

**EMS for Children Advisory Committee  
Professional Development Center  
State Police Academy  
Institute, WV**

**Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2009**

<b>Members in Attendance</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>	<b>Guests Present</b>
Jeff Bowles Penny Byrnside Cathy Capps-Amburgey Robert Dozier Vicki L. Hildreth Jerry Kyle Alisha Samples Karen Scheuch John Thomas Deron Wilkes	Cindy Cramer Alysha Crawford (Alternate) Teresa Evans Paula Fields Daniel Foster J. Mike Hartzog Amy Johnson-Veazey Debbie Kyle Nimish Mehta Kenneth McCord Jerry Rhodes	Rachel Moses

**I. Welcome(Vicki Hildreth)**

Vicki Hildreth called to order the regular meeting of the EMS for Children Advisory Committee at 10:08 a.m.

**II. Approval of Minutes (Vicki Hildreth)**

Penny suggested changing Governor’s Highway Safety Command to Program on page one of the July 23, 2009 minutes. Jerry Kyle made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. John Thomas seconded. Motion passed.

**III. General Updates (WVOEMS) (Jerry Kyle)**

Jerry reported that Dr. Ramsey will be leaving his post as STECS Director effective October 31, 2009. There may be a change in the philosophy and direction of OEMS and there is no information regarding who will take his place or who will take over as interim. As of this date, OEMS hierarchy will remain unchanged.

OEMS received \$40,000 in Federal Block Grant money, which has been used in part for EMSC public education and information and includes display materials that can be placed in totes and a 27" flat screen with built in DVD player. \$15,000 in pediatric-specific material is on order. Cathy Capps-Amburgey suggested setting up a display for Children's Day at the Legislature.

Block grant money was also used for materials for a Recruitment and Retention workshop; it is hoped that Recruitment and Retention of EMS personnel will become a state-wide program.

Penny reported that the American College of Surgeons will conduct a site visit December 13-16 at Stonewall. Some Committee members will be invited and will only have to attend Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. OEMS will take care of lodging costs.

#### **IV. Operations (Deron Wilkes)**

Deron reported that over 50% of agencies are submitting EPCRs. When more agencies submit electronically, OEMS will be able to determine what percentage of patients are children, what drugs and procedures are used on them, etc., which has never been able to be determined before. Interfacility Transfer agreements with CHEMTAC will affect this. CHEMTAC's main focus is patient transfer between facilities.

OEMS now has access to Run Sheets, which also links back to the individual's certification and training received. They will also show what procedures and drugs are used on children and help determine which are detrimental or beneficial. By January's meeting, Bob Dozier should be able to give a report on the data generated from these sheets. A discussion on the validity of the information gathered ensued, where the point was made that data is only as good as the data collected.

Block Grant money also funded a Wilderness EMS class, which taught emergency care in outdoor settings. This benefited EMSC because of the number of accidents children have outdoors.

#### **V. Performance Measures (Vicki Hildreth)**

Diana Fendya is currently reviewing the Performance Measures. The Performance Measure dealing with equipment will be finalized and distributed soon.

#### **VI. State Fair (Vicki Hildreth)**

Vicki reported that the State Fair lasted nine days and was a success with children and the general public. EMSC hopes to have a display at the fair next year, where the focus will be teen driving.

**VII. CFRT Overview (Jeff Bowles)**

Jeff reported that CFRT reviews all fatalities of children aged eighteen and younger, and identifies what preventable law and policy measures that can be taken. CFRT gives suggestions on measures to CPS and medical professionals. All data is put into a national database where trends are identified. Members are from all over the state. There was a discussion of how EPCRs could benefit CFRT.

**VIII. Election of Chairperson**

Postponed until next meeting due to attendance.

**IX. Children Special Health Care Needs Overview (Cathy Capps-Amburgey)**

Cathy is the Program Director for Children Special Health Care Needs and reported that this program primarily provides care coordination services. 95% of children in the state have insurance through private providers, Medicaid or CHIP. The Special Health Care Needs program provides coverage to children in need up to age twenty one. There are currently 1,400 children enrolled in the program.

**X. Wrap-Up**

Committee members were asked to bring suggestions for tasks and priorities to the next meeting. Vicki will email members to remind them. A Teen Driving Task Force was mentioned at the last meeting, and Mark Holmes and Cindy Cramer volunteered to serve on this committee; no other members have volunteered yet.

Vicki reported that Kenneth McCord may not be able to serve on the committee, but she has someone else in mind to take his place.

Vicki will follow up on the personal health journals obtained through West Virginia State University.

The Committee members were thanked for attending.

**XI. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the WV State Police Academy Professional Development Center.

**XII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.