

EMS Data System Rule Making

MEETING NOTES

November 17, 2020

3:00pm-5:00pm

Conference Call Only

Attendance:

Peter Corier (WTSC), Rinita Cook, Anne Benoist, Ben Miller-Todd, David Streeter, Jamie, Emert, Tavia Jacinto, Megan Grinnell, Mike Kirkman, Kelly Miyashiro, Scott Brownell, Mike Hilley, Jennifer Correa, Donald Sharp, Kristin Criss, Anna Lee Drewry, Kelly Fox, Cheryl Burrows, Dave Gallagher, Ben Hastings, Josh Pelonio, Anne Lueders, Zita Wiltgen

DOH Staff in Attendance:

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

Opening

The meeting was called to order at 3:03pm by Jim Jansen.

Agenda Item	Actions, Discussions, Decisions
New Business	<p>EMS Data System Rule Making Overview—Julianne Wlazak (DOH) and Jim Jansen (DOH)</p> <p>Julianne Wlazak, DOH policy analyst, presented on the Washington State rule making process with the following points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is the rulemaking process?• Statutory authority to do rules• What is a rule?• What may trigger rulemaking• Rule Making Process: Three Stages<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. CR-101-Preproposal Inquiry: Public outreach and stakeholder work occurs (workshops, drafts, informal input)2. CR-102-Proposal: The product that goes forward for public hearing and final testimony from the public.3. CR-103-Adoption: Final rule is adopted, filed with the Code Reviser’s Office, and becomes effective in 31 days later until another effective date is specified in rule. <p>Jim Jansen, DOH WEMSIS Program Manager, presented on the following aspects of the rule-making process specific to Emergency Medical Services Data System rules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What Rule/s Will Be Discussed for Possible Revision?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ WAC 246-976 EMS and Trauma Care System, where it relates to EMS data. New sections may be created within chapter.• Rules Process—Roles and Responsibilities• Stakeholder Guiding Principles

- Ensure public safety
- Make evidence-based recommendations
- Be efficient, innovative and transparent
- Leverage knowledge and partnerships
- Consider statewide impact and equity
- Proposed Rule Development Timeline
- Meeting Locations
- How to Stay Informed
- **Action Item:**
 - WEMSIS Program Staff will make this presentation available to the public.
 - Provide link to meeting in future meeting invites

Review and Suggest Amendments to WACs 246-976-246-976-001, -010, -161, -260, -330, -430, -910, -920, -960—Jim Jansen (DOH)

WAC 246-976-001 concerns “Purpose”

Presented proposed edit to existing rules
 Add section (1)h – Development and operation of a statewide electronic ems data system.

Public Comment: none

WAC 246-976-010 concerns “Definitions”

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.

Definitions discussed:

- “Washington Emergency Medical Services Information Systems (WEMSIS)”
- “Trauma Registry”
- “Ambulance or aid service activation”
- “Substance use disorder professional”
- “Patient navigator”
- “Outreach worker”
- “Suspected drug overdose”
- “WEMSIS data administrator”
- “Data user”
- “Data use agreement”
- “National Emergency Medical Services Information System (NEMSIS)”
- “Patient Care Report”

DOH Response: DOH staff will discuss above mentioned definitions and share rework at beginning of next meeting.

WAC 246-976-161 concerns “General education requirements for EMS provider recertification”

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.

Public Comment: none

WAC 246-976-260 concerns “Licenses Required”

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.

Public Comment: none

WAC 246-976-330 concerns “Ambulance and Aid Services Record Requirements”

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.

Public Comment:

Request for clarification of the definition of “Count” of activations. Does this refer to incidents or responses?

Proposed for consideration: reporting of number of times dispatched for the purpose of comparing with number of times activated.

Public response: PSAPs would be a more reliable source for dispatch data.

DOH response: Concerned that this information would be subject to use for disciplinary purposes by county and state.

DOH Response: DOH staff will discuss what a “count” refers to and will review changes at next meeting.

WAC 246-976-430 concerns “Trauma Registry”

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.

Public Comment: none

WAC 246-976-910 concerns “Regional Quality Assurance and Improvement Program”

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.

Public Comment: none

WAC 246-976-920 concerns “Medical Program Directors”

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.

Public Comment: Please make it clear what records we want: only patient care records

DOH Response: Changes made will be shared at next meeting.

WAC 246-976-960 concerns “Regional Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Care Councils”

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.

Public Comment: none

**Outcome/Action Item:
DOH Pre-Work and Suggested Edits:**

WAC 246-976-xxx concerns “WEMSIS – Department responsibilities”

Reviewed section outline and requested comment on additional inclusions.

- Purpose: To define the role of DOH in maintaining the electronic EMS data system.
- Areas covered:
- Purpose of data system
 - Confidentiality restrictions and data sharing
 - Inclusion criteria
 - Data submission system
 - Data quality monitoring
 - Reporting responsibilities

Will review details at December 14th meeting.

Public Comment: none

**Outcome/Action Item:
DOH Pre-Work and Suggested Edits:**

WAC 246-976-xxx concerns “WEMSIS – Ambulance and Aid service responsibilities”

	<p>Reviewed section outline and requested comment on additional inclusions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose: to define the role of ambulance and aid services in providing data to the electronic EMS data system. <p>Areas covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confidentiality protection • Provision of data to receiving facility – elements and timeframe • Provision of data to the department - timeframe • Identification of key data contact staff • Required data elements <p><i>Will review details at January meeting.</i> <i>Public Comment: none</i></p>
Closing Comments/For the Good of the Order	<p><i>Public Question:</i> As for Trauma, the hospital reports to the state trauma registry. We only report to WEMESIS. The hospital also does not follow the same Trauma guidelines as EMS. Is there a system in place for EMS to report directly? EMS would also like a better way to get outcome data on Trauma, Cardiac, Stroke, ext..</p> <p>DOH Response: DOH is currently working on a project to incorporate EMS data on the Health Information Exchange, with the goal of enabling bi-directional exchange of data between hospitals and EMS.</p>
Summary of Action Items	<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOH will edit items based on comments from meeting • Will post minutes to rule-making website • Will send PowerPoint and minutes to participants.
Next Meeting	<p>December 14th. 2020</p> <p>Focus: WAC 246-976-xxx Department Responsibilities</p>
Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at [4:59] p.m.

Handouts reviewed at the meeting:

- Agenda
- EMS Data System Rules Workshop Presentation

Presentations at the meeting:

- Review edits based on meeting 1.
- Review and discuss proposed new section: “DOH Responsibilities”

Meeting notes respectfully submitted by Jeff Sinanian