

# NEMSQA Measurement Development Committee

## Meeting Notes

Friday, March 15, 2019

Time: 1:30PM CST

### **Attendees:**

Committee Members: Kathleen Brown, MD, FACEP, Co-Chair; Jonathon Washko, Co-Chair; Michael Redlener MD, FAEMS, Board representative; Mike Hall, BOT President; Diane Pilkey; Sara O'Donnell; Gary Wingrove; Megan Hollern; and Sean Andrews.

NHTSA Staff: Jon Krohmer, MD, FACEP

ACEP Staff: Rick Murray, Pat Elmes, Kelly Burlison (note taker), and Mary Houlihan.

### **Discussion:**

#### **1. Measure Development Committee Workgroups**

- a. To complete work on EMS Compass measures, the committee will be split up into three separate workgroups, to complete the processes in the measure development lifecycle. Workgroups include: Research, Specification, and Testing & Learning. Details of each workgroup were reviewed (Attachment B), and committee members were encouraged to join their preferred workgroup, keeping in mind that the Research and Testing & Learning workgroups need more members.

- i. Action Items:

1. Committee members to send their workgroup choices to Kelly Burlison ([kburlison@acep.org](mailto:kburlison@acep.org)) if they have not already.
2. Kelly Burlison to reach out to committee members to determine areas of expertise and to help assess for gaps that may need to be filled in with external stakeholders.

#### **2. EMS Compass and EBG Measure Development Projects**

- a. Internal work on EMS Compass measures is currently taking place and workgroups will be engaged in the upcoming weeks, leading up to the measure re-specification meeting on April 15, 2019 (see notes below). Work on EBG measures will take place later, once the EMS Compass work is well underway and members of the BOT develop priorities for which guidelines to move forward with.
- b. Detailed workplans have been developed for both projects (Attachment C) which will guide the measure development process.
- c. Additional external stakeholders need to be a part of this process, especially those who are currently using EMS Compass measures. Invites have already been sent to Brent Myers at ESO, Donna York Clark at Golden Hour, and Greg Mears at Zoll. Invitation that was sent invites users to participate in any of three ways: sharing data, participating in a user experience survey, and/or directly participating in the measure development process.

- i. Kelly Burlison to send additional invites to representatives from First Watch and AMR.
- ii. Sean Andrews may have a connection at HHS who can assist the Research workgroup with literature reviews, he will investigate this potential resource and report back.
- iii. Kelly Burlison to follow up with the individuals who have already been invited to join the project next week.
- d. As NEMSQA moves forward with measure development, it is important to focus on quality and not quantity. Moving forward, measures of good quality should be developed.

### **3. April 15<sup>th</sup> Measures Meeting**

- a. On Monday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, NEMSQA will be holding a day-long Quality Measure Development Meeting at ACEP National Headquarters in Irving, TX. The primary focus of this meeting will be to discuss and re-specify EMS Compass measures.
  - i. NEMSQA will reimburse members for their travel. Meeting information, along with travel details, was sent via email by Kelly Burlison earlier in the week. If any committee member did not receive this email, they can contact Kelly at [kburlison@acep.org](mailto:kburlison@acep.org).

### **4. ET3 Demonstration Project**

- a. NEMSQA is looking for way to become involved in the ET3 demonstration project, including potentially developing a treat and refer measure set that can be used in the project.
- b. There has been little guidance from CMS/CMMI thus far on how NEMSQA can become involved, but the Measure Development Committee will be assembling a Technical Expert Panel (TEP) to conduct work for this project if NEMSQA is able to become a partner with CMS/CMMI. It will be CMS/CMMI's decision as to whether NEMSQA will be able to develop measures for the project but NEMSQA would like to be prepared in the case that a partnership is formed.
  - i. If committee members would like to become part of the ET3 TEP, contact Kathy Brown, Jon Washko, or Michael Redlener.
  - ii. A Letter of Support, signed by NEMSQA membership, to CMS/CMMI, may be beneficial in helping NEMSQA become involved in the ET3 project. ACEP staff to work with the BOT on drafting the LOS.
- c. Sean Andrews is currently reaching out to staff at HHS to try find out more on how NEMSQA can become involved in the project and will attempt to set up a meeting, so leadership can discuss with HHS staff.
- d. Jonathan Washko was appointed by Michael Redlener to lead the TEP for the ET3 project, and he agreed that he could take on the charge with the help of staff, committee members, and other TEP members.
- e. If NEMSQA is unable to partner with CMS/CMMI to develop measures for the project, the TEP can be utilized to review and endorse the measures that CMS/CMMI decides to include in the project.