

## **EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL DATA COMMITTEE MEETING JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA**

Thursday, January 24  
3:30pm to 5:00pm

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### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chief Moreland, Data Committee Chair, opened the meeting with welcome and introductions. He discussed the upcoming March boot camp for the new committee members that will be joining the Data Committee. Several of the new committee members were present and introduced themselves.

Chief Moreland welcomed and introduced Dave Owens, NEMSIS TAC Project Manager, and Wendy Weber, NEMSIS Data Manager. He explained that they had been present at the meetings for most of the week and presented at the Key User Training, Day 2 and attended some of the constituent group meetings.

### **FFIRS UPDATE**

Steve McCoy, EMSTARS Clinical Liaison discussed his appointment to the FFIRS TAP (Florida Fire Incident Reporting System Technical Advisory Panel) to represent the Bureau of EMS. He announced that the FFIRS TAP met Thursday morning. He explained that the team and subcommittee that Chief Moreland appointed would be working to review FFIRS and EMSTARS to identify a crosswalk between the field requirements. He also announced that the Project Team would be meeting with the State Fire Marshals office to work together on this collaboration and he would report back to the FFIRS TAP at the April meeting.

### **GRANTS**

Ed Wilson with the Bureau of EMS, Grants Program, gave an update on the grants to included 408 / 163 DOT Grant funds, CDC grant funds, and HRSA grant funds.

Chief Colburn and his subcommittee that were appointed to work on the scoring criteria for the 163 DOT Grant funds announced that they had some modifications to last years scoring criteria. They met with Ed Wilson after the meeting to discuss their recommendations.

### **PROCEDURE CODES**

Juan Esparza, EMSTARS Business Analyst, and John Ross, EMSTARS System Administrator, discussed the plan for collecting and reporting Procedure Codes D04\_04. Basically, any valid ICD9 codes will be accepted. Any custom Florida data elements that the committee decides to add as drill downs will have a custom code added to the beginning of the ICD9 code. Only valid codes will be reported to NEMSIS; custom codes will be reported to NEMSIS as -5. Juan and John explained that the ICD9 table will be purchased to validate the codes being reported to EMSTARS and that the table will be updated as needed.

## **NEMSIS**

Dave Owens, NEMSIS Project Manager, explained that NEMSIS is beginning to look at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Revision; however, there will not be wholesale changes. Basically, there will be improvements to the current versions; not major changes.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN**

Chief Moreland discussed the Data Committee's role in the Strategic Plan and stated that he would be appointing a subcommittee to oversee the Data Committee's role in the Strategic Plan and keep the committee posted.

Cory Richter, Strategic Visions Committee Vice Chair, talked to the Data Committee about the Strategic Plan. He thanked the Data Committee for their hard work on Goal 1 of the Strategic Plan and noted that the plan would be taken to the EMS Advisory Council for vote on Friday, January 25. He explained that EMSTARS will help drive the Strategic Plan and that EMSTARS is a major force behind the Strategic Plan. Cory also explained that each goal has a Goal Owner and that the Data Committee is the goal owner for Goal 1. He noted that the next step is to work on the Charter for each group/goal.

## **REPORTS**

Steve McCoy presented to the Data Committee the preliminary draft reporting specifications that he has developed for the reporting phase of EMSTARS. He explained that the team solicited ideas from the Constituent Groups and there was feedback from the Quality Managers and Medical Directors. There are approximately 20 standard reports that the Medical Directors and Quality Managers have identified as wanting to be able to access from EMSTARS at startup.

Steve explained that he is beginning to build reports at the state level and presented a preview of the reporting specifications and formats for a couple of the standard reports. He noted that the team needs feedback from the Data Committee on the draft documents. He explained that the reports look a lot like the National Reports that have been created by NEMSIS; therefore, the reports developed by Florida will be standard to those developed at the national level in regards to the format, layout, specifications, etc... There was a lot of good feedback from the group.

## **HELP CENTER**

Juan Esparza discussed the Help Center that is available on EMSTARS. He explained that the Help Center will contain contact information for the project team, frequently asked questions, best practices and lessons learned to help assist providers and vendors with the EMSTARS project.