



# CALIFORNIA LEMSA

## CQI Coordinators Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 23, 2015

### Meeting Attendance:

Jesse Allured, Chair “pro tem”, Contra Costa  
 Kathy Ivy, Vice Chair, Sacramento Co  
 Vicki Sweet, Secretary, Orange  
 Susan Mori, Timekeeper, Los Angeles

Louise Bruhnke, North Coast  
 Laura Wallin, Riverside  
 John Poland, Sierra-Sac  
 Lance Doyle, Mountain Valley  
 Keith Erickson, Solano  
 Kathy Collins, San Louis Obispo  
 Steve Brooks, Monterey  
 Eric Rudnick, MD

Mike Jacobs, Alameda  
 Brandon Riley, Yolo  
 Lee Siegel, Alameda  
 Karen Crain-Riddle, Sierra-Sac  
 Rick Jones, San Joaquin  
 Jennie Simon, Santa Barbara  
 Chris Duncan, Santa Clara  
 Tom McGinnins, EMSA

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action	Comments (Internal Only)
<b>1. General Meeting Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Called to order at 1300 by Jesse Allured, Chair Pro Tem for Craig Stroup</li> <li>• 1.1 Welcome/Introductions</li> <li>• May meeting minutes to be approved at end of meeting</li> </ul>	At end of meeting, minutes approved with one correction. Jesse to post	
<b>2. Reports/Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2.1 EMSA/EMSAAC LEMSA CQI Grant Funding Proposal</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A few hurdles with time frame with Contra Costa</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	2.1 Jesse to continue to pursue	

	<p>County. Asked if it could be deferred to the following year. Proposal to be submitted within a few months. It is felt that the proposal is worthwhile per T. McGinnis and K. Bissell at EMSA. The block grant wants to see collaboration and focus on deliverables. We are optimistic. Craig, Susan, Vicki and Jesse will work on the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2.2 Revision/roll out of CA EMS VAD MCS Guideline.</b> L. Wallin reported that they are published on the EMDAC website. Members are strongly encouraged to use these in training</li> <li>• <b>2.3 EMSA Core Measures.</b> Group has not met – there is no update. Task force members Jan Ogar and Laura Wallin had to resign so Vicki Sweet, Lee Siegel and Louis Bruhnke will be added to the group to include Cathy Collins (email volunteer), Susan Mori, Jesse Allerud and Craig Stroup.</li> <li>• <b>2.4 EMDAC Collaboration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can we get EMDAC and the CQI group in better positions of collaboration and dialogue? Is there value in trying to get a LEMSA CQI rep to the EMDAC quarterly meetings? Meetings may be restricted but this possibility will be explored by Dr. Rudnick. Susan Mori volunteered to attend if this is a possibility</li> </ul> </li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<p>2.2 Laura has distributed</p> <p>2.3 Meeting to be set</p> <p>2.4 Dr. Rudnick to contact Executive leadership of EMDAC</p>	
<p><b>3. Reports/Updates</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>3.1 Standardized QI Training Project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Table until next meeting when Craig can attend</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>3.2 EMS QI Plan (EQIP) Template Revision</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report. Awaiting progress on grant</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>3.3 Ambulance Patient Off-Load Delay (APOD)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report. Will be put into ISS Sheets and use NEMSIS 3 Codes. Awaiting transition. Susan will set up meetings with the volunteers (see May minutes)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>3.1 Tabled</p> <p>3.2 No action</p> <p>3.3 Susan to set meeting dates</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>3.4 Core Measures Project – Position Paper.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relates to Core Measures Task Force – deferred until Craig Stroup is present. Review comments by Dr. Backer from May minutes.</li> <li>• Lee Siegel (Alameda) discussed some work done within 4 counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo and Ventura) on two core measures: ASA and glucose testing. Trying to standardize Primary Impressions, data entry and policies. Developing standardizing reporting. Looking at glucose testing on all ALOC patients, with the exception of trauma patients. EMDAC does have a proposed list of Primary Impressions, which may be narrowed from the NEMSIS list for better compliance.</li> <li>• Discussion for need for standardization of data elements statewide, including Primary Impressions. There may be issues related to use of a variety of data systems and is there a need for a statewide data system? Susan recalled that Dr. Backer spoke of working with EMDAC and the LEMSA CQI group on standardization for a Stroke Registry.</li> <li>• Discussion of pros and cons of LEMSA-specific Primary Impression lists versus statewide standardization. The NEMSIS 3 does allow for LEMSA to turn on/off selected Primary Impressions which could lead to statewide data results which are not “standardized” due to LEMSA variation. Dictionaries and codes in data systems may not necessarily be the same among vendors even though they are all NEMSIS-compliant. Vendors are concentrating to version 3 rather than “fixing” issues with version 2. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Consensus seems to be that LEMSAs should agree to standardize for the greater good, going forward with NEMSIS 3.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• EMSA has a small working group with some members of EMDAC and EMSAAC to look at data needs. Bruce Barton sits on that group, which makes for a good tie-in with our group. Feedback was provided to Tom McGinnis who joined the call in time for this discussion. Louis encouraged this group to go back to our medical</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>3.4 Action referred to Craig and Core Measures group. Much discussion by attendees for input</p>	
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	<p>directors to “lobby” for standardization rather than local variability. Do lengthy list options help or hinder in gathering valid data? In October, there will be a meeting with NEMESIS and a national data standards group. Tom McGinnis will be attending and can relay concerns from our group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can we get field personnel to document in a standardized manner so that the data we extract is valid? Lengthy choice lists may not necessarily result in accurate data. Discussions of barriers to accurate field data entry, including first responding agency and transporting agency systems being different which results in two PCRs per patient. Must push teaching of the documentation for field providers (it is working in Santa Barbara, per Jennie).</li> </ul>		
<p><b>4. General Discussion</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>4.1 2015-2016 Goals</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jessie sent out a goal sheet. Received one comment. Some goals are a repeat from last year.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>4.2 QI Committee Guidelines</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4.2.1 Received suggestions to revise “purpose” of the group, other changes received as well.</li> <li>• 4.2.2 Guidelines document needs to make its way back through EMSAAC</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>4.3 Patient Safety Organizations (PSO)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good article in EMS Insider about PSOs. Methods to make group more proactive than reactive.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>4.4 Agenda items for next meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4.4.1 Suggestion to remove VAD/MSC as a standing agenda item.</li> <li>• 4.4.2 Suggestion to move the Core Measures Position Paper agenda item to the Core Measures Task Force</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>4.5 Open Forum</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4.5.1 Laura Wallin reminded members that she is compiling a spreadsheet on hospital fees. If you do not</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>4.1 Jesse to re-send the 15-16 goals to group</p> <p>4.2.1 and 4.2.2 Jesse to re-send the Guidelines with “track changes”. Return feedback to Jesse by 7/31.</p> <p>4.3 On next agenda</p> <p>4.4.1 and 4.4.2 Chair to review suggestions</p> <p>4.5.1 Laura to re-send the hospital fee spreadsheet</p>	

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<b>5. Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday, September 24, 2015 – 1300 to 1500</li> </ul>		
<b>6. Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at 2:43 PM		

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