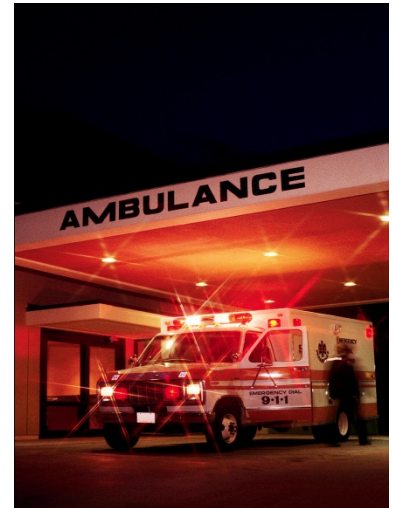




Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council



Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Annual Corporate Report

To the PEHSC Board of Directors

The core mission of the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council is to serve as an independent advisory body to the Pennsylvania Department of Health and all other appropriate agencies on matters pertaining to emergency medical services. As an advocate for its diverse member organizations, PEHSC's ultimate purpose is to foster improvements in the quality and delivery of emergency health services throughout the Commonwealth.

“Your Voice In EMS”

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Mission

The Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council (PEHSC) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. The core mission of the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council is to serve as an independent advisory body to The Department of Health and all other appropriate agencies on matters pertaining to Emergency Medical Services. As an advocate for its diverse member organizations, PEHSC's ultimate purpose is to foster improvements in the quality and delivery of emergency health services throughout the Commonwealth.

Vision

Pennsylvania will be a national leader in developing a unified system of high quality emergency medical services and other health services. In partnership with other organizations statewide that are involved with emergency services, PEHSC's role includes a heightened emphasis on advocacy and legislative liaison, outcomes research, system finances and development, public education, and resources to enhance organizational management.

Core Values

Service • Diversity • Objectivity • Responsiveness • Synergy

History

PEHSC was formed and incorporated in 1974. In 1985, the Council's Board of Directors was recognized as the official EMS advisory body to the Pennsylvania Department of Health through the Emergency Medical Services Act of 1985 and reauthorized in Act 37 of 2009.

Funding

The Council is partially funded through a contract with the Pennsylvania Department of Health. PEHSC does not charge any fees or dues to its member organizations.

Advisory Function

The Council's cornerstone is the grassroots provider network, which meet to discuss statewide issues. These grassroots providers generate recommendations for consideration by the PEHSC's Board. These recommendations ultimately lead to the delivery of formal recommendations to the Pennsylvania Department of Health. The volunteer, grassroots participation of pre-hospital providers throughout the Commonwealth gives EMS a voice in decision making at the state level. The volunteer involvement of providers in the PEHSC process has saved the Commonwealth thousands of dollars in personnel costs, as the PEHSC members often prepare statewide documents and/or educational programs to support recommendations. Interested providers may apply for membership to PEHSC Task Forces by completing an application. Task Forces are established either on a long term or short term basis and are either focused on a specific issue or general topic area.

Composition

The Council is an organization-based, non-profit corporation consisting of 91 organizations representing every facet of EMS in Pennsylvania. Each organization appoints a representative and one alternate to serve on the Council. Our member organizations include representatives of ambulance services, hospitals, health care providers, and firefighters among others.

Albert Einstein Medical Center	Murrysville Medic One
Allegheny County EMS Council	National Collegiate EMS Foundation
Allegheny General Hospital	National Ski Patrol
Ambulance Association of Pennsylvania	Non Profit Emergency Services of Beaver Co.
American Heart Association – PA/DE Affiliate	North American Ambulance Alliance
American Medical Response Mid Atlantic, Inc.	Northeast PA Volunteer Ambulance Association
American Red Cross	PA Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
American Trauma Society - PA Division	PA Athletic Trainers’ Society, Inc.
Best Practices of PA	PA Chapter, American College of Emerg. Phys.
Bethlehem Twp. Volunteer Fire Co.	PA Committee on Trauma – ACS
Bradford/Susquehanna EMS Council	PA Firemen’s Legislative Federation
Bucks County EHS Council, Inc.	PA Medical Society
Bucks County Squad Chief’s Association	PA Neurosurgical Society
Burholme EMS	PA Orthopedic Society
Center for Emergency Medicine of Western PA	PA Osteopathic Medical Association
Cetronia Ambulance Corps	PA Psychological Association
Chalfont EMS	PA Society of Internal Medicine
Chester County Department of Emergency Svcs.	PA Society of Physician Assistants
Chester County EMS Council	PA State Nurses Association
City of Allentown EMS	PA State University
City of Pittsburgh EMS	PA Trauma Systems Foundation
Columbia Quick Response Service	Philadelphia Firefighters Union Local #22
County of Schuylkill - Office of Public Safety	Philadelphia Paramedic Association
Danville Ambulance Service	Philadelphia Regional EMS
Delaware County EHS Council	Philadelphia University
Eastern Lebanon County School District	Second Alarmers EMS & Rescue
Eastern PA EMS Council	St. Luke’s Regional Trauma Center
Emergency Health Services Federation, Inc.	Seneca Area Emergency Services
Emergency Medical Services Institute	Seven Mountains EMS Council
Emergency Medical Services of Northeastern PA	Southern Alleghenies EHS Council
Emergency Nurses Association	Southern Chester Co. EMS, Inc.
EMMCO East	Southwest Ambulance Alliance
EMMCO West	Star Technical Institute - EMS Division
First Aid and Safety Patrol of Lebanon PA	State Firemen’s Assoc. of PA
Fraternal Association of Professional Paramedics	Suburban EMS
Harrisburg Area Community College	Susquehanna EHS Council
Hershey Medical Center	Susquehanna Health System
Hospital & Healthsystem Association of PA	Tioga County EMS Council
JeffSTAT	UPMC Presbyterian
JR Henry Consulting, Inc.	VFIS/Education and Training Services
Lancaster County EMS Council	Valley Ambulance Authority
Lancaster General Hospital	VMSC of Lower Merion and Narberth
Lewistown Hospital ALS, Medic 29	Washington County EMS Council
LTS EMS Council	Westmoreland County EMS Council
Lycoming Co Health Improvement Coalition	York Hospital
Montgomery County Regional EMS Office	

Affiliate Council

This group is comprised of 144 organizations or individuals who are considered to be members of the Council without voting privileges.

7th Ward Civic Association Ambulance Service	Franklin and Northmoreland Twp. Ambulance Assn.
Acute Care Medical Transports Inc.	Gilbertsville Area Community Ambulance Service
American Health Medical Transport	Girardville Ambulance Service
American Life Ambulance LLC	Good Fellowship Ambulance & EMS Training Institute
American Patient Transport Systems, Inc. (APTS)	Goshen Fire Company
AREA Services	Greater Pittston Ambulance & Rescue Assn.
Auburn Fire Company Ambulance Service	Greater Valley EMS
Blakely Borough Community Ambulance Association	Guardian Angel Ambulance Service Inc.
Brownsville Ambulance Service Inc.	Halifax Ambulance & Rescue Assn.
Buffalo Township Emergency Medical Services	Hamburg Emergency Medical Service, Inc
Canonsburg General Hospital EMS	Hamlin Fire & Rescue Co.
Centre County Ambulance Association	Harmony EMS
Central Medical Ambulance Service	Hart to Heart Ambulance Service Inc.
Citizens' Ambulance Service	Haverford Township Paramedic Department
Citizens Volunteer Fire Company	Health Ride Plus
Christiana Community Ambulance	Health Trans Ambulance
Clairton Volunteer Fire Dept.	Honesdale EMS
Clarion Hospital EMS	Honey Brook Ambulance Association
Community Ambulance Association Ambler	Hose Co #6 Kittanning Ambulance Service
Community College Beaver County	Irvona Volunteer Ambulance Service
Community Life Team	Jacobus Lions Ambulance Club
Conemaugh Township EMS Inc.	Jefferson Hills Area Ambulance Association
Corry Ambulance Service, Inc.	Jessup Hose Co No 2 Ambulance Association
Cresson Area Ambulance Service, Inc.	Karthaus Ambulance Service
Delaware County Community College	Kecksburg VFD Rescue Squad
Delaware County Memorial Hospital EMS	Kutztown Area Transport Service, Inc.
Dover Area Ambulance Club	Lack Tuscarora EMS
Duncannon EMS	Lackawanna Ambulance
Duquesne EMS	Lawn Fire Co. Ambulance
Duryea Ambulance and Rescue Association	Lehigh Carbon Community College
East Brandywine Fire Co	Lehighon Ambulance Association, Inc.
Eastern Area Prehospital Service	Levittown-Fairless Hills Rescue Squad
Elizabeth Township Area EMS	Liverpool Emergency Medical Services
Elysburg Fire Department EMS	Lower Kiski Ambulance Service Inc.
Emergycare, Inc.	Loyalsock VFC #1 EMS Division
Em-Star Ambulance Service	Manheim Twp. Ambulance Assn.
Event Medical Staffing Solutions	Manheim Veterans Memorial Ambulance Assn.
Factoryville Fire Co. Ambulance	McConnellsburg Fire Department
Fame EMS	Meadville Area Ambulance
Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	Med-Van Transport
Fellows Club Ambulance Service	Memorial Hospital EMS
Forest Hills Area Ambulance Association, Inc.	

Meshoppen Fire Company	Rices Landing Volunteer Fire Department
Midway Volunteer Fire Company	Robinson Emergency Medical Services, Inc.
Milmont Fire Co. EMS	Rostraver/West Newton Emergency Services, Inc.
Mount Nittany Medical Center EMS	Russell Volunteer Fire Department
Muncy Township Volunteer Fire Company	Scott Township Emergency Medical Services
Myerstown First Aid Unit	Shippensburg Area EMS
Nazareth Ambulance Corps.	Snow Shoe EMS
New Holland Ambulance Assn.	Somerset Area Ambulance
Newberry Township Fire & EMS	South Central Emergency Medical Services, Inc.
Northampton Community College	Southern Berks Regional EMS
Northampton Regional Emergency Medical Service	Springfield Ambulance Association
Northeast PA Volunteer Ambulance Association	Springfield Hospital EMS
Northwest EMS Inc.	Stat Medical Transport, LLC
Northwestern Ambulance Corps.	Superior Ambulance Service Inc.,
Norwood Emergency Medical Services	Susquehanna Township Emergency Medical Services, Inc.
NovaCare Ambulance	Temple Health System Transport Team, Inc.
Orwigsburg Ambulance Inc.	Trans-Med Ambulance, Inc.
Penn State Hershey Life Lion EMS	Trappe Fire Company No. 1 Ambulance
Pennsylvania College of Technology	Tri-Community South EMS
Pike County Advanced Life Support, Inc.	United Hook & Ladder Co #33
Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department	UPMC Passavant
Pomeroy Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1 Ambulance	Valley Community Ambulance
Points-2-Pointe Services	Veterans Memorial Ambulance
Portage Area Ambulance Association	Weirton Area Ambulance & Rescue
Pottsville Area Emergency Medical Services, Inc.	Western Alliance Emergency Services, Inc
PRISM Health Services	Western Berks Ambulance Association
ProMobile Transportation, Inc.	Westmoreland County Community College
Providence Township Ambulance	White Mills Fire Dept. Ambulance
Quick Response Service Medical Transport	White Oak EMS
Regional EMS	White Rose Ambulance
Regional EMS & Critical Care, Inc.	Yoe Fire Co. Ambulance Service Inc.

Board of Directors

Each year, the Council elects a Board of Directors, comprised of at least 30 of the organizations represented by the Council. The Board of Directors serves as the official advisory body to the Pennsylvania Department of Health on EMS issues. The Board is responsible to elect the Council officers, which include President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The officers, two At-Large Board Members, and the Immediate Past President also comprise the Council's Executive Committee.

Allegheny County EMS Council
 Ambulance Association of Pennsylvania
 American Heart Association – PA/DE Chapter
 American Red Cross – PA/DE Affiliate
 Bradford/Susquehanna EMS Council

Douglas Garretson
 Donald DeReamus
 Jennifer Ebersole
 Patricia Mullins
 Thomas Brandt

Center for Emergency Medicine of Western PA
Chester Co. Dept. of Emergency Services
City of Allentown EMS
City of Pittsburgh EMS
Eastern PA EMS Council
Emergency Medical Services Institute
Emergency Nurses Association
EMMCO West
Fraternal Association of Professional Paramedics
Harrisburg Area Community College
Hershey Medical Center
Hospital & Healthsystem Association of PA
JEFFSTAT
Murrysville Medic One
Non Profit Emergency Services of Beaver County
Pa Chapter, ACEP
Pennsylvania Committee on Trauma – ACS
Pennsylvania State University
Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation
Philadelphia University
Southern Alleghenies EMS Council
Southwest Ambulance Alliance
State Fireman’s Association
Tioga County EMS
York Hospital

Dr. Walt Stoy
Edward Atkins
David Van Allen
Robert McCaughan
Dr. Everitt Binns
Thomas McElree
Kay Ella Bleecher
William McClincy
John Glass
Robert Bernini
Dr. Steven Meador
Carolyn Scanlon
Duane Spencer
Darrick Gerano
Robert Lordo
Dr. Arthur Hayes
Dr. Nikhilesh Agarwal
J. David Jones
Juliet Geiger
Dr. Jean Bail
Sandra Jablonski
JR Henry
James McCusker
John Getty
Dr. Daniel Bledsoe

PEHSC Executive Committee

J.R. Henry	President
Jean Bail, Ed.D., MSN, CEN, EMT-P	Vice President
J. David Jones	Treasurer
John Getty	Secretary
John J. Glass, Jr.	Member-at-Large
Ronald Roth, MD, FACEP	Member-at-Large
Arthur Hayes, MD, FACEP	Immediate Past President



PEHSC Staff

PEHSC employs a staff of six, which includes a full time Executive Director. The professional staff members have extensive experience as prehospital providers, administrators and educators. The staff is responsible for coordinating and administering the activities of the Council and its committees/task forces, as well as providing technical expertise to Pennsylvania’s EMS community.

Janette Swade	Executive Director
Donald Potter	EMS System Specialist
Stephen Mrozowski	EMSC Program Director
Paige Jordan	EMS System Specialist
Travis Woodyard	Intern (5/1/11 – 8/1/11)
Patricia Morrison	Office Manager
Jean Gochenauer	Administrative Assistant


Executive Offices

The Council’s executive office is located at 600 Wilson Lane, Suite 101, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. The Council maintains a toll-free telephone number in Pennsylvania (1-800-243-2EMS) to respond to hundreds of inquires each year for information.

Electronic Media

The Council maintains several websites as well as other types of electronic communications:

EMS BOOKMARKS

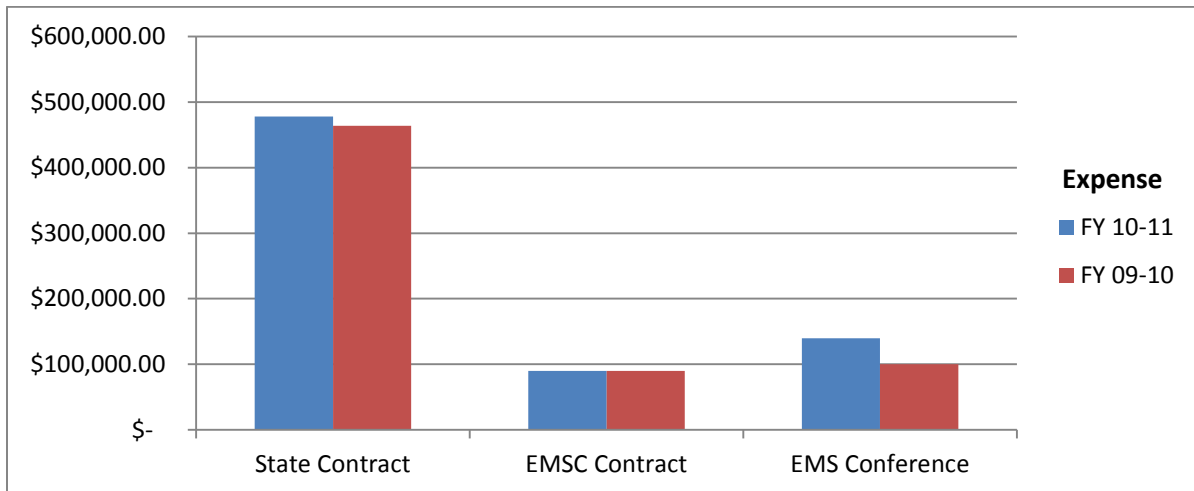
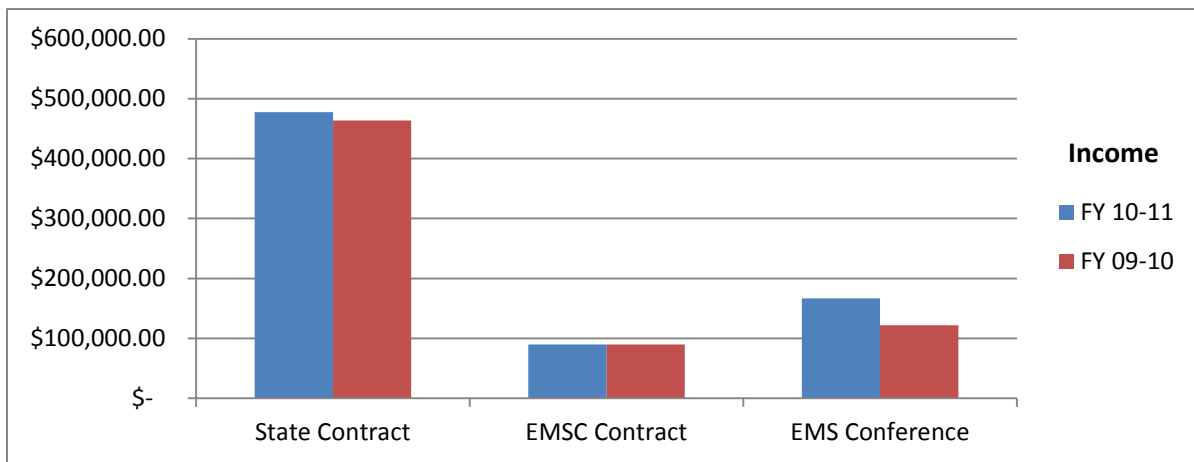
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<p>PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE EMS for Children (EMASC)</p> <p>www.pehsc.org/ems_children.htm</p>	<p>GO TO: WWW.PAEMSINFO.PEHSC.ORG</p> <p>For Alerts, Department of Health Information Bulletins, Policies, Regulations, and Urgent Messages</p>	

Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Financial Information

Note: Complete PEHSC financial audits are available by request as prepared by McCarthy & Shea, P.C. Certified Public Accounts, Harrisburg, PA.

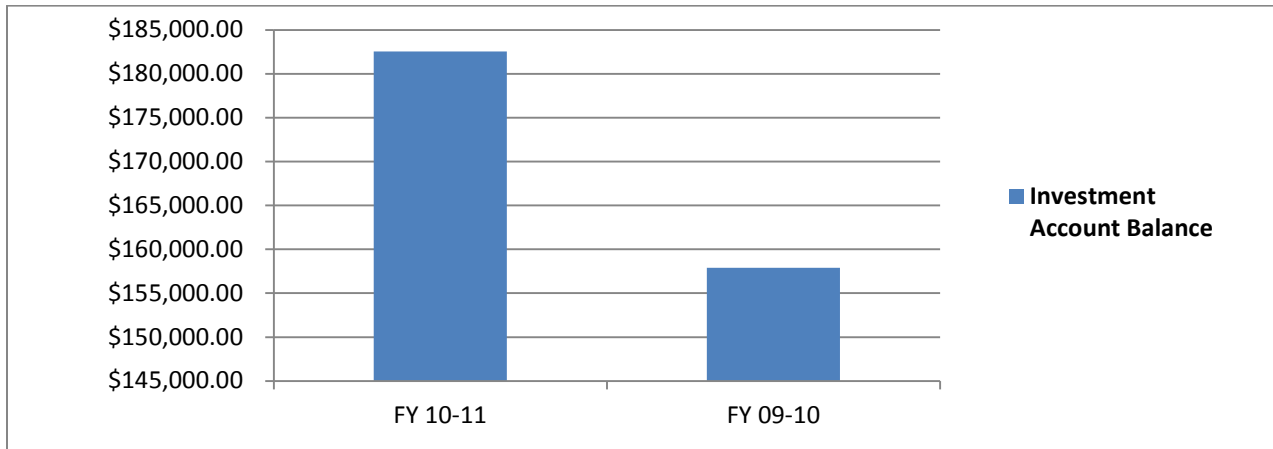
Income and Expense Comparison

	FY 10-11	FY 09-10	Net Change	% of Change
State Contract:				
Income	\$477,621.00	\$463,710.00	\$13,911.00	3%
Expense	\$477,621.00	\$463,710.00	\$13,911.00	3%
EMSC Contract:				
Income	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$0.00	0%
Expense	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$0.00	0%
EMS Conference:				
Income	\$166,945.00	\$121,787.00	\$45,158.00	37%
Expense	\$139,559.00	\$100,167.00	\$39,392.00	39%



Investment Account

	FY 10-11	FY 09-10	Net Change	% of Change
Balance as of Fiscal Year End	\$182,545.00	\$157,890.00	\$24,655.00	16%



Committee and Task Force Meetings

Board of Directors/Council:

Chair - JR Henry

October 20, 2010; December 15, 2010; March 16, 2011; June 8, 2011

Air Medical Task Force:

Chair - Duane Spencer

October 5, 2010; March 25, 2011

Critical Care Transport Task Force:

Chair – Mary Ann Rock

December 6, 2010; January 3, 2011; February 23, 2011; March 8, 2011

EMS for Children Advisory Committee:

Co-Chairs - Elizabeth Evans, RN and Kristen Johnson-Moore, RN

September 15, 2010; December 2, 2010; March 31, 2011; May 24, 2011 (sub-committee); June 2, 2011

EMS Information Task Force:

Chair - Christopher Heile

November 16, 2010; February 8, 2011; February 24, 2011

Executive Committee:

Chair - JR Henry

July 26, 2010; August 31, 2010; September 28, 2010; October 25, 2010; November 30, 2010; December 28, 2010; January 25, 2011; February 22, 2011; March 29, 2011; April 26, 2011; May 31, 2011; June 28, 2011

Medical Advisory Committee:

Chair - Dr. Michael Reihart

July 14, 2010; October 7, 2010; January 19, 2011; February 14, 2011; March 10, 2011

Rescue Task Force:

Co-Chairs – Jack Glass and Chris Peischl
December 1, 2010; April 19, 2011; June 22, 2011

Rules and Regulations – Act 37 Task Force:

Chair – David VanAllen
July 29, 2010; August 19, 2010; September 1-2, 2010; September 27, 2010

State EMS Development Plan Task Force:

Chair - Everitt Binns, PhD
October 1, 2010; November 8, 2010; November 24, 2010; December 9, 2010; February 16, 2011;
February 28, 2011

Recommendations Approved by the Board of Directors

As forwarded to the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Official Response

VTR# 1210-01 Pediatric Transfer Guidelines

Recommendation

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHOULD INCLUDE “PEDIATRIC TRANSPORT” GUIDELINE[S] [IN] THE NEXT PUBLICATION OF THE STATEWIDE BLS PROTOCOLS.

Department of Health Response

The Department of Health will place the “Pediatric Transport Guidelines” on the Bureau of EMS website as an EMS Information Bulletin; with the understanding the Department will include these guidelines in the statewide protocol update in 2013.

VTR# 1210-02 Transfer of Care Pilot Form

Recommendation

THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD REVISE THE CONTENT OF THE PILOT PROJECT TRANSFER OF CARE FORM[.]

Department of Health Response

The Department of Health accepts these recommendations and will take them under advisement in the development of the final transfer of care form.

VTR# 0311-01 PA EMS Field Provider Data Element Manual

Recommendation

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ADOPT THE PENNSYLVANIA EMS FIELD PROVIDER DATA ELEMENT MANUAL, VERSION 1.2, AS REVISED FEBRUARY 2011 AND DISTRIBUTE THE MANUAL TO PROVIDERS BY POSTING THE DOCUMENT ON THE DOH/BEMS WEBSITE.

Department of Health Response

The Bureau of EMS has been working with members of the Information Task Force to address issues that have been identified that will require additional clarification before the document can be published on the DOH internet site. The Department accepts this recommendation but will delay publishing the manual until the document can be reviewed by Pennsylvania approved PCR vendors and regional EMS council.

VTR# 0311-02 PA Patient Care Report Narratives and Protected Health Information

Recommendation

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RE-INSTRUCT THE APPROVED SOFTWARE VENDORS NOT TO SUBMIT THE RUN REPORT NARRATIVE DATA ELEMENT AND ANY OTHER DATA ELEMENT THAT MAY CONTAIN PHI, AS DEFINED BY HIPAA, FROM THE LIST OF NEMESIS DATA ELEMENTS COLLECTED BY THE PA DOH/BEMS AND REGIONAL EMS COUNCILS.

Department of Health Response

The Department of Health accepts this recommendation and will send notice to approved PCR vendors identifying data fields that will be forwarded to the Bureau of EMS.

VTR# 0611-01 Changes to Statewide Treatment Protocol #180 – Trauma Patient Destination

Recommendation

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHOULD REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT IN PROTOCOL #180 TO FIRST OBTAIN MEDICAL COMMAND FOR AIR AMBULANCE TRANSPORT OF CATEGORY 2 TRAUMA PATIENTS. ANY SUCH REQUIREMENT SHOULD REMAIN A REGIONAL OPTION.

Department of Health Response

This recommendation failed to obtain majority support by the PEHSC Board of Directors and therefore was not transmitted to the Department of Health.

VTR# 0611-02 EMSC Voluntary Recognition Program

Recommendation:

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHOULD ADOPT THE EMS FOR CHILDREN (EMSC) VOLUNTARY RECOGNITION PROCESS FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Department of Health Response

The Department of Health accepts this recommendation with the understanding that the EMSC program coordinator will work with the Bureau of EMS and regional licensing coordinators to implement this program.

In addition, the Board of Directors passed the following resolutions:

Resolution #2011-01 Level IV Trauma Center Accreditation - Standards

THE PEHSC LEVEL IV TRAUMA CENTER TASK FORCE RECOMMENDS THE ATTACHED SUGGESTED REVISIONS AND THE INCLUSION OF TASK FORCE MEMBERS IN ANY DISCUSSIONS RELATED TO THE PTSF (PENNSYLVANIA TRAUMA SYSTEMS FOUNDATION) STANDARDS FOR LEVEL IV TRAUMA CENTERS.

Resolution# 2011-02 Level IV Trauma Center Accreditation – Statewide EMS Protocols

THE PEHSC LEVEL IV TRAUMA CENTER TASK FORCE RECOMMENDS NO CHANGES BE MADE TO THE STATEWIDE TRAUMA PATIENT DESTINATION PROTOCOL (PROTOCOL #180) PRIOR TO ACCREDITATION OF THE FIRST LEVEL IV TRAUMA CENTER(S).

Additional Projects by PEHSC Committees, Task Forces, and Staff

PEHSC Continuity of Operations Plan – This plan is required by the Council’s contract with Department of Health and was updated during the 2010-2011 fiscal year and forwarded to the Department of Health. The plan establishes procedures for temporary relocation of Council operations in cases of emergency or other unanticipated worksite disruption.

Act 37 Rules and Regulations – The PEHSC Act 37 Rules and Regulations Task Force provided the Department with numerous comments and recommendation regarding the proposed rules and regulations; these comments included, but were not limited to EMS Agency licensure, Special Operations EMS and the role of the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician. PEHSC’s Executive Director participated as a member of the Department’s steering workgroup to produce the final draft document.

Statewide EMS Development Plan – PEHSC coordinated a series of meetings to continue the EMS Plan development process. The task force developed statewide priorities for three, five and ten year time intervals, and developed a work plan for Year 1-3 Priorities. The task force will continue to review/refine the plan priorities and work with the Department to implement the recommended strategies.

Penn State Research Project – PEHSC continues to assist Penn State University-Harrisburg, School of Public Affairs in the analysis of data gathered from the “Measuring the Financial Viability and Sustainability of Emergency Medical Services in Rural Pennsylvania.” This project is funded through a grant from the Center for Rural Pennsylvania and is led by Principal Investigator Dr. Jill Schuman-Rumberger.

Transfer of Care Information Reporting – The PEHSC EMS Information Task Force worked with the Department to develop concepts with regard to the draft rules and regulation for Act 37 when EMS transfers care to another healthcare provider. The task force developed an optional form that could be utilized by EMS crews to communicate essential information during the transfer of care process.

Additional EMS System Funding – PEHSC worked with our partners at the Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Institute to develop strategies to increase available funding for PA’s fire, EMS and rescue organizations and to explore other potential funding streams for public safety. The PA Volunteer Fire and Volunteer Ambulance Grant Program funding has remainder at this same level since the program’s inception. PEHSC worked with Penn State Research to deliver a sample of public responses to the concept of an additional tax on auto and homeowner’s insurance.

Line of Duty Death Resource Information - The EMS Line of Duty Death Resource Manual was updated by staff; the document was posted on the PEHSC website and disseminated to the 16 regional EMS councils.

Good Samaritan Act – PEHSC staff worked with representatives from the American Heart Association to review PA’s current Good Samaritan Act. It was determined several revisions to the current law were needed to ensure adequate coverage for those persons who attempt in good faith to assist the victim of an emergency medical incident. The Heart Association would like to insert language to cover lay persons and those businesses or organizations involved with the public access defibrillation program. PEHSC recommended language to strengthen the current provisions of the Act with regard to first response personnel.

Level IV Trauma Center Accreditation Standards – PEHSC provided comments and recommendations to the PA Trauma Systems Foundation regarding the development of Level IV trauma center accreditation standards. PEHSC staff attended hearings on Level IV standards conducted by the Foundation.

EMS for Children Project

Through the contract with the Department of Health, the Council employs a full-time EMSC Program Director to manage the EMS for Children grant, which is awarded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Activities of the EMSC program are guided by federal performance measures, which evaluate a state's ability to provide emergency medical care to children in the following areas:



- The availability of on- and off-line pediatric-specific medical direction
- The presence of essential pediatric equipment and supplies on all EMS units
- The existence of a standardized system to recognize hospitals capable of treating pediatrics
- The existence of interfacility transfer guidelines and agreements to ensure appropriate transfer of pediatric patients between facilities.
- The requirement for pediatric education for certification renew of EMS providers
- The establishment of EMSC permanence within the state through the existence of an EMSC Advisory Committee, a full-time EMSC Program Director, and EMSC priorities in regulation.

During this fiscal year, a significant amount of time was allotted to surveying Pennsylvania EMS agencies and Emergency Departments on several of these performance measures. Surveys were distributed to approximately 179 hospitals and 430 EMS agencies via both electronic and hard-copy distributions. The surveys remained "open" for a period of three months. At the conclusion of that time period, data was analyzed with the assistance of the National EMSC Data Analysis Resource Center and reported to the Federal EMSC program. A summary of the analysis is available on the Pennsylvania EMSC website: www.pehsc.org/ems_children.htm.

In addition to working towards successful completion of the federal performance measures outlined above, the EMSC Program Director remains active in various committees and councils to ensure that EMSC priorities are considered in policy development by numerous organizations. The EMSC Program Director and committee members are actively partnered with the following organizations:

- PTSF Pediatric Trauma Committee
- American Academy of Pediatrics - PA Chapter
 - PA Child Death Review Team
 - Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) for EMS
 - Prevent Child Abuse PA
- Safe Kids Pennsylvania
- Atlantic Region EMSC Council
- NASEMSO Pediatric Emergency Care Council
- The EMSC National Resource Center and National EMSC Data Analysis Resource Center

The EMSC Committee provided input on several PEHSC projects including the launch of a Vaponephrine pilot project for the treatment of croup, the State EMS Plan, and the following Board recommendations:

VTR# 0611-02

Pediatric Voluntary Recognition Program

The EMSC Committee meets quarterly via webinar or live meetings, and is comprised of members covering many facets of pediatric emergency care including prehospital personnel, pediatric physicians, pediatric nurses, emergency department physicians, state agency representation, and a family representation. In addition to the required membership, the PA EMSC Committee also maintains strong representation from our partner organizations, regional EMS councils, and injury prevention programs. Additionally, the EMSC Program Director, committee co-chairs and project medical director meet monthly via conference call.

Finally, the EMSC Program provides support and education content to the annual statewide EMS conference and the Pediatric Emergency Care Symposium.

Partnership Meetings Attended by PEHSC Leadership and Staff

- PTSF Rural Trauma Sub-Committee
- PTSF Geriatric Trauma Sub-Committee
- PTSF Pediatric Standards Committee
- 2010 PTSF Annual Conference
- Monthly regional directors meetings
- Volunteer Loan Assistance Program Application Review Committee
- Quarterly PFESI Statewide Advisory Board meetings
- 2010 PFESI Annual Dinner
- 2010 Eastern Region EMS Conference
- 2010 EMS Provider Foundation 9/11 Dinner
- 2010 EMMCO West Regional EMS Conference
- 2010 American Trauma Society Conference
- 2010-11 Ambulance Association of PA Reimbursement and Leadership Conferences
- EMSC Annual Program meeting
- Board of Directors Meetings - Prevent Child Abuse, PA Chapter
- 2010 EMSI Regional EMS Conference
- Atlantic Region EMSC meeting and National EMSC Data Analysis Workshop

Legislative Affairs

During Fiscal Year 1-11 PEHSC tracked, and when appropriate provided comment on state and federal legislation affecting emergency medical services.

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| • Senate Bill No. 200 | Safety In Youth Sports |
| • Senate Bill No. 656 | Background Checks |
| • House Bill No. 1344 | Direct Reimbursement of Ambulance Services by Insurers |
| • House Bill No. 955 | Reauthorization of Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Grant Program |
| • S. 911 (Federal) | Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation |

Corporate Activity

- The Executive Director reviewed and secured benefit packages for the next twelve months.
- The Executive Director prepared the FY 11-12 operating budget and submitted the final FY 10-11 budget revisions.
- The financial audit for FY 10-11 was completed by McCarthy and Shea, LLP and approved by the PEHSC Board of Directors.
- The final FY 10-11 activity report was completed by the Executive Director and submitted to the Department of Health.
- PEHSC explored the feasibility of member organizations obtaining group healthcare benefits through its group purchase program.

Group Purchasing

PEHSC has coordinated cost savings agreements with the following organizations in an effort to assist EMS organizations in purchasing needed services.

- Philips Medical
- National Associations of EMTs
- Southeastern Emergency Equipment
- National EMS Academy

Pennsylvania's 33rd Annual EMS Conference

September 15-18, 2010

**Lancaster County Convention Center & Marriott at Penn Square
Lancaster, PA**

National Faculty:

- Steve Berry, NREMT-P (Colorado)
- Paul Werfel (New York)
- Jerry Overton (California)
- Jerry Allison, MD, MS (California)
- Christopher Ebright (Ohio)
- The law firm of Page, Wolfberg, and Wirth, LLC. (Pennsylvania)
- Glenn Luedtke, EMT-P (Delaware)
- Kathy Robinson (Pennsylvania)
- Richard Patrick (Maryland)

Session Summary:

- 33 Sessions Total
 - 7 Preconference Sessions
 - 3 General Sessions
 - 23 Breakout Sessions
 - 10 Sessions with a primarily clinical focus
 - 23 sessions with a primarily management or blended management/clinical focus
- 56 hours of continuing education credits were available
- 30 nurses submitted for contact hours

Conference Highlights:

- Mobile Hospital Display
- Penn State Airway Study
- Nursing continuing education credits offered
- Complimentary Tdap & Flu vaccinations – September 17th
- Exhibitor Reception – September 17th
- Department of Health Meetings offered in conjunction with the conference:
 - EMS for Children Advisory Committee
 - Regional EMS Council Directors
 - Regional EMS Education Coordinators

Total Attendance	427
Multi-Day General Conference	223
Single-Day General Conference	63
Preconference ONLY Attendees	83
Exhibiting Organizations	55

Preparations for Pennsylvania’s 34th Annual EMS Conference

- A survey was distributed to all attendees of the 33rd Annual PA EMS Conference to obtain feedback on the program. The results of this survey were considered when planning for the 34th Annual Conference.
- Based on an analysis of the survey data, the 34th Annual PA EMS Conference will be return to the Lancaster Convention Center and Marriott in August of 2011.
- In cooperation with the EMS for Children Program, three Pediatric Emergency Care Symposia were planned for 2011, one of which will be offered in conjunction with the 34th Annual Conference. This program will offer a full-day of pediatric-specific continuing education for EMS providers and registered nurses.
- Enhancements were made to the PA EMS Conference website to facilitate ease of online registration for both exhibitors and attendees.

PEHSC staff:

- Prepared a preliminary conference budget
- Secured both local- and national-speakers for the conference
- Secured exhibitor organizations to attend the conference
- Presented proposed session topics to, and obtain approval from, the Bureau of EMS Director
- Coordinated with the Bureau of EMS to assign continuing education credit to sessions
- Coordinated with the PA Department of Education for Act 48 nursing continuing education
- Developed direct mail material that was distributed to EMS providers from across the Commonwealth and past-year attendees. A mailing was also prepared and distributed to all licensed/recognized ambulance and QRS services. Mailings included a “save the date” postcard, a tri-fold brochure, and the comprehensive conference program booklet.

2011 PEHSC Awards

Each year, as a thank you to those individuals who have provided exemplary service to the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council, a series of awards are delivered at a luncheon held in conjunction with the June Board of Directors meeting.



Walter J. Thomas Citizen Award
Dr. Michael Reihart
Lancaster General Hospital



Jerry Esposito EMS Administrator Award
Christopher Heile
EMMCO West Regional EMS Council



Mildred K. Fincke Nursing Award
Kristen Johnson-Moore
St Christopher's Children's Hospital



Joel E. Grotenthaler Memorial Award
Scott Sherry
STAT MedEvac

Acknowledgement

Without the continued support of our council members and individuals who participate on our committees and task forces, PEHSC would face a daunting task to identify and discuss issues in order to make recommendations to the PA Department of Health for EMS system improvement.

This positive attitude enables PEHSC to continue our role in Pennsylvania's EMS system and meet our mission. The Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council would like to thank everyone who has volunteered their time.

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