

EMSAC DATA COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

APRIL 15, 2008

COCOA BEACH, FLORIDA

8:00AM – 6:00PM

Chief Moreland, Chair of the Data Committee, opened the meeting with welcoming everyone. He explained that there was a need to review the committee bylaws for possible changes. One modification is to change the tie breaker vote to have the committee chair make the tie breaker vote. The other modification is to remove the provisions for proxy voting from the bylaws; due to the size of the committee, there is not a need for this provision.

Chief Moreland extended his thanks to the EMSTARS project team for the work they do and for working to find ways to reimburse data members for their travel expenses.

Levi Owens, EMSTARS Project Manager, discussed the upcoming Regional Workshops in May and June. He expressed the need to have data committee representatives at each workshop; at least 2 members at each workshop to support EMSTARS, answer questions, and make presentations (if they want).

Pensacola and Destin Workshops – Art Garcia, Kathy Koch, Mac Kemp, and Tom Burger

West Palm – Les Williams and Tom Sheridan

Ft. Lauderdale – Charles Moreland, Ken Devin, Stephen LaRue, Tom Sheridan, and possibly Nancy Delgado

Miami-Dade – Charles Moreland, Ken Devin, Nancy Delgado, Raul Fernandez, and Stephen LaRue

Ft. Myers – Art Garcia, Joe Kanzler, Les Williams, and Raul Fernandez

Sarasota – Art Garcia, Joe Kanzler, Kathy Koch, and Les Williams

Tampa – Barbara Uzenoff, Craig Hare, Dave Holler, Gary Ball, Jeff Barnard, Kathy Koch, and Keith Cartwright

Ocala – Charles Moreland, Ken Devin, and Tom Burger,

Jacksonville – Charles Moreland and Ken Devin

Daytona – Angel Nater, Charles Moreland, and Ken Devin

Melbourne – Keith Cartwright, Les Williams, and Tom Burger

Orlando – Charles Moreland, Karen Hunter, Ken Devin, Keith Cartwright, and Tom Sheridan

Crawfordville – Art Garcia, Brian Beasley, Jeff Barnard, and Mac Kemp

Levi recognized the following members for winning the quiz he sent out on email regarding EMSTARS:

Les Williams, Ken Devin, and Stephen LaRue

The committee discussed the Data Quality Award that the project team initiated for the July Council Awards. The committee came to the consensus that it was too soon for a Data Quality Award. The committee expressed that it would be better to recognize all participating agencies through a letter of recognition from Chief Bixler.

Levi Owens discussed the startup schedule. Currently there are 20 agencies participating in the pilot program. In May 2008, an additional 7 agencies will begin submitting data, followed by 80 agencies submitting in July 2008. There are 3 agencies targeted to begin submitting in October 2008 and 5 agencies in February 2009.

The committee discussed the options that provider agencies have for funding vendor software. There are several different types of grant funds through the bureau's grant program. Agencies can also buy vendor software through billing contractor which requires no capital outlay upfront (turn key solution); costs are tied into billing. Some of these vendors include Intermedix (ADPI) and ESO.

The committee discussed different ways to reach agencies that are not committed to EMSTARS. Some suggestions include reaching out to agency's Chiefs; notifying them of workshops, meetings, etc... Kathy Koch includes EMSTARS on the Florida Aeromedical Association (FAMA) EMSAC meeting agendas. Other suggestions included mentoring programs where agencies using the same software can assist each other; and providing a generic template to assist agencies in writing grants.

The committee discussed defining cardiac arrest but did not finalize a specific definition. Follow up discussion needed for this subject.

Juan Esparza, EMSTARS Business Analyst, reviewed the data dictionary modifications 1.4 and 2.0 with the committee. There was discussion on the need to add the element for Date/Time Patient Care Transferred to Hospital. Dr. Nelson explained that this ties into the Strategic Plan and is needed as soon as possible. The committee agreed that this element needs to be added as a 2.0 modification.

The committee agreed to move Items 2, 3, and 25 in 1.4 modifications (Patient Transferred To Date/Time, Pediatric Certification, and Unit Back in Service) from 1.4 to 2.0 modifications. The committee agreed that items 4 through 20, 22, and 23 in 1.4 modifications need to be implemented. The committee agreed to table Item 1 and see

how it is being used in the system. Juan Esparza will report on this item at the next meeting. The committee agreed that item 21 and item 24 changes do not need to be implemented.

The committee agreed that items 1 and items 4 through 8 in 2.0 modifications need to be implemented. The committee agreed that there needs to be more research for item 2. There needs to be more clarification on item 3.

There was discussion on pediatric certification which is also tied to the strategic plan. The committee wants further clarification on what courses are considered pediatric training/education. Medical Quality Assurance (MQA) is adding questions in regards to training/education to the recertification process; will this meet the pediatric certification needs? The committee agreed that this need is a 2.0 modification (not 1.4).

Tom Benton talked to the committee about the importance of a unique patient identifier (UPI). The committee agreed that they are in support of a UPI. A data element will need to be added to allow agencies to collect a UPI and the Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA), and hospitals, will need to also collect in order for prehospital and hospital linkage to occur using the UPI. Tom Benton is going to talk about the UPI to the Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC) about the need for the UPI in order to better link crash and medical/health databases.

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APRIL 17, 2008

COCOA BEACH, FLORIDA

3:30PM – 5:00PM

Chief Moreland, Chair, opened the meeting with welcoming comments. He discussed the Data Committee's role in the Strategic Plan. He explained that he will delegate a few people to work on the Strategic Plan as it relates to the Data Committee. He encouraged all data committee members to get copies of the new EMSTARS flyer. He explained that the flyer is a great and quick update on EMSTARS and can be used to promote EMSTARS to other agencies and also to their own agency's management.

It was discussed that with all the cut backs, that there is a need to promote the work of the Data Committee and the pilot agencies. The committee members feel it would be helpful to get a letter from the state with Chief Moreland's signature in contribution of the data committee member's involvement so members can pass up their management line.

Dr. Nelson, State Medical Director, updated the committee on the Emergency Medical Review Committee (EMRC). He explained that the EMRC is a mechanism to promote EMSTARS and to create reputation that EMSTARS is a good thing. The EMRC is a key to turn the EMSTARS data into a work product and there is a need to turn the EMRC into something very valuable to the community and agencies. Dr. Nelson explained that if the work of the EMRC is not done right (punitive), it could damage EMSTARS.

Levi Owens, EMSTARS Project Manager, talked about the dates for 1.4 and 2.0 modifications. He recommended the following:

Version	DataComm Approval	System Modifications Complete (Bureau & Vendors)	Providers Implemented / Compliant
1.4	ASAP	09/01/2008	12/31/2008
2.0	12/01/2008	09/01/2009	12/31/2009
3.0	12/01/2009	09/01/2010	09/01/2010

There was discussion that validation rules need to be added to 2.0 modifications for Alert Called and Reason for Choosing Destination (E20_16). Validation rules need to be added that if Alert Called then E20_16 should equal 5040 (Specialty). There is also

a need to add text to Specialty to include OBs, Trauma, etc... There was discussion to include in 1.4 modifications the addition of STEMI Alert.

Juan Esparza, EMSTARS Business Analyst, will pull information for the next data committee council meeting to see what data is currently being submitted for E20_16 Reason for Choosing Destination.

As a follow up to the data committee meeting on April 15, there was further discussion on the definition of Cardiac Arrest. The committee agreed that if there is an international definition already present, then that is what needs to be used. Committee members are looking into the international definition and will settle between now and July.

Steve McCoy, EMS System Analyst, presented the reporting specifications to the committee. These are the reporting specifications for the areas that were identified by the constituent groups as high priority. Steve explained that the reporting specifications are important because of the need to know exactly what to query. He stated that there will be 40 report views at startup.

There was discussion on what list is best to use for the stroke center list. It was agreed to use the AHCA stroke list. Steve explained that the project team contacted AHCA for a list of hospitals that offer PCI (STEMI center list) but AHCA does not have a list. Barbara Uzenoff has some contacts that she will check with on STEMI centers (hospitals that offer PCI).

There was discussion that it may be best to start small and grow in regards to online reports. There is a need to discuss final report output further. Mac Kemp will work with project team to determine which reports should be available at startup. Levi explained that this needs to be completed by COB on Wednesday, April 23. The project team will schedule a conference call for Friday, April 25 to discuss further.

Steve McCoy explained that Primary Type of Service Level report has been added to the statistical groupings. Juan Esparza explained that it is very important to submit good demographic data since the demographic data is used when pulling information for some of the statistical groupings.