

**EMS Data System Rule Making**

**Meeting Notes**

December 14, 2020

**2:00pm-4:00pm**

**Conference Call Only**

**Attendance:**

Peter Corier, Rinita Cook, Ben Miller-Todd, Scott Brownell, Jennifer Correa, Donald Sharp, Kristin Criss, Anna Lee Drewry, Cheryl Burrows, Anne Lueders, Zita Wiltgen, Jim Nania, Julianne Ehlers, Ken Peralta, Krista Richardson, Kurt Hardin, Bud and Marty Rose, Eric Cooper, Eric Koreis, Heather Lee, Robyn Hughes, Dave Lynde, Neil Argen, Tim Wade, Tom Ling, Todd Schanze, Travis Mykelbust, TJ Bishop, Gary Lingel, Theresa Remsberg,

**DOH Staff in Attendance:**

Jim Jansen, Adam Rovang, Catie Holstein, Dawn Felt, Melissa Belgau, Steve Bowman, Julianne Wlazak, Ihsan Mahdi, Jason Norris, Jennifer Landacre, Jia Wu

**Opening:**

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm by Jim Jansen.

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Actions, Discussions, Decisions</b>
<b>Old Business</b>	<p>Review changes to existing rules discussed in November: 246-976-001, -010, -161, -260, -330, -430, -910, -920, -960</p> <p><b>Comments on Changes.</b></p> <p>Group reviewed and discussed changes made to these sections based on discussion at previous meeting.</p> <p>Discussed need to report patient volume and currently availability of some volume fields in ILRS. WEMIS currently includes statistical information fields that may be used for this purpose in order to collect this information annually rather than biannually. DOH team will continue to discuss feasibility of this solution.</p> <p>Question raised: Can local regional councils be able to look at data. DOH will research and see if those councils can have access.</p>
<b>New Business</b>	<p>Review and discuss proposed new section: 246-976-xxx - WEMIS – Department responsibilities</p>

Edits to and comments on the rules were made in the document throughout the meeting based on the group's discussion, suggestions, concerns and consensus.

### 1. "Purpose"

#### **Public Concern:**

Group proposed addition to purpose section: "(f) assure equity to all the people of the state of Washington."

Discussion of need to define Quality Improvement (QI) vs. Quality Assurance (QA). Do these terms need to be added to the definition section?

WAC 246-976-010 states "(64) "Quality improvement (QI)" or "quality assurance (QA)" means a process/program to monitor and evaluate care provided in the EMS/TC system."

There is no definition for Quality assurance or Quality improvement in statute. However, the phrase quality assurance is the one that is used when referred to in relation to trauma registry.

### 2. "Confidentiality"

#### **Public Concern:**

Some states will specifically describe data sharing to NEMSIS or to the National EMS Database.

Jim Jansen (DOH): This is addressed in "data sharing and reports" section

### 3. "Inclusion criteria"

**Public Concern:** How do you account for duplicate calls with interstate transport? NEMSIS representative clarified: There will be two PCRs from each state.

Is there discuss about data sharing with Idaho. Small agencies may not have all data available to them.

Jim Jansen (DOH): DOH team can look into this.

### 4. "Data submission"

### 5. "Data quality"

### 6. "Data reports and data sharing"

Sections

Question: Can local regional councils be able to look at data.

	<p>Jim Jansen (DOH): DOH team will research and see if those councils can have access.</p> <p>Question: Who owns the data once we submit it if there is releases of PHI would it be on the state to take care of?</p> <p>Jim Jansen (DOH): DOH is the owner and the steward of the data once it is submitted to DOH and would be responsible for any releases etc...</p>
<b>Closing Comments/For the Good of the Order</b>	<p>Group Request:</p> <p>Jim (DOH): We would like to have feedback about meetings themselves. Have gotten feedback about time and days, any logistics feedback that would make these meetings more efficient.</p> <p>No Comments.</p> <p>Group Request:</p>
<b>Summary of Action Items</b>	<p><b>Action Items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DOH will review comments, research unanswered questions, and review modifications during next meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p>January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021</p> <p>Focus: WAC 246-976-xxx EMS Responsibilities</p>
<b>Adjourn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting adjourned at [3:32] p.m.</li> </ul>

Handouts at the meeting:

- Agenda

Presentations at the meeting:

- EMS Data System Rules Workshop

Meeting notes respectfully submitted by Jeff Sinanian