



EMS for Children Advisory Committee

Bridgeport Conference Center
 Meeting Minutes
 September 11, 2013

CORE Members Present	CORE Members Absent
Vicki Hildreth Todd Rundle, Secretary	Karen Scheuch, Chair John Dearnell John Thomas Debbie Kyle, Co-Chair Lisa Green Samantha Stamper Mark Wigal Nimish Mehta Joe Ellen Tyler Stephanie King J. Mike Hartzog, M.D. Melvin Wright March Tucker
RECOMMENDED Members Present	RECOMMENDED Members Absent
Robert Dozier Beth Jackson Kathy Honeycutt	Cindy Cramer Trish McCay Elizabeth Scharman Trish Anderson Harry Anderson Teresa Evans Senator Daniel Foster Jerry Rhodes
Additional Participants Present	Additional Participants Absent
Michael Cunningham Gail Dragoo Allisynne Dunlap Renee King Rocki Loudon Stephen McIntire Susie Wilson	Michelle O'Bryan James Donathan Carol Nolte Rick Antol Marie Frazier Thomas Marshal, M.D. William A. Tippets, MD Nancy Price Marty Hurley Michael Mills DO Susie Wilson R. Craig Horn

Welcome (Todd Rundle)

Todd Rundle, Secretary, served as chair in place of Karen Schuech who was out of town. The meeting was called to order. There was an introduction of all committee members and additional participants. A copy of March 13, 2013 meeting minutes was reviewed by all present. Bob Dozier made a motion with a second by Vicki Hildreth to accept minutes as written. All was in favor motion carried.

Mr. Rundle took asked the Committee to take a moment to recognize all the individuals who lost their lives in 911.

DATA Update (Bob Dozier)

Per Bob Dozier, the OEMS website has been reworked and was released to the public in July. The EMSC Program has a substantially increased presence now. Changes or recommendations are sent to the appropriate OEMS personnel. As with any website, it is constantly being updated and changes will occur. Per Bob, if there are things that you would like to have on the web, discuss it with Vicki Hildreth. Per Vicki, please take a look at the revised website as EMSC is now broken down into categories such as Always Ready for Kids (ARK), a kid's section which includes a disaster preparedness game. There are also free downloadable forms for kids that agencies are free to utilize at children event. Bob encouraged everyone to take a look at the revised website, as it is dramatically different.

Bob also discussed upcoming changes to the National Emergency Medical Services Information System (NEMSIS) data collection system which will require every third party vendor in the United States to change their software. The State of West Virginia is moving very quickly to implement Version 3. Committee recommendations have been made for what fields will and will not be collected for the Data Version 3 for the State of West Virginia. Those are in the final stages of being improved by the Office itself. It is anticipated that in January 2014, we will open the doors for third party vendors to get their software approved in WV. Then in three months after that, we will open our data base to start collecting Version 3. It is anticipated that by July, August, or September we will move to Version 3 by the end of the year. Major changes are coming; it will substantially affect every EMS agency in the State of WV. Vicki asked if the ATV accidents will now be a field where data will be collected on. Per Bob, he is fairly certain that it is on the list. Gail Dragoo asked for clarification on the difference in PREMI and NEMSIS. Per Bob, Premis is the system to collect all the data in the system in the State of West Virginia. NEMSIS merely defines the fields. PREMSIS is how we collect the data.

Family to Families (Todd Rundle)

Todd discussed a program that he manages called Family to Families, which he manages. He requested permission to discuss this program at a future EMSC Advisory Committee meeting. The committee agreed they would like to learn more about this program.

EMSAC Update (Stephen McIntire)

Stephen McIntire discussed a new law regarding football helmets and the concussions or signs/symptoms of concussions. It deals with athlete who suffer a concussion and how the decision is made not returning to a game until they have been seen by a medical physician. This law is passed without getting knowledge out in the field. I have asked that the State to get word out about the law out. EMS is not on the list of medical providers capable of releasing an athlete to return to a game. Gone are the days when you use a list of questions an athlete must be able to answer in order to return. Unfortunately, this information has not made it to the public. Steve expressed concern that we are three weeks into the football season. How many of our student athletes have sustained a mild head injury and have been allowed to return back into the game? We, as EMS, are being placed in a position that we shouldn't be, and we have a law in place not allow us to be put in that position. This information will be shared at the September EMSAC meeting. Steve expressed concern about our student athletes. these are our children, this is our future and we are I don't want to say turning a blind side to it but we are definitely not following through what needs to be done. Steve will let the committee know the outcome of the EMSAC discussion.

West Virginia State Fire Marshall Office Update (Carol Nolte)

Carol Nolte was unable to attend due to illness.

TSN Updates

Rocki Loudon expressed excitement to be in attendance at the EMSC Advisory Committee meeting. She stated that it is an excellent opportunity to network and take back valuable information.

Gail Dragoo gave basic updates regarding the field and the certification/recertification policies released by the state. Discussion was held regarding 911 ceremonies and the honoring of first responders. Discussion was held regarding Harrison County and their ability to access generators for their 911 centers.

WV Violence and Injury Prevention Update (Michelle O'Bryan)

Michelle O'Bryan was unable to attend due to a last minute mandatory meeting within her office.

BCAA (Mike Cunningham)

Mike Cuningham discussed a program he developed that he takes in the schools to educate the children and build relationships with the community. When EMS arrives, it is generally during a bad event and that's how the children remember EMS. By going into the schools doing this presentation, that image is changing. Each month he goes into the school in Boone County. Educational material has been put together regarding topics that cater to their age level. A retired ambulance has been converted into a

training unit. The interior resembles an actual ambulance, with equipment such as a heart monitor onboard to acclimate the children to what happens if they are transported. A flat screen TV has been mounted to the exterior of the ambulance and is utilized to show training videos and even set up to play the disaster preparedness video on the EMSC website. This has been very well received and has turned into a collaborative involvement with the Sheriff's Department and local hospital. Topics covered are the Mr. Yuck Program, water safety issues, ATV safety training, as well as CPR is being taught to students. In addition, a program is being tried where six graduating seniors received funding to complete an EMT Class in the summer. In addition, disaster preparedness and active shooters in schools are being address through two teams of individuals who do spot visits to check out the school's security. This has been very eye-opening. The EMSC Advisory Committee expressed interest in seeing this become a train-the-trainer program and rolled out statewide to assist EMS agencies, build community relationships, as well as a potential recruiting tool.

Gail Dragoo recognized Mike Cunningham and the talent and dedication in EMS and how so much is accomplished with so little resources.

EMSC Program Update (Vicki Hildreth)

Federal EMSC Grant Budget

The Federal budget cut totaling \$20,000 was returned to all U.S. territories and state EMSC Programs. This is exciting news.

National Pediatric Readiness Project

West Virginia's participation in the National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP) needs assessment has closed with 100% of the hospitals participating. A summary snapshot of how West Virginia hospitals comparing our state to the national average was provided to the EMSC Advisory Committee. One cohort group of state's needs assessment is still open. This information will be of assistance in working with hospitals regarding pediatric readiness. This assessment was critical in building relationships with hospitals.

Always Ready for Kids (ARK)

The National Pediatric Readiness Project has increased the interest in participation in the Always Ready for Kids Program. This is partially due to the fact that the ARK document followed the NPRP assessment being so closely aligned.

BLS/ALS Video Development

Per Beth Jackson, due to re-edits in the video by Dr. Mills and Mark Wigal, this topic has been tabled until the December 2013 EMSC Advisory Committee meeting.

Election of EMSC Advisory Committee Co-Chair

Due to personal reasons and commitments, Debbie Kyle has had to resign as the Co-Chair. She asked that I thank everyone for the confidence we showed in her and the opportunity to serve on this very important committee. The decision was made to table the selection of a new Co-Chair until the December meeting since elections would be held then.

Performance Measures

PM 71 – Online Pediatric Medical Direction:

A letter has been sent to HRSA, signed by Dr. Mills and Mark Wigal, stating that we meet this performance measure. This will exempt West Virginia from performing a needs assessment to collect data on this performance measure.

PM 72 – Offline Pediatric Medical Direction:

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PM 73 – Essential Pediatric Equipment:

The NEDARC needs assessment opened up the first of September regarding Essential Pediatric Equipment carried on ambulances. To date, only 15% of the EMS agencies have completed this survey. Please encourage agencies to check their e-mails and complete this 10 minute survey. West Virginia must meet 85% participation.

Wrap Up

The next EMSC Advisory Committee Meeting will be held at the Bridgeport Conference Center on December 11, 2013 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Vicki made a motion to adjourn; Bob Dozier seconded. All in favor.