



MOLST Statewide Implementation TEAM

Wednesday, August 24, 2011

7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

**Public Safety Building
Step Conference Room
1190 Scottsville Road
Rochester, New York**

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Goal: To meet the purpose and goals of the MOLST Statewide Implementation Team

Purpose of the MOLST Statewide Implementation Team

- To oversee effective statewide implementation of the MOLST Program
- To support NYSDOH implementation of the FHCDA and revision of the MOLST form to conform to the procedures and decision-making standards set forth in the FHCDA

Goals of the MOLST Statewide Implementation Team

- To disseminate information concerning the use of the MOLST form
- To create a forum for discussion about implementation issues
- To establish a centralized repository of information about MOLST and end-of-life decisions

- I. Welcome and Introductions.....Dr. Pat Bomba
- II. Update on MOLST Statewide Implementation Survey Process... All
 - A. Survey link sent out approximately one week ago. Since then minor revisions have been made.

Feedback

- 1) In the cover email, add language regarding:
 - 1.Type of data needed to complete the survey
 - 2. Person completing survey will need to set aside approximately 10 min. to complete the survey in one session. If a person completes it partially, closes out and goes back in, the survey does not have the functionality for the person to restart where they left off.
- 2) Add “Any further comments” to the end of MOLST survey, but before eMOLST questions
- 3) Plan:
 - 1. Pat B. to draft email cover (with Cindy B. additional statement)
 - 2. Send email to members of the MOLST Statewide Implementation Team for review
 - 3. Ask key members to forward email cover with a few additional words of encouragement as an email blast after Labor Day, then
 - 4. These key members will receive a weekly reminder from Pat and send to their members.
 - 5. Survey to be closed after three weeks (include end date of survey in the cover email)

Follow Up –

- **Cindy B.** – Draft sentence and email to Pat B. regarding what data is needed for someone to complete the electronic MOLST survey. Pat will add this to the cover email for the survey.
- **Pat B.** – Draft and distribute cover email for the MOLST survey. Forward to key team members to send as email blast to their constituents.

- III. Update on eMOLST scoring & Frailty Index...Drs. Caprio, Evans, and Bomba & Mary Beth Morrissey, Esq.
 - A. Dr. Evans uses the Frailty Index (FI) in his practice and raised question on how FI could be connected with the MOLST process.
 - B. These individuals are also working on potential to identify, develop and generate a scoring system for the eMOLST (electronic MOLST). Concept is still in the initial phase of discussion. Consideration being given to how patients and families may view scores.
 - C. The web-based version (eMOLST) of the current paper-based New York State Department of Health, DOH-5003 MOLST form is available through the Rochester Regional Health Information Organization (RHIO). By moving the MOLST form to a readily accessible electronic format, health care providers, including EMS, can have access to MOLST forms at all sites of care

including hospitals, nursing homes and the community. The long range goal is to develop a New York State MOLST Registry, through working with all RHIO's statewide.

- D. Currently the eMOLST (application) is going through QA testing with hope to deploy in the near future. The five Chart Documentation Forms that align with the NYSDOH Legal Checklists for Adults, one for Minor Patients and the OPWDD Checklist are being integrated into the eMOLST application. Including clinical steps and legal requirements will serve to educate providers, assist in completion, improve workflow and ensure the MOLST form is completed correctly.
 - E. Once the eMOLST application is deployed, eMOLST training will be provided to the HIPAA covered entities who have signed an eMOLST Agreement. Currently we have two signed agreements, each entity already connected with the Rochester RHIO. These two providers will use the eMOLST in phase one of the community pilot.
 - F. In phase 2, once a provider completes the eMOLST form, it will be pushed to the Rochester RHIO for other providers who participate in the Rochester RHIO to view, including providers in offices, hospitals, nursing homes. In phase 3, EMS will be connected.
 - G. Analytics on the back end will provide de-identified, aggregate data.
- IV. Update on CMS and Feeding Issues in LTC.....Dr. Pat Bomba
- A. Nothing to report at this time. Next scheduled meeting is in September.
 - B. CMS regs/tags affirm patient choice is **NOT** trumped by patient safety.
- V. Updates from other Workgroups.....TBD
- A. **MOLST & FHCDA Webinar Series** – Recently identified that these Webinars are not being viewed, while daily costs remain.
 - B. Suggestion of group is to increase marketing.
- Follow Up –**
- **Pat B.** - to add the MOLST & FHCDA Webinar Series in a MOLST Update. Pat and Penny will review analytics to see number of views approximately one month later.
- VI. Update on eMOLST.....Dr. Pat Bomba
- A. Previously summarized in these meeting minutes
- VII. Open Forum.....All
- A. PCIA (Palliative Care Information Act - effective February 9, 2011) in Steve Evans experience has helped in getting nursing homes in implementing the MOLST Program and forms.
 - 1) Pat spoke to the requirements of the PCIA which includes hospitals, nursing homes and some assisted living facilities to develop policies on meeting legal requirements that align with this act, including having PC conversations.
 - 2) Team members spoke to how the PCIA can, may be used as leverage for facilities to implement the MOLST Program and form, however, there seems to be resistance from physicians, some of whom have shared that they are not considering MOLST implementation since it is not mandatory.
 - B. MOLST form has been translated into Spanish and the NYSDOH has approved it. A "SAMPLE" watermark shows since this is specifically use for the patients benefit. Therefore, all medical facilities and EMS will be reading the English version.
 - C. A list of core MOLST FAQs is completed and awaiting NYSDOH final review. Plan to add to the CompassionAndSupport.org Web site.
- Follow Up –**
- 1) **Penny** – to post the Spanish version of the MOLST on CompassionAndSupport.org
 - 2) **Pat** – to add to the MOLST Update and Bomba Letter to get the word out regarding the Spanish version of the MOLST.
 - 3) **Team** – Refer to the [Current Events](#) page for all fall conferences.
- VIII. Next Meetings – Conference Calls will be held 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.....Dr. Pat Bomba
- 1) September 28
 - 2) October 26
 - 3) December 7

Meetings are held in the Monroe County Public Safety Building

Conference Call Instructions

Dial-in number: 1-800-747-5150

Passcode: 2384514