

THE FAIR EMS MEASUREMENT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Location: Web-Ex
Date: 02/04/2020
Time: 10:00 AM
Facilitator: Steve McCoy, Dr. Kenneth Schepcke, Lauren Hogge

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 10:00 by Dr. Schepcke.

Attendance taken by Lauren.

Members in attendance – Kenneth Schepcke, Christian Zuver, Hezedeane Smith, Jennifer Fische, Jim Augustine, John Simpson, Mike Hall, Paul Pepe, Pete Gianas, Phyllis Hendry, Rodney Mascho, Scott Pendarvis and Steve McCoy. Not committee members present were Lauren Hogge, Jane Bedford, Tom DiBernardo, Michael Redliner, Kelly Burlison and Rick Murray.

Kelly Burlison introduces Vice President of NEMSQA, Michael Redlener. He explains he is excited to be partnering with us on this project and helping Florida develop these measures and will help support us. He has worked in many different facets of health care quality to include the EMS Compass Measures Project. NEMSQA will have the ability to develop and push these measures out in a meaningful way and looks forward to the continuing of working with us at their highest ability that will support EMS agencies.

Kelly Burlison presents; advises timeline of project deliverables, mission and vision of NEMSQA, leadership structure, expresses how the measurement development committee structure works and how it is reviewed. Kelly explains the adoption of existing quality measures and how it is not good to develop a measure over a measure that already exists, therefore it is better to harmonize unless there is a new topic being developed (in which case it would go through prioritization; research, testing, specification). Not only will they assist us in the measure development, but measures are reviewed and maintained annually, which ensures that it is coinciding with current evidence based and clinical guidelines. She explains the measurement development process – design and prioritization, call for measures period, environmental scans, etc. They will be a measure steward guideline review, determine if there is a current practice gap, harmonize and create electronic specifications. She details the process of what happens to a measure, determined on whether it is existing or new as the processes vary and explains that the most gold standard measure concepts are going to come from scientifically evidence-based guidelines. Once inclusions and exclusions, as well as

domains are categorized will then lead to the technical expert panel gathering. After everything is reviewed by this panel, it will go back to steering committee for our approval. There will be a solicitation of public comment to decide what goes to controlled testing and depending on how those measures perform will determine which measures will go into the Biospatial system. There will also be a national online survey which will help people assess whether it meets good criteria for FAIR. Their final process will be inclusive of a final decision from committee and board approval prior to it reaching FAIR for finalization process and voting, which will give two layers of expert level approval prior. The technical expert panel will be starting their planning meetings and coordination's soon, upcoming meeting dates TBD.

Dr. Scheppke discusses how we can change the philosophy on how to improve quality improvement systems throughout the state. There is a lot of science behind the measurement development process, but we are going to have to find what is going to be beneficial and impactful for Florida.

Mike Hall talks about the concepts that we are developing and how we can make ourselves better. He explains that true quality measurement can be utilized throughout the entire health care systems (hospitals, EMS, pay-for-performance systems, CMS, etc.). If we are developing many performances measures a good next step process may be inclusive of discussions and submissions with National Quality Forum (NQF).

Michael Redlener states that in terms of the development of a CMS measure, our priority is to develop performance measures that are in the best interest of the patients on the forefront. There are other opportunities for integrated data (such as hospital and ems data) and opportunities to learn form that. Also, 30 measures is quite a bit so also bet thinking of bundles of care. We could streamline the process, take evidence that exists to put it together in a meaningful way. Look into the EMS 2.0 Compass Measures.

Steve McCoy – it is important from a state perspective where we draw the lines for our current submission process with CMS, NQF, etc. For this project we will focus on the quality of care and moving EMS forward; if it is a success, we can investigate in the future.

Next meeting will be held on March 2nd, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the Tampa Convention Center. Room specifics TBD. Call in information will be sent out for those who cannot attend in person.

The meetings will rotate Web-Ex and Face-to-Face.

Meeting adjourned.

Action Items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
Call for measures (this group)	All members	Ongoing	In progress