

**EMS for Children Advisory Committee  
Stonewall Resort  
Roanoke, WV**

**Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 2011**

| <b>Core Members Present</b>   | <b>Recommended Members Present</b>   | <b>Guests Present</b>  |
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| Vicki L. Hildreth<br>Jerry Kyle<br>Drema Mace<br>Alisha Samples<br>Dr. Elizabeth Scharman<br>Karen Scheuch<br>Deron Wilkes<br>Larry O'Bryan | Trish Anderson<br>Bob Dozier<br>Mark Holmes<br>John Thomas<br>Heidi Staats                     | Stacey M. Humphreys<br>Michelle Javins<br>Steve McIntire<br>Rachel Moses<br>Nancy Price<br>Steve Samples |
| <b>Core Members Absent</b>  | <b>Recommended Members Absent</b>  |  |
| Paula Fields<br>J. Mike Hartzog<br>Debbie Kyle<br>Nimish Mehta  | Jeff Bowles<br>Penny Byrnside<br>Leisel Caten<br>Cindy Cramer<br>Teresa Evans<br>Daniel Foster |  |

**I. Welcome (Karen Scheuch)**

Karen Scheuch called to order the regular meeting of the EMS for Children Advisory Committee at 10:07 a.m. Introductions of members and guests were made.

**II. Approval of Minutes (Karen Scheuch)**

Deron Wilkes made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jerry Kyle seconded. Motion carried.

**III. EMS Update (Drema Mace)**

Drema Mace reported that the State Trauma and Emergency Medical System has been renamed the Office of Emergency Medical Services. Drema is now the Director of OEMS and represents the office on a national level while overseeing the EMS

Advisory Council and the State Trauma Advisory Council. Jerry Kyle is the Director of the Division of EMS Certification and Licensure, Penny Byrnside the Director of the Division of Trauma Designation and Categorization, and the Division of Communications is now the Division of Medical Communications. Two other main changes within OEMS: Deron Wilkes now reports directly to Drema Mace, and the EMSC Program has been moved under Division of Trauma Designation and Categorization and is overseen by Penny Byrnside.

Drema introduced Stephen McIntire, newly elected Chair of the EMS Advisory Council, who attended to keep the Advisory Council abreast of all EMSC events.

Drema discussed the Performance Measures being developed by office, and suggested Jo Ellen Taylor serve as the family representative on the Advisory Committee. She also mentioned that Kelly Caseman works with school-based clinics and is interested in attending meetings to determine what collaborative programs can be developed.

#### **IV. General Updates (Jerry Kyle)**

Jerry Kyle reported on the EMS Rule, which covers all aspects of pre-hospital care. Changes in the Rule include personnel, agencies, testing, education and investigation. It is currently in the Legislative process.

Brickstreet Insurance will no longer cover worker's comp for volunteer EMS personnel. He and Drema have been in touch with Brickstreet to discuss this matter.

#### **V. Updates (Deron Wilkes)**

Deron reported that the School Nurse Emergency Care program does not have funding and encouraged the Committee to think of possible avenues for funds.

There was a discussion of First Responders filling out Electronic Patient Care Records and how this data reflects pre-hospital care of children.

Fayette County will host the Boy Scout Jamboree in 2013, bringing together scouts from across the nation. The huge influx of population will greatly impact EMS.

A Wilderness EMS Program is still being developed and will focus building a program for care of patients who are more than one hour from a hospital.

#### **VI. EMSC Program Updates (Vicki Hildreth)**

Six ARK Educational Rollout Meetings were held throughout the state in January. Of the fifty-three (53) hospitals invited to attend, thirty-nine (39) participated and seven (7) submitted applications for a site visit. Dates for the site visits are being considered. Those hospitals that are ARK ready will be linked to the West Virginia Poison Center webpage. The Children with Special Health Care Needs program will advertise ARK hospitals to parents as well.

Surveys sent to 91% of agencies to cover Performance Measure 76 & 77, which covers interfacility transfer of pediatric patients.

Vicki introduced new Committee members: Michelle Javins, Injury Prevention Program Director, Stacey Humphreys, WVU Department of Pediatrics Chief Resident, and Larry O'Bryan, Police Representative.

## **VII. Upcoming Events (Vicki Hildreth)**

Thomas Kidoodle will be held at the South Charleston Recreational Center on April 16, 2011. 750 bicycle helmets will be given out among other prizes. The event is free to the public. The EMSC Grantee Meeting is scheduled for May 2 - 4, 2011 in Annapolis, MD.

EMS Week will run May 15 – 21, 2011 with EMSC day falling on May 18, 2011. There could be an event held on EMSC day, which corresponds with the Safety Expo held at the Civic Center. The Committee discussed possible activities, including presenting an award for outstanding child care provider to an agency, hospital and individual. The agency award would be based on most pediatric education, an award for ARK ready hospital, and the individual for passenger safety.

Mark Holmes reported that the Governor's Safety Highway program keeps records of police citations issued for passenger safety. Michelle Javins volunteered to develop this further.

West Virginia Three River's Festival will be held May 27, 2011 in Fairmont, and will be held outdoors with around 3,000 children in attendance.

The West Virginia State Fair will run August 12 – 20, 2011. Vicki Hildreth corresponded with Cindy Cramer and has agreed that the Division of Highways could help fund tickets and lodging if there is a focus on highway safety.

Jake's Day is scheduled for July 20, 2011 and focuses on ages 6 – 15. This would be a great opportunity for the Hug A Tree program.

Vicki addressed the need for the Committee to focus on older aged children and teenagers. Possible topics include teens driving, texting while driving, and car surfing. Any information on the topics discussed can be sent to Vicki. Vicki also discussed the StreetSmart Program out of Florida which will come to high schools in West Virginia to talk to students regarding issues with teen drivers. Michelle Javins will look at this program for potential funding.

## **VIII. EMS TSN (Nancy Price)**

Nancy Price told the Committee she took the position of CEO of TSN on November 1, 2010 and has attended ARK Rollout meetings. TSN has assisted the EMSC

Program by having the Program Director's follow-up on surveys required by NEDARC.

**IX. Children with Special Health Care Needs (Heidi Staats)**

Heidi Staats discussed the Children with Special Health Care Needs program, which provides insurance coverage to children with certain disorders that need monitored and have no coverage.

**X. EMS Data (Bob Dozier)**

Bob went over data handouts, and reported that most agencies started reporting EPCRs in December, 2009. The last agency to report electronically did so in July, 2010, so the data shows seven month's total reporting for all agencies across the state. The Committee discussed the handout on Mechanisms of Traumatic Injury (attached).

**XI. Injury Prevention Program (Michelle Javins)**

Michelle Javins gave an overview of the Injury Prevention Program, which is being developed and works through Maternal and Child Family Health block grants. \$200,000 is being funded for EZ IOs on ALS transporting agencies.

**XII. WV Governor's Highway Safety Program (Trish Anderson & Mark Holmes)**

Trish Anderson reported that over 6,000 child seat safety stickers have been sent out since they were mentioned at the ARK Rollout meetings. A new Child Passenger Safety (CPS) trailer has been purchased, and the next class is June 28 – July 1, with registration open online. A seat check event will be held at the Kanawha Mall May 13 from 10 – 2. There is interest in participating in ESCAPe next year and a CPS Conference is in development to run September 13 – 15.

**XIII. Committee Updates**

Vicki reported that the Children with Special Health Care Needs Protocols hopes to finalize members and hold a meeting in the next week. Steve Murray has volunteered to Chair this committee.

Performance Measures 77 & 78 covering Interfacility Agreements and Guidelines can be moved forward once data from the surveys is received.

A wireless PA system and inflatable screen was included in the 2011-2012 EMSC grant for indoor and outdoor use has been submitted with the latest grant proposal. This equipment will be very beneficial at future children's events.

**XIV. Wrap-Up**

The next EMSC Advisory Committee meetings are scheduled for:

May 12, 2011 at Stonewall Resort  
August 11, 2011 at Fayetteville  
November 10, 2011 at a location TBD.

**XV. Adjournment**

John Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heidi Staats seconded.  
Meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.