



**EMS For Children Advisory Committee Meeting**

Thursday, September 15, 2011, 2:00 p.m.

**Committee Members and Contributors:**

Kirsten Johnson-Moore, RN, Co-Chair

Stephen Bohr

Monica Liebman, RN

Kimberly Roth, MD

Joshua Stuart

Susan Werner

John Getty

Johanna Rosen, MD

Kristen Gurley

**PA Department of Health Staff:**

Stewart Williams

**PEHSC Staff:**

Steve Mrozowski

Donald Potter

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
<b>Call to order</b>		The conference call was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Ms. Johnson-Moore. Roll call was taken.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	The minutes were made available to participants for review. No corrections or revisions were presented.	Motion: Mr. Stuart Second: Dr. Roth Result: Minutes Approved
<b>PEHSC Update</b>	Mr. Potter provided the following PEHSC report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The State EMS Conference was held in August along with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pediatric Emergency Care Symposium. Approximately 350 EMS providers and RNs attended.</li><li>- The State EMS Development plan has been sent to the Bureau of EMS for their review.</li><li>- PEHSC and PFESI are partnering to present the State EMS Awards at the</li></ul>	

	<p>annual PFESI dinner on November 21.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- With the conclusion of the EMS Conference, PEHSC committees will resume meeting this fall.</li> </ul>	
<b>Family Representative Update</b>	<p>Ms. Liebman provided the following report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The FAN Representative attended a child life conference recently, during which she learned of treating autistic patients in the prehospital setting.</li> <li>- Additional Family Representation is still needed from the western side of Pennsylvania to assist Monica.</li> </ul>	
<b><u>Old Business</u></b>		
Background Checks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Members in attendance were provided with the PA DPW Child Abuse Clearance application to complete. All committee members will need to complete this and return it to Mr. Mrozowski for submission. There is no cost to the individual committee members for this.</li> <li>- If you have record of a recent (within last 2-3 years) clearance from DPW, please provide Mr. Mrozowski with a copy.</li> </ul>	
Racemic Epinephrine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Roth reported that education is being completed in Pittsburgh with an expected drug distribution date in October.</li> <li>- Ms. Johnson-Moore reported that St. Christopher's has already received their first study patient.</li> <li>- Dr. Roth reminded everyone in attendance that croup season is coming soon so enrollments may increase.</li> </ul>	
Voluntary Recognition Program	<p>Mr. Mrozowski provided attendees with literature outlining the implementation of the first phase of the program, which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cover letter describing project</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FAQ sheet for agency managers</li> <li>- Crosswalk of current federal vs. PA equipment lists</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Mrozowski posed a question for the group as to how to respond to those agencies who did not want to wait until their next licensure inspection to be recognized.</p>	<p>Consensus was reached to allow for a voluntary reporting of equipment carried in the interim until their next inspection by a regional EMS council. Mr. Mrozowski reported this should be acceptable to HRSA. Further discussion with the regional EMS council directors will be held on this subject to help alleviate any concerns.</p>
<p><b><u>New Business</u></b></p> <p>Pediatric Cardiology/EKG Submissions</p> <p>King Airway Usage in Pediatrics</p> <p>EMSC Project Updates</p>	<p>Dr. Roth inquired of committee members in attendance as to how common is it for EMS providers to leave original copies of EKG forms at the ER prior to their departure. Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC is encountering children in which EKG abnormality was reported prehospitally but no EKGs are being left in ER.</p> <p>Dr. Roth inquired of committee members if EMS agencies near them are carrying pediatric King Airways ® as a rescue airway device. The City of Pittsburgh EMS has begun using them and STAT MedEvac is submitting study data on their use.</p> <p>Mr. Mrozowski provided the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 230 pulse-oximetry units were purchased by the EMSC program and will be distributed to BLS ambulances that do not currently have pulse-ox capabilities. Distribution will be handled by the regional EMS councils.</li> </ul>	<p>The group agreed that dissemination of information on the subject to EMS agencies would be beneficial. Dr. Roth will also discuss with the state medical directors.</p>

<p>Other Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Laerdal ALS Baby simulators were distributed to 13 of the EMS regions in PA. Each region will be offering pediatric education and will implement use of the simulators in the education.</li> <li>- Investigation into the feasibility to create a PA EMSC smartphone application has begun. More information will be presented to the committee as it is available.</li> <li>- Work has begun to develop a resource CD for Pennsylvania hospitals to assist them in developing inter-facility transfer guidelines and agreements for the transfer of pediatric patients. This is already a requirement for PA trauma centers. Committee members were provided with a list of documents to be included on the CD, which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cover Letter</li> <li>- Template guidelines</li> <li>- Template agreements</li> <li>- Joint Policy Statement</li> <li>- EMSC Performance Measure</li> <li>- Letter of support from children's hospitals and trauma centers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- A recommendation was made to disseminate information to ALS agencies reminding them that Tylenol is now available as an optional medication and also provide services with a general overview of its indications, dosage, etc.</li> <li>- Mr. Bohr discussed that a need exists to increase EMS education on the family centered care concepts and also to provide further education on the new safe transport guidelines, as his personal experience indicates that compliance remains low.</li> <li>- There is a new version of the Emergency care guidelines for schools available.</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Mrozowski solicited for ideas on sessions/topics. This information will be sent to the group coordinating the curriculum development.</p> <p>Ms. Gurley and Ms. Werner offered additional sources of information which could also be included on the CD for hospitals, which includes templates developed by other states' EMSC programs.</p> <p>Mr. Mrozowski will develop and send to Dr. Roth for review before distribution.</p> <p>Information on these topics will be discussed more at future meetings and included in the information disseminated to EMS agencies.</p> <p>This will be reviewed by committee for possible release.</p>
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Adjournment	The next meeting date of the EMSC Committee will be December 1, 2011 via conference call/webinar.	Motion: Mr. Bohr Second: Mr. Stuart  Ms. Johnson-Moore adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.
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