

EMS for Children Advisory Committee

**Hampton Inn
Charleston, WV**

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2011

Core Members Present	Recommended Members Present	Guests Present
Vicki L. Hildreth Debbie Kyle Jerry Kyle Alisha Samples Dr. Elizabeth Scharman Karen Scheuch Deron Wilkes Larry O'Bryan	Penny Byrnside Dave Cook Cindy Cramer Bob Dozier Daniel Foster Michelle O'Bryan John Thomas	Chris Kinsey Rachel Moses Susie Wilson
Core Members Absent	Recommended Members Absent	
Paula Fields J. Mike Hartzog Drema Mace Nimish Mehta	Trish Anderson Jeff Bowles Leisel Caten Teresa Evans Mark Holmes Stacey Humphreys Heidi Staats	

I. Welcome (Karen Scheuch)

Karen Scheuch called to order the regular meeting of the EMS for Children Advisory Committee at 10:12 a.m. Introductions of members and guests were made.

II. Approval of Minutes (Karen Scheuch)

Daniel Foster made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Deron Wilkes seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.

III. General Update (Jerry Kyle)

Jerry Kyle reported on the EMS Rule, which includes changes in personnel, agencies, testing, education and investigation. It has passed and an implementation plan has been developed by the office. Each section is currently writing policies and procedures.

The State EMS Conference will be held at Lakeview Resort in Morganton September 15 -17. There will be a preconference workshop focusing on pediatrics on September 15.

IV. Trauma Designation and Categorization Updates (Penny Byrnside)

Penny reported that Camden Clark bought St. Joseph's Hospital in Parkersburg, which might result in a change in their categorization. There are currently 31 trauma centers in the state; categorized as follows:

- Level 1: tertiary centers that must do research and be published
- Level 2: have good patient outcomes and are rich with resources
- Level 3: don't have the resources of levels 1 and 2, but have ortho and general surgery
- Level 4: stabilize and transfer facilities only

Dr. Kappel, Beth Jackson (Medical Review Coordinator) and the Medical Review Committee have been looking over concerns received and are addressing them.

Stroke Categorization process has begun led by Dr. Smith along with WVU and Marshall. Thirty-one (31) hospitals have expressed interest in a stroke categorization site visit; it is hoped these will begin in September. STEMI categorization will likely follow Stroke.

V. Updates (Deron Wilkes)

Deron reported that funds from the Office of Maternal and Child Health that were originally allocated to the School Nurse Emergency Care will be used for developing a Wilderness EMS Program. This will focus building a program for care of patients who are more than one hour from a hospital and train EMS personnel to handle emergencies in an austere environment. There will be a five day train the trainer program in August and September in the northern part of the state.

There has been beta testing with Medical Command Centers regarding data they record.

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 and tie directly with the Wilderness EMS Program.

VI. EMSC Program Updates (Vicki Hildreth)

Penny Byrnside presented certificates of recognition to the Governor's Safety Highway Program, Injury Prevention Program, and Division of Highways for their dedication to the EMSC Program.

Vicki reported that six ARK Educational Rollout Meetings were held throughout the state in January. ARK books were sent to interested hospitals so they could

determine where they stand with the requirements. Site visits are currently being coordinated. Three doctors have volunteered to help; first visit hopes to be conducted in next few weeks. Minnie Hamilton, Mon General and Stonewall are ready for their ARK site visits.

Injury Prevention Program provided \$230,000 in funding for purchase of EZ-IO drivers and needles for agencies. Agencies were surveyed and forty-six (46) already have EZ-IOs on board ALS vehicles. Approximately 352 drivers and 1,332 needles will be purchased and sent to agencies. Last year Injury Prevention Program provided 230,000 for purchase of pedi-mate child restraints, which brings total funding provided by Office of Maternal and Child Health over past two years to around \$500,000.

The EMSC Grantee Meeting was held May 2 – 4 in Annapolis. Vicki reported making good contacts and mentioned the Family Advisory Network.

Mountaineer Montessori was held April 15 in Charleston.

Thomas Kidoodle was held April 16 at the South Charleston recreation center and crayons and coloring books were distributed.

The Bureau for Public Health sponsored Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day April 28, 2011. EMSC Program presented Hug A Tree with a great reception.

VII. Upcoming Events (Vicki Hildreth)

EMSC Day will be May 18, 2011 at Hurricane City Park from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. The Governor's Safety Highway Program will do car safety seat checks. Fire Safety Trailer and Andy the Ambulance will be there, Hug a Tree will be presented, there will be a bike and bike helmet give a way.

WV Three River's Festival is scheduled for May 27.

There will be a Hug A Tree presentation given at Aurora Elementary on June 3.

Andy the Ambulance will be at National Night Out, Buckhannon City Park on August 2.

The West Virginia State Fair will run August 12 – 20, 2011. A schedule for volunteers will be distributed shortly. Division of Highways will provide funding for lodging and tickets. EMSC will have two booths this year, and will try to utilize Andy.

Annual EMS Conference will be September 15 – 17 in Morgantown.

Hug A Tree will be presented at Alderson Elementary on May 23.

VIII. WV Governor's Safety Highway Program (Dave Cook)

Dave reported the car seat trailer mentioned by Trish at last meeting has been purchased. There will be a training class for CPS technicians June 28 – July 1 at Elkins Fire Department. Those interested can enroll online: www.cert.safekids.org. The fee is \$75 and will be reimbursed after completion of course.

Distracted driving by teenagers, especially texting while driving, as an injury prevention program is being discussed with the School Wellness Committee.

Dave distributed a handout (attached), detailing the change in car seat recommendations; children should ride rear facing until two (2) years of age or they outgrow the seat.

A car seat check up will be held June 9 at Elkins Walmart to boost interest in CPS course.

Elizabeth Scharman reported the Poison Control Center has lost 25% of funding nationwide, with a 10% loss in the State.

IX. EMSC Family Advisory Network (Vicki Hildreth)

A video about the Family Advisory Network was shown and the Committee discussed ways to find a family representative. Compassionate Friends, a group for parents who have lost a child is one possible avenue.

X. Committee Updates

Vicki reported that the Children with Special Health Care Needs Protocols Committee will be meeting May 17 at RESA III in Dunbar.

Performance Measures 77 & 78 covering Interfacility Agreements and Guidelines will be examined.

XI. Wrap-Up

Bob Dozier told the Committee that all data collected by the State is now part of the NEMSIS data set, which is used by the federal government and certain scholars to examine data.

The next EMSC Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2011 at a location TBD.

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.