Michigan – Secretary; Bonnie Sinz, California; Rachael Atter, Idaho; Bob Heath, Nevada; David Harden, Arizona; Joe Moreland, Kansas; Paul Sharpe, Virginia; Dave Owens, NEMSIS TAC; Brian Nation, Arkansas; Clay Mann, NEMSIS TAC; Tim Seplaki, New Jersey; Aarron Reinert, Lakes Region EMS; Kevin McGinnis, NASEMSO; Susan McHenry, NHTSA; Greg Mears, NEMSIS EMS-PIC.

The following joined via phone and webinar during the NEMSIS TAC update, NEMSIS version 3 discussions, and minimum state data set discussion.

Dan Lee, Illinois; Erik Johnson, Washington DC; Steve Boylls, Colorado; Kathy Schmitt, Washington; Cindy Rasior, North Carolina; Holly Hedegaard, Colorado; John Cramer, Idaho; Charles Happel, Wisconsin; Stephanie Daugherty, Florida – Chair Elect; Michael Lo, Florida; Jay Otsby, Wyoming; Grace Sandeno, Colorado; Kristine Lucabaugh, Pennsylvania; Lindsey Narloch, North Dakota; John Fiedler, Iowa; Bob Cooney, Pennsylvania; Kevin Fitzgerald, Montana; Terry Smith, Iowa; Angela Hicks, North Carolina; Shirley Gastler, Missouri; Tim Erskine, Ohio.

Visitors:

Chih-Hao Lin, Taiwan

Opening Remarks:

Bob Norlen advised that more and more, other councils are looking to the Data Managers Council (DMC) for assistance, resulting in more work for the DMC in the coming year.

NEMSAC Oversight, Analysis, and Research Committee Update:

Aarron Reinert gave an update on a paper that they just completed related to medical errors and patient safety. The paper identifies current practices and safety measures. It also provided recommendations for each tier of EMS. The paper is currently in draft, but once approved will be available at EMS.gov.



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There was discussion about the concept of a medical errors registry, at what level this registry would be held, and whether it might be integrated or separate from NEMSIS. The council felt that such a registry should be a special system outside of NEMSIS.

Aarron would like to see NEMSIS able to track patient safety trends. He would like to identify which elements are available in NEMSIS version 2.2.1 that are able to be used for to accomplish this. There was a lot of discussion that NEMSAC first must come up with two or three questions that they would like answered, then the data elements that are needed to answer those questions could be identified. Aarron stated that NEMSAC needs to know the elements so they know what questions they can answer. To end the stalemate, Clay Mann stated that the NEMSIS TAC would identify the elements and provide them to NEMSAC.

NEMSIS Update:

Dave Owens from the NEMSIS TAC gave an update on current NEMSIS hot topics. Dave's presentation will be posted to the NEMSIS website (www.nemsis.org) by the end of the week. Among these was the NEMSIS submission schedule. The schedule can be found by going to www.nemsis.org/support and selecting the submission schedule. Clay Mann expressed the need to stick with the submission schedule, especially with regards to the fourth-quarter date of March 31st. This is necessary to ensure timely release on the Research Dataset in July. The DMC voted to support the NEMSIS submission schedule.

Along with the schedule, there was discussion about the data exchange area and the available information there such as the data profile report. There was also some discussion about email reminder notification. Data managers and vendors would be notified by email one month and two-weeks prior and on the submission due date. They will also be notified, along with the state EMS director if the submission is late. The DMC approved this email notification schema. There was also a request to be notified via email when the submission has been accepted.

NEMSIS also has new frequency reports for pediatrics and urbanicity. They have released their new online analytical processing (OLAP) cubes. There is public access to this where anyone can access the aggregated database. States that are submitting will also be given three passwords to the system where they will be able to view their state data as well. Links to these can be found in the PowerPoint presentation to be posted on the NEMSIS website. It was asked if



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agencies would be able to access this system to see just their data. Clay Mann stated that he thought that password control would be too overwhelming, but he would look into it. He did say that NEMSIS would be doing agency profile reports, where every submitting agency would be categorized into one of ten profiles. They would then received a report of their service and would be able to look up the aggregate report for the same profile for comparison.

Standards for Tracking Emergency Patients:

Kevin McGinnis gave a briefing of the work that is being done to create a data standard for emergency patient tracking. Currently there are numerous systems in use, but none of them are compatible with each other. Kevin will be sending a web link via email where the latest working documents can be found.

NEMSIS Version 3 Update:

Greg Mears gave an update on NEMSIS version 3. His presentation was emailed to the council members and will be posted on the NEMSIS website. This presentation included the following topics: Version 2.2.1 testing, version 3.0 roadmap, timeline, compliance, new background information, the draft dataset, standards harmonization.

NEMSIS is seeking comments on the draft dataset and will be posting a wiki next week to accept these comments. They would like to close the comment period on July 31st. The DMC will begin reviewing the dataset via conference calls at the next conference call on Tuesday, June 16th.

Minimum Recommended State Dataset:

Initial work was completed on version 1.0 of the minimum dataset. This document has already been sent to the DMC be Kevin McGinnis for review and comment.

NHTSA Update:

Susan McHenry gave a brief update on topics including health reform bills, EMS gap analysis effort, and evidence based practice guidelines. She said that the big update would be delivered by Drew Dawson at the general session.



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NHTSA Deliverables:

The DMC has two deliverables for the year. The first is the minimum state dataset, which initial work was completed earlier in this meeting. The second deliverable is a survey of the states and their data collection efforts. This survey will be released in the near future via Survey Monkey.

North Central EMS Institute Project:

Aarron Reinert is looking for states to participate in a project where the NCEMSI will be looking for trends in data. Participating states would need to provide NCEMSI with the NEMSIS National data elements. They also need agreements with two services, one that does direct entry into the state system and one that uploads their data via XML. If interested or to request more information, please contact Aarron directly at aarronr@lrems.com.

NASEMSO Annual Meeting – Little Rock, AR:

There was some discussion about the annual meeting and what to do for training. Bob Norlen will be trying to bring on someone to do some overview type training on probabilistic linkage. Another suggestion was to have NEMSIS TAC do training on the Data Message Board and their OLAP application.

Adjourned at: 4:48 PM

Minutes submitted for approval by: Secretary on June 10, 2009.