



MEETING MINUTES

EMS FOR CHILDREN Advisory Committee
 Thursday, May 28, 2015, 9am
 Webinar/ Conference Call

Committee Attendees:

- Stephen Bohr
- Scott Freeden
- Kathy Gertler
- Stephen Hall
- Robert Hrabar
- Kent Knable
- Amy Krichten
- Courtney Kuza
- Vickie Martin
- Teresa Olsen
- Dr. Kimberly Roth
- Dr. Robert Shank
- Jerome Spinnato
- Josh Stuart

Staff:

Thomas Winkler

| AGENDA | DISCUSSION | ACTION |
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| Welcome and Introductions | Mr. Stuart called the meeting to order at 9:00am. | |
| Minutes from Last Meeting | No Discussion – moved by Mr. Bohr; seconded by Dr. Shank | Approved as Presented, Unanimous |
| <i>OLD BUSINESS</i> | | |
| Pediatric Symposium Webinar Series | <p>Mr. Winkler reported that there was one webinar held since the last meeting. This webinar, entitled Water Safety and Response, was held on April 02, 2015, and was meant to discuss response to water emergencies and proper resuscitation of children. Mr. Winkler reported that unfortunately it did not go well and received poor reviews.</p> <p>Mr. Winkler indicated that the next webinars are scheduled for June 11, 2015 and August 06, 2015, both at 6pm on pediatric shock and autism, respectively. More information will be sent out as it becomes available.</p> | <p>Mr. Winkler will work to ensure that only high-quality educators are brought in to present for the webinar series.</p> <p>Mr. Winkler will send out notification emails to promote the webinar and will work with the speaker to ensure a smooth show.</p> |

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| Pediatric Voluntary Recognition Program | <p>Mr. Winkler provided an update on the program. Mr. Winkler reported that there were now 107 EMS agencies recognized under the program.</p> <p>Mr. Winkler also reported on the implementation of revisions, stating that everything is ready to be distributed once the Department of Health gives their approval. Mr. Stuart questioned if there were any issues delaying approval and Mr. Winkler stated that he was not aware of any.</p> | <p>The current list of recognized services is available under the “Current Projects” tab of the PA EMSC website (www.paemsc.org).</p> <p>Mr. Winkler will continue to work to get the revisions implemented</p> |
| Equipment Distributions | <p>Mr. Winkler reported that the EMSC Program continues to distribute the pediatric-capable fingertip pulse oximeters. He asked that if any Committee member’s EMS agency is in need of pulse oximeters to contact him. In addition, he asked that if Committee members have any other EMS agencies that they regularly interact with, especially rural and/or volunteer services that may be in need, to please reach out to them to contact him.</p> <p>He also reported that a small amount of funds are remaining and the current plan is to purchase additional pediatric safe transport devices for distribution to needy EMS agencies in the near future. Mr. Winkler asked the Committee membership for input on equipment purchases, and suggested purchasing a supply of ACR-4s from Quantum EMS. Mr. Stuart wondered about the differences between the ACR-4 and Pedi-Mate and Mr. Winkler explained that the ACR-4 has a different design and has been crash tested in the UK, though it is much more expensive. Mr. Hrabar suggested providing mini-grants to EMS agencies to purchase pediatric equipment.</p> | <p>Mr. Winkler will continue on the distribution program.</p> <p>Mr. Winkler will evaluate the potential of creating a mini-grant program for EMS agencies.</p> |
| Concussions: Be Aware, Be Prepared | <p>Mr. Winkler reported that the video was being prepared to be sent out to the Council again. Mr. Winkler also reported that he was working with the American Trauma Society, PA Division, to use some of their materials to go along with the video. Dr. Shank wondered if PA EMSC had any clipboards remaining; Mr. Winkler responded that there was still one case available and that they would be distributed at the upcoming EMS conference as opposed to being promoted with this video.</p> | <p>Mr. Winkler will continue to work with ATS to send out the video.</p> |
| Sudden Cardiac Arrest in Schools | <p>Mr. Bohr provided an update on current activities. He reported that there is currently a bill in the PA</p> | <p>Moved by Mr. Bohr, second Dr. Shank, unanimous to</p> |

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| | Senate, SB 529, that looks to require additional training for teachers regarding CPR/first aid and also looks to require students to be CPR certified upon graduation. He also reported that he worked with Matt Sterndale at EHSF (prior to his departure) on a toolkit regarding SCA that he is developing. Mr. Winkler asked the Committee if there was support for SB 529, and if PEHSC is approached about the topic, should EMSC voice support for the idea? Mr. Stuart requested to vote on the question. | support the idea of CPR training in schools and SB 529 in its current format. |
| Family-Centered Care Workgroup | Mr. Freeden provided the report. He reported that the workgroup has met and is currently in the discovery stage. He reported that some of the current topics of consideration include crew safety being paramount, where and when to place the family in the back of the ambulance, and other areas. Mr. Freeden reported that the workgroup found it works very well in the hospital setting but there are certain concerns and questions regarding to using the concept in the prehospital setting. He also reported that the workgroup has discussed the creation of an educational program and is beginning the slow process of working on protocol development. | The workgroup will continue to work on this topic. |
| Pediatric Safe Transport Workgroup | Mr. Winkler provided the report in place of Mr. Mrozowski. Mr. Winkler reported that the workgroup had been formed but had not yet met. There is a meeting scheduled for June where the workgroup will begin discussions on safe transport. | The workgroup will continue to work on this topic. |
| <i>NEW BUSINESS</i> | | |
| Background Checks | Mr. Winkler reported that based upon an FAQ document released in April 2015 by the DOH, EMS providers are now required to complete background checks in accordance with the amendments to the CPSL that went into effect December 31, 2014. Mr. Winkler reported that this is a large win for the EMSC Committee, as it has been pushing for many years to have these background checks required. Mr. Winkler also reported that up for consideration in the PA House is HB 1081, which would waive fees on the PSP and ChildLine checks for fire and EMS providers. | Mr. Winkler will continue to follow HB 1081 and report back to the Committee on its progress. |
| Out of Hospital Birth Considerations | Mr. Stuart led the first portion of discussion on this topic. Mr. Stuart asked the Committee membership regarding separating the parent and the mother with birth in the field as well as considerations regarding O/B kits. Mr. Stuart also asked about O/B | Mr. Winkler will work with Mr. Stuart to further discuss O/B kits and how to improve them. |

kits including swaddlers, ID tags, and hats in them. He reported that the kits at his station do have these items but not all kits do. Mr. Hrabar suggested making a supplemental kit to include these items that the original O/B kit could then fit in. Ms. Olsen asked about situations where it would be appropriate to separate the mother/newborn. Mr. Stuart said that during transport, the child needs to be properly secured, necessitating the need to separate them for transport to the hospital. Dr. Shank suggested reaching out directly to manufacturers to get their perspective on what all should be included in O/B kits.

Mr. Winkler presented a letter from a nurse mid-wife in Union County. Mr. Winkler then led a discussion on the letter, which in part questioned why EMS providers do not advocate for skin-to-skin when transporting the child. Mr. Spinnato pointed out that there are some unfortunate realities of transport – that we are doing the best we can to keep the child warm while also keeping them safe. Mr. Stuart also brought up about the child’s safety during transport. Ms. Olsen encouraged the letter to be straightforward but also to use data and facts from other states. Mr. Spinnato added that we are working to improve education and to encourage us to work together on this serious issue.

Mr. Winkler will take the Committee’s comments and write a response letter. Mr. Winkler will then send the letter, with the approval of Mr. Stuart, on behalf of the Committee.

PARTNER REPORTS

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| BEMS | No BEMS representative was in attendance, no report provided. | |
| PEHSC | Mr. Winkler provided the report. Mr. Winkler reported that the 38 th Annual EMS Conference is rapidly approaching in September and he encouraged Committee members to attend. Mr. Winkler reported that PEHSC continues to be very busy on a wide variety of topics, including Education, Information Task Force, and Critical Care. Mr. Winkler also reported that the AEMT and ALS Protocols were under final review by the MAC. | |
| SPROC | Ms. Kuza provided the report. Ms. Kuza provided a brief overview of the program and reported that they are currently looking to expand educational opportunities in their region. | Ms. Kuza will provide a greater overview of the SPROC at the next meeting. |
| EMS for Children Family Rep. | No report provided. | |
| SCAN | Ms. Olsen reported that the SCAN EMS program has been updated to reflect all the new law changes and | |

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| | that they are actively scheduling new offerings of the courses. Ms. Olsen reported that the program continues to be in very high demand statewide. |
| PTSF | Ms. Kritchen reported that the PTSF is finishing the new standards for trauma centers. They are to be posted in August and then available for final public comment on October 22. |
| <i>OTHER BUSINESS</i> | |
| ADJOURNMENT | MEETING ADJOURNED at 10:19am by Mr. Stuart (moved by Dr. Shank, second Ms. Olsen, unanimous). Next meeting will be the annual in-person meeting on September 03, 2015 at 10am, at the Best Western Premier, 800 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA. |

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