



EMS for Children Advisory Committee
Bridgeport Conference Center

Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2012

Core Members Present	Core Members Absent
Karen Scheuch, Chair Vicki Hildreth Robert Dozier	Debbie Kyle, Co-Chair John Thomas Nimish Mehta Todd Rundle Joe Ellen Tyler Stephanie King Lisa Green John Dearnell J. Mike Hartzog, M.D.
Recommended Members Present	Recommended Members Absent
Trish McCay Drema Mace Beth Jackson Trish Anderson Harry Anderson	Penny Byrnside Teresa Evans Larry O'Bryan Heidi Staats Cindy Cramer, Secretary Chris Kinsey Senator Daniel Foster Mark Holmes Dave Cook Jerry Rhodes
Additional Participants Present	Additional Participants Absent
Deron Wilkes (via conference call) Beth Jackson Mike Cunningham Michelle O'Bryan Dr. William Tippetts Andrew Neely Nancy Price Gail Dragoo Rocki Louden Mady Price Maddie Stephens	Liesel Caten Elizabeth Scharman Marty Hurley Carol Nolte Melvin Wright Dr. Lee Smith Kelli Caseman Susie Wilson

I. Welcome (Karen Scheuch)

Karen Scheuch called to order the EMSC Advisory Committee meeting. There was an introduction of all committee members and additional participants.

II. Approval of Minutes (Karen Scheuch)

A copy of February 2012 meeting minutes was reviewed by all members. The following correction was made on page 3 under Transition Courses, Morgan Lindsays last name should be Lense.

Robert Dozier made motion to approve the minutes as amended; Beth Jackson seconded. The minutes were approved as amended

III. Wilderness Medicine (Deron Wilkes via conference call)

Planning Boy Scouts Jamboree will be a National Co-Ed Event hosting 35,000 boy scouts and 7,000 leaders and staff members. The dates will be July 15 through 24th of 2013. The location will be in Fayette County featuring whitewater rafting, zip lining, mountain climbing, rock climbing, scuba diving, and BMX activities to name a few. This will be a high adventure program in the nine (9) county regions across the state. The age range for children will be 14 to 18 years old with exception of adventure scouts up to age 21. There will be a fee for all visitors they can participate in high adventure program. Everybody will have to have a physical before participating. Nobody with a BMI over 40 will be allowed to participate.

Visitors will be bused in at Summit as only emergency vehicles will be permitted onto the property. Boy scouts will receive a duffle bag in which all of their belongings need to fit. There will be great cell phone coverage. Each child will be given a cell phone. Upon leaving parent or guardian is offered to purchase cell phone. Each child is issued an ID bracelet. This will also track number of people. The Jamboree will be great for our state; but will make a big difference for OEMS. Vicki is using ARC program to pull in more assistance from areas hospitals. Deron suggested The Boy Scouts Jamboree needs to be posted on OEMS website for planning so nothing else will be scheduled during this.

IV. EMS Update (Drema Mace)

The State Medical Director position has been held by Dr. Lee Smith since January 2012. This contract will end Saturday, June 30. Dr. Kappel will step in as of July 1 as interim until a permanent director is hired. This will no longer be a contract position. We have narrowed down to four (4) candidates. The final interviews will be Monday. In next couple of weeks a candidate will be selected.

Jerry Kyle's position opening drew 32 applicants. These were narrowed down to 16 applicants. After 2nd interviews, the field was narrowed down to four (4) candidates. The

EMSAC council chair and Drema will narrow down the field down to two (2) candidates for a final round of interviews.

Deron's will be remain a 25% part-time employee for continued activities regarding the Boy Scouts and Wilderness Medicine. That position will be internal operations and grant management.

Pete Formato has been replaced by John Thomas. He is now HHR Senior Specialist as the Director of Recruitment and Retention. John's former position of Education Coordinator will be open.

Christina Turley is now the Certification Supervisor. Her position will be filled. Annette Brown has joined the OEMS as our Human Resources Manager working in the Charleston Office.

Wendy Livengood, at the NOROP office, will be moving on so that will leave an Office Assistant III position to be filled. Tom Stricklen, Investigator's position will be posted soon. He has taken a position with the Corrections Department.

In the Communications department six (6) new techs have been hired to maintain towers. The department is busy in getting radios updated with tower sites. There was a delay with Motorola Contract. Motorola went to highest level at no extra cost to ensure communication. Joe Gonzales will coordinate with people as soon as he gets radios.

There was also a plane that crashed into site in Morgantown's Public Broadcast Tower. The pilot was killed.

Good News, Vicki Hildreth won the National Award for EMSC. She was nominated by Penny Byrnside and Drema Mace presented the award. As those selected, only three (3) were EMSC Program Managers. The group congratulated Vicki Hildreth on receiving this honor.

Gail Drago expressed concerns about employees at NOROP. Per Drema, NOROP will continue as normal. WVU command center wants to work out of NOROP. Just signed a 10 year lease. The State Medical Director's position will be stationed in Charleston. Nancy Lilly will be under contract until February of next year.

V. Trauma Designation and Categorization Update (Beth Jackson for Penny Byrnside)

Trauma Designation (out of 52 facilities)

Level 1 Trauma Centers 2

Level 11 Trauma Centers 4

Level 111 Trauma Centers 1

Level IV Trauma Centers 26

Raleigh General Hospital will have an American College of Surgeons site visit in July for Level III Verification/Designation. We have 4 facilities who are in some form of the process of becoming a Level IV center.

There is a new employee at the NOROP office: Steve Edmond, RN, MS who is working as the Designation Assistant. Sherry Rockwell will be working in Designation; however her focus will be turning towards research and statewide/national benchmarking for the Trauma Program.

All programs are working with Beth and Dr. Kappel in the development of the overall Performance Improvement Program for OEMS.

The Stroke Program

Waiting to hear from the CDC concerning our recent submission for the Paul Coverdell Registry Grant. Digital Innovations is developing the Statewide Stroke Registry. The Joint Commission has become collaborating partner. The categorization process should be moving forward by the first of 2013

VI. Medical Review (Beth Jackson)

Is ongoing for cases that cannot be resolved on a local or regional performance improvement level. The cases are entered into a secure website.

VII. Data Updates (Bob Dozier)

There are approximately 1,250,000 run sheets in the data base to date. Have begun analysis on the data itself. NEMIS plans to go to Version 3 in 2013. By July 2013 will have entire state moved to Version 3. During the next 12 months will be major changes in data. The NEMIS Conference will talk about Version 3 software and will be able to try out. There is a 2 page report completed monthly.

Staff Introduction: Andrew Neely does web services.

VIII. Wilderness Medicine (Louie Robinson)

Louie discussed the purpose and use of tactical medics. Also relayed dates of the next Low Angle and High Angle Rope Courses. These are currently scheduled for: 7/24 & 25th Basic Course at Shaver's Fork. The High Angle Rope Course is currently scheduled for 8/24 & 29th at Shaver's Fork. Information regarding these courses will be sent out in CIS, as well as placed on the OEMS website.

IX. WV Violence and Injury Prevention (Michelle O'Bryan)

Working on Report of Statistics in prevention of youth violence, suicide, and motor vehicle accidents. Needs to develop a strategic plan in preventing youth violence & bullying, any childhood injury, drug abuse. On September 25th & 26th will have a meet and greet lunch, a speaker and get together of the evening. Would like to have workshops instead of sitting at a

typical meeting. Would like sharing of ideas. VIPP has hired a consulting firm. Also will have scholarships available.

Discussion was held regarding the bath salt use in teens and its easy access, particularly in bordering states. Michelle has met with Kentucky and Ohio's Injury Prevention Programs. WV VIP operates on a million dollar budget.

X. ARK SITE VISITS UPDATE (Dr. William Tippetts)

Breakdown of ARK Activity:

Completed visits :	Seven (7)
Recognized facilities:	Four (4)
Focus visits:	Two (2)
Facilities expressing Interest:	Nine (9)

With the construction of the Boy Scout Jamboree, we are going to make contact with Beckley ARH, Plateau Medical, and Raleigh General to offer whatever assistance and encourage them to apply and complete a site visit.

Ark Medical Advisory Team evaluating equipment needs. Members are William Tippetts, MD, William Patton, MD, Charles Mullet, MD, and Mel Wright, MD. Would like to add Pediatric Representation from Huntington, Charleston, as well as a rural Emergency Physician.

XI. WV Governor's Highway Safety (Trish Anderson)

Upcoming classes on Child Passenger Safety in Huntington in August at St. Mary's Education Center. Wheeling in September. Will put on CIS website. Yellow Dot Program forms are on website.

Other States

The state of Pennsylvania has requested to use the ARK Program in their state; South Carolina has been working to implement it in their state for 3 to 4 months.

XII. ATV Safety Update (Harry Anderson)

The biggest issue in addressing ATV safety is lack of funding. The Governor's Highway Safety has been successful in partnering with other agencies regarding ATV Safety Programs. A Pilot program project is underway in 22 counties. This is a course that is operated by ASI Certified Instructors. Lack of ASI Certified Instructors is a roadblock to successfully training children.

XIII. Child Fatality Review Team (Patricia McCay)

Accidents are the highest cause of death. SIDS sudden unexplained deaths remain one of the highest causes of pediatric deaths. Main focus in preventing deaths is doing death scene investigations. EMS is the first ones at scene; their information is crucial to the investigation. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will be working with EMSC to develop a documentation training to assist EMS field providers on what to look for at the scene of a death or abusive situation.

XIV. Teen Advisory Pilot Project (Mady Price and Maddie Stephens)

An eye-opening presentation was presented by Mady Price and Maddie Stephens, two St. Alban High School Freshmen. This was presented as a pilot to hear what topics are important to teens. Issues discussed in the presentation were regarding drugs, energy drinks, teen pregnancy, suicides, and the poor placement and inappropriate advertising of products in stores. The students received a standing ovation. Drema Mace suggested this presentation be presented at the State EMS Conference.

XV. EMSC Program Updates (Vicki Hildreth)

State Fair [Dates will be August 10th thru 18th.](#) EMSC is [partnering with](#) the Division of Highways and WV Governor's [Highway Safety](#). Topics being features are ATV safety with booklets being distributed and a video shown; additionally, Hug-a-Tree presentations will be done and kits distributed. Andy the ambulance will also be taken, as well. Please complete the registration form if you would like to volunteer to work a shift at the fair.

[Federal EMSC Grant guidelines will be released soon for a 4 year period. The grant is due](#) by September 26, 2012.

A total of \$20,000 was obtained in carryover funds to present the [S.T.A.B.L.E. Program](#) to 600 EMS field providers. Several requests have been received from the field to conduct NRP training; however, due to lack of resources, this has not been possible. [The program will cover Sugar, Temperature, Airway, Blood pressure, Lab work, and Emotional support to the family.](#) Dates are being worked out with the instructors and locations will be secured. This is a great opportunity to bring a new training component to the State of West Virginia.

The [Children with Special Health Care Needs Protocol Development](#) Committee [met last week.](#) These documents should be ready in final format to present to the MPCC sometime in July.

[Safe Driving Video](#) development will begin this year and will [consist of real life stories.](#) It is the goal to have the videos last approximately [20 minutes](#) in length. These videos will be mass produced and used in high schools, driver's education programs, and will be available to take into schools by EMS Field Providers to educate children. Would like to see also see these videos go into middle schools, as well. [The video can also be placed on the EMS website so they can be available to the general public and other states, as well.](#)

A reminder to all EMS agencies, EMSC currently still has approximately 40 Pedi-Mate Child Restraints for agencies that may be additional licensed patient care units. Please contact Vicki Hildreth with requests.

XVI. TSN Updates (Nancy Price)

EMS conference Nov 1 thru 3rd. This year the conference will feature a memorial video for all EMS personnel who have passed. Information will be sent out in CIS requesting photos from agencies.

The decision was made to give out a predetermined number of scholarships for EMTs currently enrolled in classes. Additionally, it is hoped to have a mentoring reception the night of preconference to allow these individuals to see the career path these students have available to them. The scholarships will cover the two day conference registration and lodging.

XVII. Wrap Up

Future Dates

Discussion was held regarding changing future EMSC Advisory meeting dates due to conflicts that exist. The August meeting will be moved to September 12, 2012 and the November meeting will be changed to December 12th. Locations to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.