



# Membership Newsletter

February 2019

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## **NEMSQA Board selects ACEP to provide management services for the Alliance**

The NEMSQA Board issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for management services for the National EMS Quality Alliance. This was done following discussions during the face-to-face meeting in July 2018 regarding the Board performing due diligence concerning the expense to run the Alliance.

Five companies responded to the RFP; each were evaluated on price, experience in management services, and experience related to this project. After reviewing all of the submissions the Board selected ACEP to provide the management services. ACEP has been supporting the Alliance since the NHTSA cooperative agreement was awarded on September 29, 2017.

## **NHTSA extends the period of performance for the NEMSQA project**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) extended the period of performance for the Development of EMS Quality Measures Cooperative Agreement that funds the organization and work of NEMSQA. A no-cost extension for the project was submitted to NHTSA extending the period of performance for the project from a September 28, 2018 end to a revised September 28, 2019 ending date. No other changes to the agreement were made.

The rationale provided to NHTSA in requesting the no-cost extension included a longer than anticipated time frame to complete the organization of the Alliance and additional time needed to develop the processes to identify, review, and test candidate quality measures. A NEMSQA consensus concluded that it was better for the process to be slower and more deliberate rather than chancing critical issues that might show up later in the process.

The project has two deliverables for this period of performance. The first is to evaluate the existing EMS Compass candidate measures and either approve as they stand or identify needed revisions. The second deliverable is to identify existing quality measures in other health care areas that would be appropriate to use in EMS, or develop new quality measures.

## **Board of Trustees vacancy for representative from the Stakeholder membership category**

The NEMSQA Board of Trustees currently has a vacancy for one of the three representatives from the Stakeholder membership category. Ms. Roxanne Shanks has resigned her Board position due to an increase in other commitments. The Board wishes to express their sincere thanks to Roxanne for her service and work getting the Alliance up and running.

The NEMSQA Board is comprised of nine members, six representing the Steering Committee Members and three representing the Stakeholder members. Board members serve a three-year term with one-third up for re-election every year. The Stakeholder member organizations are currently nominating candidates to run for the open position on the Board.

## **NEMSQA Measurement Development Committee**

The NEMSQA Measurement Development Committee is charged with developing a process to identify and review both new and existing quality measures as well as evaluation and testing processes for each candidate measure.

The Measurement Development Committee has been actively holding several conference calls discussing the development of processes. They are planning a face-to-face meeting in the near future and will utilize committee members, ACEP staff, and quality measures development consultants as they proceed.

The members of the Measurement Development Committee include:

Michael Redlener – Board Representative  
Theresa Morrison-Quinata – EMSC rep  
Meagan Hollern  
Sean Andrews – HHS/ASPR rep  
Gary Wingrove  
Joe Penner  
Paul Brennan  
Peter Fischer  
Jonathan Washko  
Jeff Jarvis  
Kathleen Brown  
Diane Pilkey, RN – EMSC staff  
Sarah O'Donnell – EMSC staff  
Brooke Burton  
Lori Hollowell

## **NEMSQA Bylaws Committee**

The NEMSQA Bylaws Committee is charged with reviewing Alliance bylaws and working with legal counsel to update and add new sections as needed. The bylaws are currently being reviewed

by our attorney to add sections addressing indemnification of Board Officers and a process to dissolve the Alliance should the need arise.

The members of the Bylaws Committee include:

Board Represent – Vacant  
Jules Scadden  
Jay Scott  
Mike Hall  
Paul Roman

### **NEMSQA Communications Committee**

The NEMSQA Communications Committee is charged with informing members of activities of the Board and various committees as well disseminating information on the activities of the Alliance to the EMS community at large. The Communication Committee plans quarterly newsletters for members with additional updates as needed.

The members of the Communication Committee include:

Brooke Burton – Board Representative  
Mike Brisson  
Kelley Holdren  
Robert Chaplin

### **NEMSQA Board Officer and Members**

#### Steering Committee Representatives

Mike Hall – President (2-year term)  
Peter Taillac, MD, FACEP – Vice President (1-year term)  
Chief Mike McEvoy, PhD, NRP, RN, CCRN – Secretary/Treasurer (2-year term)  
Paul Brennan (1-year term)  
Brooke Burton, NRP (3-year term)  
Michael Redlener, MD, FAEMS (3-year term)

#### Stakeholder Representatives

Robert Chaplin, MD, FAAP (3-year term)  
Joe Penner (1-year term)  
Vacant (2-year term)

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