



MEETING MINUTES

EMS FOR CHILDREN Advisory Committee
 Thursday, November 05, 2015, 9am
 Webinar/ Conference Call

Committee Attendees:

- John Englert
- Joyce Foresman-Capuzzi
- Maryanne Higbee
- Robert Hrabar
- Amy Krichten
- Monica Liebman
- Cyndi Malinen
- Judy May-Bennett
- Jenine Melo
- Steve Mrozowski
- Teresa Olsen
- Dr. Robert Shank
- Josh Stuart

Staff:

Thomas Winkler

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome and Introductions	Mr. Stuart called the meeting to order at 9:00am.	
Minutes from Last Meeting	No Discussion – moved by Ms. Krichten; seconded by Dr. Shank	Approved as Presented, Unanimous
<i>OLD BUSINESS</i>		
Pediatric Symposium Webinar Series	Mr. Winkler reported that there was one webinar held since the last meeting. This webinar, entitled Upper Airway Obstructions in Kids was presented by our very own Jerome Spinnato. Mr. Winkler reported that there were 72 attendees for this webinar and it received very high reviews. Mr. Winkler reported that there will be two webinars between now and the next meeting – December 03, 2015 and February 11, 2016. Mr. Winkler was still soliciting speakers and topics for these presentations.	Mr. Winkler will send out notification emails to promote the webinar and will work with the speaker to ensure a smooth show.
Pediatric Voluntary Recognition	Mr. Winkler provided an update on the program. Mr. Winkler reported that there were now 116 EMS agencies recognized under the program.	The current list of recognized services is available under the “Current

<p>Program</p>	<p>Mr. Winkler stated that the PVRP was due for its annual review. Mr. Winkler stated that because the 2014 updates only got approved in June 2015 that he would prefer not to make any major changes to the program at this time. Mr. Stuart brought up a question about requiring PSP checks as part of the program with the ChildLine background clearance. Mr. Winkler said he supported the concept and that it should be added, but not until the 2016 annual review. Mr. Winkler also suggested survey EMS agencies to determine who already performs PSP background checks. Mr. Hrabar asked if regional councils collect information on background checks and said he would check with EMSI. Mr. Englert stated that the DOH does not collect that information at their level.</p>	<p>Projects” tab of the PA EMSC website (www.paemsc.org).</p> <p>Mr. Winkler will develop and send the survey.</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 as there are about half a dozen left.</p> <p>Mr. Winkler reported that he had distributed all but one of the Quantum EMS ACR-4 for use by PA EMS agencies. Mr. Winkler stated he worked with Eastern PA EMS Council to distribute some of the devices and thanked them for their assistance.</p>	<p>Mr. Winkler will continue on the distribution program.</p>
<p>CPR/First Aid Training in Schools</p>	<p>Mr. Bohr provided a written report as he was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Bohr reported that he has sent information to the AHA government liaison for Pennsylvania and that he also received a number of statistics from a recent survey that he will provide to Mr. Winkler next week. Mr. Bohr also reported that he has been communicating with a few state senators regarding a PPT outline he is working on. Mr. Bohr also stated that he is working with the Panther Valley School District to present the CPR/first aid concept as well as do a drug and suicide prevention program</p>	<p>Mr. Bohr will continue to work on the project.</p>
<p>Simulation Project Updates</p>	<p>Mr. Winkler reported that the simulation project with CHOP continues at a slow, but steady pace. Mr. Winkler reported that he distributed the EMS Provider survey and encouraged Committee members to share the survey. He also reported that it will be distributed via the LMS.</p>	<p>Mr. Winkler will continue work on the project.</p>

Background Checks	Mr. Winkler reported that due to the changes, again, to the background check requirements for PA EMS Providers, Mr. Stuart and Dr. Roth requested Mr. Winkler to draft a letter to Director Gibbons expressing the Committee's concerns about the changes. Mr. Winkler presented the letter for the Committee's consideration. Mr. Stuart wondered what action Director Gibbons could take and also suggested sending the document to PA DHS. Ms. Olsen stated that the document should be sent to Cyndi Horshaw at DHS and she would provide Mr. Winkler with the appropriate contact information.	Mr. Winkler will send the letter to Director Gibbons and appropriately amend the letter and send to Acting Director Horshaw.
EMS/AT Interaction Project	Mr. Winkler reported that the joint PEHSC/PATS FAQ went out to the PATS membership and thanked PATS for their support. Mr. Winkler reported that the interaction video was making forward progress and apologized for the delay. Mr. Winkler reported that he and Dr. Shank would be meeting immediately after the Committee meeting to discuss the script for the video. Mr. Winkler stated that his goal was to complete the video by the end of the calendar year.	Mr. Winkler and Dr. Shank will continue to work on this project.
<i>NEW BUSINESS</i>		
Hospital Designation Program Workgroup	Mr. Winkler reminded the Committee of the suggestions from the federal site visit in September and stated that he would be working to create a workgroup for pediatric facility designation – medical. Mr. Winkler stated that interested Committee members should email him directly to be involved with the workgroup	Mr. Winkler will send an email to all Committee members inviting them to be a part of the workgroup.
<i>PARTNER REPORTS</i>		
BEMS	Mr. Englert provided the report. Mr. Englert stated that the IALS vehicle equipment list was published in the PA Bulletin. He reported that the core education content list was nearing completion and that the critical care project was almost fully implemented in the Commonwealth.	
PEHSC	Ms. Swade provided a written report. Ms. Swade reported that the ongoing budget impasse has forced PEHSC to tap into its line of credit to remain operational. She also reported that the budget cut has affected staffing and PEHSC will be losing a staff position at the end of the calendar year. Ms. Swade reported that PEHSC is working on multiple projects, including submitting a request to the Bureau to update the recruitment website, a review of the state communications system, the expansion of the	

	<p>scope of the BLS provider related to naloxone and blood glucose monitoring, and the upcoming state EMS awards on November 21. Ms. Swade also reported that PEHSC is working with the rehabilitation group that gets a portion of the EMSOF contribution to determine new ways to increase the fund. Finally, Ms. Swade reminded the membership that the PA EMS Association has started up and to go to the Facebook page to like the Association.</p>	
SPROC	No report provided.	
EMS for Children Family Rep.	No report provided.	
SCAN	<p>Ms. Olsen reported that the SCAN EMS program remains in high demand. She thanked Mr. Winkler for sending out the program announcement via the PEHSC list. Ms. Olsen also presented an issue for the Committee's consideration – she reported that they offer the course free of charge but class sizes have been small, with people saying they will attend then not showing and wondered how to alleviate this concern. Ms. May-Bennett suggested offering a fee for the course and Mr. Winkler suggested a fee as well, except used towards food while keeping the course free. Both Ms. May-Bennett and Mr. Winkler suggested using an online system to register attendees. Mr. Stuart suggested going to communal areas that are not within EMS agencies but Ms. Olsen stated that they promote their on-site presentation model. Mr. Hrabar asked about doing the presentations during conferences and Ms. Olsen stated that they have done that in the past.</p>	<p>Mr. Winkler will send Ms. Olsen information on how PAEMSC ad-hoc courses are set up and EventBrite information.</p>
<i>OTHER BUSINESS</i>		
CodeKit Pro	<p>Mr. Winkler stated that he was contacted by CodeKit Pro, a PA based company, regarding a new product they have developed. He stated that he would be sending the Committee an email soliciting their feedback on the product.</p>	<p>Mr. Winkler will send out a feedback email.</p>
ENA/EMSC Pilot Project	<p>Mr. Winkler reported that in November 2015 he would be attending a joint EMSC/ENA/ACEP/AAP meeting in Chicago looking to pilot a new project designed to improve and continue the PedsReady Project.</p>	<p>Mr. Winkler will provide the Committee with an update at the next Committee meeting.</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>MEETING ADJOURNED at 10:19am by Mr. Stuart (moved by Ms. Olsen, second Ms. May-Bennett, unanimous). Next meeting will be on March 03, 2016 at 9am via conference call/webinar.</p>	

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