



MEETING MINUTES

EMS FOR CHILDREN Advisory Committee
Thursday, September 03, 2015, 10am
Annual In-Person Meeting

Committee Attendees:

Louis Bellace
Kay Ella Bleecher, NP
Stephen Bohr
Krista Brands, in place of Judy May-Bennett
John Englert
Kathy Gertler
Ashley Graves
Stephen Hall
Megan Hollinger
Robert Hrabar
J. David Jones, PEHSC President
Kent Knable
Amy Krichten
Dr. Douglas Kupas
Courtney Kuza
Vickie Martin
Jenine Melo
Teresa Olsen
Judy Pople
Dr. Kimberly Roth, EMSC Rep. to PEHSC MAC
Dr. Robert Shank
Duane Spencer
Jerome Spinnato
Joshua Stuart, Chairperson

Staff:

Janette Swade, Executive Director
Thomas Winkler

Federal Site Visit Team:

Diana Fendya, EMSC NRC
Theresa Morrison-Quinata, HRSA

Other Attendees:

Pasquale Fabbozzi, Sergeant, Public Safety, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
J.R. Henry, Immediate Past President, PEHSC
Brian Smith, Director of Compliance, Hospital & Health System Assn. of PA

We were incredibly pleased and honored to have a federal site visit team attend our annual in-person meeting. The site visit team consisted of Ms. Theresa Morrison-Quinata, Program Director, Emergency Medical Services for Children, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, and Ms. Diana Fendya, Trauma and Acute Care Specialist, EMSC National Resource Center. Ms. Morrison-Quinata and Ms. Fendya were in Pennsylvania for two days as part of the site visit – Wednesday, September 02, 2015 and Thursday, September 03, 2015.

On Wednesday, Ms. Morrison-Quinata and Ms. Fendya, along with representatives from the Pennsylvania EMS for Children Advisory Committee, performed site visits at an Expert-level EMS agency, as part of the Pediatric Voluntary Recognition Program, and at a children’s hospital. First Aid & Safety Patrol of Lebanon, PA was selected for the EMS agency site visit and we thank Chief Brian Smith and Assistant Chiefs Anthony Deaven and Janet Bradley for opening their doors and highlighting the accomplishments of their EMS agency. In addition, we thank Michael Guerra of the Emergency Health Services Federation for his participation in demonstrating the inspection process of the PVRP. Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center Children’s Hospital was selected due to its close proximity as the children’s hospital. We thank former EMS for Children Project Director Steven Mrozowski, now the Director of Patient Safety, for his efforts in coordinating the site visit and Ms. Amy Morgan, Manager, Children’s Surgical Program, and Ms. Ashley Kane, Manager, Child Life, for providing wonderfully informative tours of the hospital. In addition, the site visit team was also allowed an inclusive in-depth look at HMC’s simulation lab, and we thank the staff for providing access and an excellent overview of the simulation lab.

On Thursday, during the annual in-person meeting, Ms. Morrison-Quinata and Ms. Fendya provided an overview of the structure of the federal EMS for Children Program and highlighted the different branches of the EMSC Program at a federal level. Ms. Fendya then led the Committee in a highly informative discussion on the Pediatric Readiness Project and the development of a hospital facility recognition program for pediatric medical emergencies. Ms. Fendya discussed at length the benefits of such a program and how to develop such a program. The presentation is available upon request.

*Respectfully,
Thomas Winkler, Project Director, Pennsylvania EMS for Children Program, PA EHS Council*

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome and Introductions	Mr. Stuart called the business meeting to order at 1:00pm.	
Minutes from Last Meeting	No Discussion – moved by Mr. Knable; seconded by Dr. Shank	Approved as Presented, Unanimous
OLD BUSINESS		
Pediatric Symposium Webinar Series	Mr. Winkler reported that there were two webinars held since the last meeting. The first webinar, entitled “When Children Are Shocking”, was presented on June 11, 2015 by Ms. Joyce Foresman-Capuzzi on pediatric shock. The webinar received very good reviews and had 107 attendees. The second webinar was held on August 06, 2015 on Kids with Autism and was presented by Mr. Brian Focht. The presentation was well received and had 60	

	<p>attendees receive con-ed credit.</p> <p>Mr. Winkler indicated that the next webinar is scheduled for October 01 at 6pm and stated that a presenter was still needed. Mr. Spinnato volunteered to give a presentation on Upper Airway Obstructions in Children. Mr. Winkler thanked Mr. Spinnato for volunteering his time.</p>	<p>Mr. Winkler will work with Mr. Spinnato to ensure he is ready to go and will send out notification emails to promote the webinar and will work with the speaker to ensure a smooth show.</p>
<p>Pediatric Voluntary Recognition Program</p>	<p>Mr. Winkler provided an update on the program. Mr. Winkler reported that there were now 113 EMS agencies recognized under the program.</p> <p>Mr. Winkler also reported that since the last Committee meeting, the Department had approved the updates as presented and they were sent out to all currently participating EMS agencies. EMS agencies are required to resubmit the paperwork to acknowledge the new requirements.</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>
<p>Equipment Distributions</p>	<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>Mr. Winkler reported that with remaining funds, the EMSC Program purchased a small supply of Quantum ACR-4s for distribution. Mr. Winkler requested that EMS agencies contact him directly if interested.</p>	<p>Mr. Winkler will continue on the distribution program.</p>
<p>Sudden Cardiac Arrest in Schools</p>	<p>Mr. Bohr provided an update on current activities. He reported that there is currently a bill in the PA 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 reported that this bill, as well as a couple others with some variations on wording, has had no progress or movement. He also reported that 24 states have mandatory CPR/first aid requirements in schools.</p>	<p>Mr. Bohr will continue to monitor activities and report back to the Committee on progress.</p>
<p>Family-Centered Care Workgroup</p>	<p>Mr. Freeden was unable to attend the meeting and Mr. Winkler reported that progress has been limited due to schedule conflicts. Mr. Winkler reported that</p>	<p>The workgroup will continue to work on this topic.</p>

	the workgroup continues to look for further information or research.	
Pediatric Safe Transport Workgroup	Mr. Winkler reported that Mr. Mrozowski was unable to attend. Mr. Winkler reported that Dr. Roth had a recent issue come to her attention and defaulted to her for further discussion, which would also include the Out of Hospital Birth Consideration item. Dr. Roth asked what the best way is to transport a newborn. Dr. Roth reported that there has been some internal conflict in her hospital between neonatologists and transport teams regarding the best way to transport a newborn. She stated that she had a sit-down discussion and, while questions still remain, they determined that the best way to transport a newborn may be in an infant car bed while carefully monitoring the child's pulse and respirations. Ms. Hollinger wondered how we manage the expectations of parents, who may want to hold their newborn child. Dr. Roth suggested doing a webinar presentation on safe transport, and Mr. Stuart wondered about the need for hands-on exposure to further provide education.	<p>The workgroup will continue to work on this topic.</p> <p>Mr. Winkler will work to talk to manufacturers of both commercial child safety seats and ambulance-specific safety seats to get their ideas on improving safety.</p>
Out of Hospital Birth Considerations		
Simulation Project Update	Mr. Winkler reported that he continues to work with the IMPACTs group on pre-hospital pediatric simulation training. He reported that he will be sending a survey they had developed out and requested the EMSC Committee assist with its distribution.	Mr. Winkler will send out the survey.
Background Checks	Mr. Winkler reported that, after the victory earlier this year, background checks are now no longer required for all EMS providers in PA. Mr. Winkler reported that based upon an updated FAQ document published by the Department, only EMS providers that have a 'program, activity, or service' at their EMS agency, such as a Junior Program, now need to complete background checks. Mr. Winkler reported that he was disappointed in the changes but was glad that some are still required.	Mr. Winkler will continue to follow this item.
A/T & EMS Interaction	Mr. Winkler and Dr. Shank provided an overview of an ongoing project they are working on between PESHSC and the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society. Dr. Shank reported that an FAQ document was developed by PEHSC and PATS and sent to athletic trainers highlighting the changes to the EMS protocols for spinal care. Dr. Shank also reported that PEHSC and PATS are jointly funding a video project to highlight improved communications.	Mr. Winkler and Dr. Shank will continue to work on this project and will report back to the Committee on their progress.

NEW BUSINESS	
Due to the federal site visit, no new business was presented.	
PARTNER REPORTS	
BEMS	Mr. Englert provided the report. Mr. Englert reported that BLS, IALS, ALS, and Critical Care Protocols have all been published and, with the exception of ALS, all are currently effective. Mr. Englert reported that the medication list, scope of practice, and EMSOF priorities have been published and that the scope for air ambulances will be published soon. Mr. Englert reported that the Department is working with partners on a Commonwealth-wide safety initiative and also reported that the update rescue instructor curriculum is being rolled out. Finally, Mr. Englert stated that the new EMS Registry continues to be worked on, though a release date is not known.
PEHSC	Ms. Swade provided the reported. Ms. Swade reported that the state is still without a budget, which is creating a financial strain on PEHSC and the EMS Regional Councils. Ms. Swade reported that the PEHSC annual report has been published and thanked Mr. Winkler for his work on the report. Ms. Swade stated that PEHSC is working with partners to evaluate the EMSOF fine and is looking for ways to increase funding. Ms. Swade reported that the PEHSC Medical Advisory Committee has been requested to look at glucose monitoring and glucagon administration by BLS providers. Ms. Swade stated that the PEHSC conference is next week and PEMSA information will be sent out. Ms. Swade also reported that there has been legislative movement on a bill to expand the availability of fireworks in PA and PFESI has voted not to support the bill, even though it would provide funding to fire services. PEHSC does not hold an official position but would direct anyone interested to PFESI.
SPROC	Ms. Kuza provided the report. Ms. Kuza provided an in-depth overview of the program and reported that they are currently looking to expand educational opportunities in their region. Ms. Kuza reported that she hopes the partnership between the EMSC Program and their grant can be expanded and strengthened.
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 that they are actively scheduling new offerings of the courses. Ms. Olsen reported that the program continues to be in very high demand statewide and that the course will be held at the conference.
<i>OTHER BUSINESS</i>	
S.T.A.B.L.E.	Mr. Winkler reported that another offering of the STABLE for the EMS Provider course would be hosted on September 24, 2015 at the LTS EMS Council office in Montoursville. Mr. Winkler thanked Mr. Spinnato for his efforts in providing the class throughout the state.
ADJOURNMENT	MEETING ADJOURNED at 10:19am by Mr. Stuart (moved by Ms. Martin, second Mr. Bohr, unanimous). Next meeting will be via conference call/webinar on Thursday, November 05, 2015

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