



# CALIFORNIA LEMSA

## CQI Coordinators Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 29, 2015

### Meeting Attendance:

Bruce Barton, Executive Chair  
 Jesse Allured, Co-Chair  
 Vicki Sweet, Orange  
 Craig Stroup, Vice Chair  
 Jan Ogar, San Mateo, Timekeeper Facilitator  
 Susan Mori, Los Angeles, Secretary  
 Howard Backer, MD, EMSA Director

Tom McGinnis, EMSA  
 Louis Bruhnke, North Coast  
 John Poland, Sierra-Sac  
 Karen Crain-Riddle, Sierra-Sac  
 Kathy Ivy, Sacramento Co.  
 Jennie Simon, Santa Barbara  
 Ron Holk, ICEMA

Kathy Collins, San Louis Obispo  
 Mike Jacobs, Alameda  
 Lee Siegel, Alameda  
 Keith Erickson, Solano  
 Karen Beatty, Ventura

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action	Comments (Internal Only)
<b>1. General Meeting Information</b> 1.1 Welcome/ Introductions 1.2 Minutes 2. Ice Breaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting conducted in-person with teleconference availability</li> <li>• Called to order at 09:10 by Chair</li> <li>• Secretary served as scribe</li> <li>• March meeting minutes approved with of [Timekeeper] "Facilitator"</li> <li>• Local LEMSA highlights</li> </ul>	Jesse will send approved minutes to MJ for upload to EMSAAC website	
<b>2. EMSA Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Backer reported on the EMSA data activities (CEMSIS and transition to NEMSIS 3) funded through NHTSA. Part of the funding is being used to add staff for data analytics (Maria will serve in Hailey's previous position). A block grant from Prevention has provided for Kathy Bissell as Data Manager. Data use agreements have been drafted and are currently</li> </ul>		

	<p>under review at CalOHII (California Office of Health Information Integrity). Three (3) agreements have been drafted: data use between LEMSAs and EMSA, third party data agreement, and third party data use request. EMSA and EMDAC have been working with CDPH on grant funding for a statewide stroke registry. The funding will allow for statewide coordination for data submission in ImageTrend. EMSA and EMDAC are looking to use the same data model to submit to CARES. EMSA is looking forward to working closely with EMDAC and EMSAAC on data policy issues. The data agreements will include language that supports the transition to NEMSIS 3 codes. CHA has sponsored a bill that states hospitals “may” submit data to the State. CHA’s position is that data submission is not explicitly covered in the Privacy Act. The POLST bill supports a statewide registry to track utilization; however, EMSA does not currently have the staff or funds to support a POLST registry. EMSA would like to partner with CHCF to pilot a feasibility study. Dr. Backer discussed the need for assistance with data analytics from our group, in addition to, outside experts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tom McGinnis reported that each LEMSA has been issued a username and password to access CEMSIS data in Image Trend. Mark Roberts (ICEMA) can assist any LEMSA that is having problems accessing the reports. LEMSAs may submit data using NEMSIS 3 version, but currently, Image Trend reports are generated using NEMSIS 2 version.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>3. Reports/Updates</b>  3.1 EMSA/EMDAC  CQI Grant Funding</p> <p>3.2 QI Plan Template</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesse provided a brief report on the background of the Standardized QI Training project and issues with obtaining grant funding. Bruce reported EMSA and EMSAAC have been working closely on securing the grant; Contra Costa EMS Agency has agreed to be the lead for the grant funding. The grant deliverables include implementing the basic standardize QI course train-the-trainer, complete and incorporate the QI plan template. The long term goal is to offer this program to our stakeholders. Craig provided a brief report on the basic QI training course content. Many thanks to EMSA [Tom McGinnis] for working with this group to move this project forward!</li> <li>• Members discussed the variation in LEMSAs regarding QI plan requirements for LEMSAs v individual provider agencies. Members agreed that the LEMSA QI plan needs to be more</li> </ul>	<p>A sub-committee was formed to assist Craig with meeting the grant deliverables; members include: Craig, Chair, Susan, Jesse and Vicki. Please email Craig if other members would like to join.</p> <p>Dr. Backer requested this</p>	

<p>3.3 VAD Project Revision/Rollout</p> <p>3.3 Core Measures Project</p>	<p>comprehensive than the individual provider agency QI plan. The goal for the QI plan template to be an user-friendly interactive document that can be tailored to meet the individual provider agency's needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laura Wallin was not able to attend, but emailed Jesse an update on the VAD revision. The VAD Guidelines were updated to remove "contact the VAD Coordinator" and presented at the last EMDAC meeting. Prior to formal approval, EMDAC members requested to have the Guidelines sent out a second time to capture the members who did not receive them in time for review. Next steps, EMDAC approval and upload revised Guidelines to the EMDAC website.</li> <li>• Craig, Jan, Laura, and Susan are the representatives to the task force. The LEMSA CQI and EMDAC members value the core measure project, but would like to pilot the measures prior to statewide data collection. The last meeting was canceled and revised measures were released without input from the task force. The revisions to the trauma measures do not yield the intended data. The trauma population contains trauma and non-trauma patients that do not fit "severely injured" population. Dr. Backer explained the task force is an ad hoc group that remains intact. He further recommended keeping the some of the core measure data anonymous for a year to analyze the effectiveness of the measure. Dr. Backer reported that he serves on the National Data Committee and we are in the early phase of national data collection. EMSA is getting ready to send our [California] data to the national database. Members discussed the need for task force meeting minutes to reduce redundancy in meeting discussions and improve follow through on agreed recommendations.</li> </ul>	<p>group serve as a mentor for smaller LEMSAs to develop their QI plan.</p> <p>A new LEMSA CQI member to replace Jan on the Core Measure Task Force will need to be selected.</p>
<p><b>4. Sub-Committees</b></p> <p>4.1 Standardize QI Training</p> <p>4.2 QI Plan Template Revision</p> <p>4.3 Ambulance Offload Delay Metrics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Craig, Chair, see minutes under 4.1.</li> <li>• Louis (Chair) reported the sub-committee has reviewed the on-line version. The next steps require additional funding for IT support and a face-to-face meeting with the LEMSA CQI group for review prior to implementation. A tentative date for the face-to-face meeting is July 2015, pending the funding.</li> <li>• Susan (Chair) reported no new developments since the discussion with EMSAAC regarding the ISS formatting of the metrics with NEMSIS 3 codes for sustainability. Bruce provided background on the project and how the metrics were</li> </ul>	<p>Sub-committee: Louis, Craig, Jesse, Vicki, and Susan.</p> <p>Susan will email the sub-committee members:</p>

<p>4.4 Core Measure Position Paper</p>	<p>developed. Issues with coding are anticipated due to data definitions were developed and agreed upon without utilizing the NEMESIS data dictionary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members discussed the problems with the codes listed on the core measure themselves not existing in the NEMESIS 2 dictionary. Some LEMSAs are reporting on the intent of the measure rather than utilizing a standardized data collection process. All members agreed that these first steps were needed to evaluate and identify gaps in our system. The next steps should include analyzing the data to improve reliability of the measures.</li> </ul>	<p>(Susan, Craig , and Laura)</p>
<p><b>5. Committee</b> 5.1 2015-16 LEMSA CQI Goals</p> <p>5.2 Voting LEMSA CQI Leadership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2014-15 Goals Completed: VAD Guidelines published; LEMSA CQI Committee Guidelines; and explore funding sources for the CQI Standardize Training and QI Plan Template projects, (still in process) funding source identified.</li> <li>2015-16 Committee Goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue with Craig’s CQI Standardize Training project and sub-committee work for grand deliverables</li> <li>Continue with Louis’ EMS QI Plan Template project</li> <li>Establish a greater working relationship with the Core Measure task force to continue the progress on the core measures initiative.</li> <li>Establish greater working relationship with EMDAC</li> <li>Explore Just Culture, possibly add to the QI Template</li> </ul> </li> <li>LEMSA CQI Leadership for 2015-16: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Craig Stroup – Chair</li> <li>Kathy Ivy – Vice Chair</li> <li>Susan Mori – Timekeeper Facilitator</li> <li>Secretary – Vicki Sweet</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>2015-16 goals to be presented to EMSAAC for final approval.</p> <p>Jesse will reach out to Dr. Rudnick</p> <p>*Bruce requested a LEMSA CQI rep regularly attend the EMDAC meetings to support collaboration and communication.</p>
<p><b>6. General Discussion</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jan Ogar announced that she will be retiring. Many thanks of gratitude for her valuable contribution to the Committee and EMS community. Congratulations!</li> <li>Allowing outside partners join LEMSA CQI ListServ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bruce reported EMSAAC does not feel the LEMSA CQI group should be open to outside stakeholders. However, EMSAAC would be open to occasionally allowing outside subject-matter experts, when needed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Patient Safety Organizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Craig provided information on a PSO that specializes in</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>A PSO webinar can be</p>

	<p>protection regarding disclosure for EMS organizations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Registry Paramedic transition courses - shortage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Backer recommended working with Sean Trask, EMSA regarding approved courses.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• New public safety / first responder scope of practice regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New regulations became effective April 1, 2015. Some LEMSAs have been approached regarding program approval.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	arranged for interested LEMSA CQI members	
<b>7. Next meeting</b>	Teleconference, Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 1PM		
<b>8. Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM		

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