

Florida
Feasible, Actionable,
Impactful, and Relevant (F.A.I.R)
EMS Measurement Project



Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday August 11, 2020
 2:00 EDT
 Via Zoom

Steering Committee Members Present				Staff Present			
Kenneth Scheppke, Chair	X	Pete Gianas	X	Paul Pepe	X	Jane Bedford	X
Peter Antevy		Phyllis Hendry	X	John Simpson	X	Lauren Hogue	X
Jim Augustine	X	Angus Jameson	X	Hezedeane Smith	X	Mike Hall	X
Paul Banerjee		Rodney Mascho	X	Debbie Vass	X	Tom DiBernardo	X
Darryl Donatto		Steve McCoy	X	Christian Zuver	X		
Jennifer Fishe		Scott Pendarvis					

Guests: Rick Murray, NEMSQA; Kelly Burlison, NEMSQA

Item for Consideration

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Scheppke at 2:00pm.

II. Determination of Quorum

It was determined that a quorum was met for the meeting with 12 of 17 Steering Committee Members present. (71% present)

III. March 2, 2020 Steering Committee Minutes

Minutes were approved as presented.

OLD BUSSINESS:

Age Determination of Pediatrics. The determination age of pediatric patients was discussed as a follow up from the last meeting. Since there is not a clear agreement by the EMS community on delineation of a pediatric patient the SC needs to consider this delineation as measures are developed. Dr. Scheppke suggested it may need to be broken into 2 groups pre-pubescent and pubescent. Dr. Scheppke encouraged the SC to consider and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

Definition of Respiratory Distress: The clinical definitions were discussed for the determination of respiratory distress. It was discussed that patients without underlying lung disease presenting with a SAO2 of 94% or less would be considered in respiratory distress. This will be discussed in subsequent meetings.

IV. Opening Comments

Dr. Scheppke welcomed back the members of the Steering Committee and staff back to the project after an extended period due to COVID-19. He expressed his desire to get The FAIR Project back on track. He explained that the project has reopened the calls for measures due the distraction that was caused by the pandemic. Dr. Scheppke shared with the SC his vision of seeking measures that based on patient outcome measures. He introduced Mike Hall

Quality Improvement Coordinator as the recently hired staff member at BEMO who will be responsible for coordinating this project. Mike did a brief introduction of himself.

V. Where are we at now (FLEX Report)

Mike presented an overview of the FLEX report to the SC. The FLEX report is a status report to the grant representatives for the Federal Government. He shared the related objectives of the grant to develop rural QI leadership and education in conjunction with the measure development. He highlighted the success in engaging rural EMS providers in submitting data to EMSTARS and success in the utilization of Bio Spatial. Mike explained the segmenting of the measure development into FAIR 1.0 and FAIR 2.0 with target date of publishing FAIR 1.0 measures in October of 2021.

VI. Where are we going

Mike Hall presented to the committee the revised FAIR 1.0 timeline and the current status towards those goals.

VII. Approval of Initial Environmental Survey

Kelly Burlison presented the Initial Environmental Scan for the project to the SC. The SC had no revisions or corrections of the scan.

VIII. Call for Concepts Measures

Kelly Burlison reported on the progress of the reopened call for measures. She shared that submissions started out slow but now seems to be picking up. Kelly shared that one organization submitted their entire portfolio of measures. Mike shared with the group that at first some technical difficulties existed that prohibited submitting more than one measure. This issue has been resolved. Dr. Scheppke urged the members of the committee to reach out to all their colleagues and encourage them to submit measures. Additionally Dr. Scheppke tasked all members of the SC to submit at least one measure concept by the closing date of August 22. Anyone having difficulties in submitting measures reach out to Mike Hall for assistance.

IX. Bylaws Approval

Bylaws were approved as amended by the SC.

X. Recommendations from Rural Data Assessment Approval

Jane Bedford presented the Rural Data Assessment report and the SC discussed the report and felt additional consideration of the report was needed by the SC. Dr. Scheppke asked the SC to review and share a dialogue over email and after 30 days he will either call for an electronic vote or present at the next SC meeting.

XI. Other Business

Dr. Pepe shared with SC the SCOPE of Quality concept for consideration as measures are contemplated. Dr. Scheppke asked Mike Hall to distribute to SC members.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.