



EMS for Children Advisory Committee

Stonewall Jackson Resort

Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2014

CORE Members Present	CORE Members Absent	Attended
Nurse with Emergency Pediatric Experience	▪ Marty Hurley, RN, Co-Chair	Yes
Physician with pediatric training (e.g. pediatrician or pediatric surgeon)	▪ Melvin Wright, DO	Yes
Emergency physician (a physician who primarily practices in the emergency department; does not have to be a board-certified emergency physician)	▪ Nimish Mehta, MD	No
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT/Paramedic who is currently a practicing, ground level pre-hospital provider (i.e., must be currently licensed and riding in a patient care unit such as an ambulance or fire truck)	▪ Karen Scheuch, RN	Yes
EMS State agency representative (e.g., EMS medical director, EMS administrator)	▪ Michael Mills, MD	No
EMSC Principal Investigator	▪ Sherry Rockwell, RN, MSN	Yes
EMSC Grant Manager	▪ Vicki L. Hildreth, EMT-B	Yes
Family Representative	▪ Todd Rundle, Co-Chair	Yes

HRSA RECOMMENDED Members		Attended
Hospital Association Representative	♦ Samantha Stamper	No
State Trauma Manager	♦ Steve Edmond, RN, BS	Yes
EMS Training Manager	♦ John Thomas, EMT-P	No
Tribal EMS Representative	♦ N/A	N/A
Data Manager	♦ Robert Dozier, MA	No
School Nurse	♦ Trudi Anderson, RN	No
Ambulance Association Representative	♦ Vacant	N/A
Child death review representative	♦ Trish McCay	No
Fire-based EMS representative	♦ Alisha Samples, EMT-P	No
Police representative	♦ Sgt. David Nelson Ana Pile	Yes
Bioterrorism representative	♦ Vacant	N/A
Disaster preparedness representative	♦ Vacant	N/A
Parent teacher association representative	♦ Vacant	N/A
Recipient of MCH block grant for CSHCN	♦ Mekell Golden/Terra Hoff	No
Highway Representative	♦ Cindy Cramer/Chris Kinsey	No

Additional Participants		Attended
EMS Field Provider	Mike Cunningham, EMT-P	No
Injury Prevention Program	Michelle O'Bryan	No
WVOEMS	Melissa Kinnaird	Yes
Division of Threat Prep	Jerry Rhodes	No
State Fire Marshall's Office	Mark Lambert	No
EMS Advisory Council	Stephen McIntire, EMT-P	Yes
ASPEN – Prevent Suicide WV	Barri Faucett	Yes
WV Poison Center	Elizabeth Scharman	Yes
BHHF	Susie Wilson	Yes
WV Governor's Highway Safety	Charles Kessell	Yes
WV School-Based Health Assembly	Kelli Caseman	No
WV School of Medicine and WVU Healthcare	William A. Tippets, MD	No
Logan Regional Medical Center	Robby Long, DO	No
Logan Regional Medical Center	Todd Berry, DO	No
Weirton Area Ambulance and Rescue Squad	Rick Antol, EMT-P	No
West Virginia School of Medicine and WVU Health	Thomas Marshal MD	No
WVU Dialectical Behavior Therapy Services Program; Department of Behavioral Medicine & Psychiatry; WVU School of Medicine	Patrick L. Kerr, Ph.D.	Yes
Logan County Emergency Ambulance Service Authority (LEASA)	Ray Bryant, EMT-P	Yes
Family Area Network	Deana Nibert Spaulding	No
Cabell County EMS	Marsha Knight, EMT-P	Yes
City of Martinsburg Fire Dept.	Jamie Weller, EMT-P	No
I/DD	Cassandra L. Toliver	No
WVU Center for Excellence in Disabilities	Patty Boyce	Yes
WVEMSTSN	Nancy Price	No
WVEMSTSN	Jim Donathan	No
WVEMSTSN	Gail Dragoo	Yes
WVEMSTSN	Allisynne Dunlap	No
WVEMSTSN	Rocki Louden	No
WVEMSTSN	Laura Forren	No
WVEMSTSN	Craig Horn	No
Field Provider	Stephanie Harris, EMT-P	Yes
	Holly Treen, RN	Yes
Violence and Injury Prevention	Patty McGrew	Yes
CAMC	Doug Douglas, RN	Yes
Clarksburg Fire Department	Cindy Murphy	Yes

Welcome (Todd Rundle)

Todd Rundle called the meeting to order. There was an introduction of all members present and additional participants. A copy of the December 10, 2014 meeting minutes were reviewed by all present. One change was noted: The meeting scheduled for Flatwoods on June 10, 2015 will be held in Bridgeport due to scheduling conflicts. Barri Faucett reported that the ASPEN-Suicide Prevention Training grant was for five years instead of three. Motion to approve the minutes by Karen Scheuch and was second by Marty Hurley, the minutes were approved with noted changes by all voting members.

Office of Emergency Medical Services Update (Melissa Kinnaird)

The report was given by Melissa Kinnaird. The Director of Communications position was vacated this past year has been re-classified and is now posted working in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security Management and the Statewide Interoperable Coordinator. There is an Executive Order 5-14 that takes some of the oversight and management of the communications unit away from OEMS and is shared with two other agencies. OEMS has been working with these other entities to fill the Director of Communications position and filled three electronic technician positions in February. The Director of Trauma has been replaced. Sherry Rockwell is now filling that role. The Regulatory Supervisor position continues to be vacant. The facilities supervisor position was filled. The proctor position was vacated, position was posted an interviews conducted. The Workforce Assistant will be starting in March. Sherry's old position is vacant, as well as the OEMS Director's position. Bureau for Public Health has a new Commissioner Rahul Gupta, MD.

Major milestones: the re-engagement of the EMS Advisory Council, Melissa reports that she has a monthly director's report on the website and we are seeing slight improvements in satisfaction surveys. Working on transitioning data software and hoping that all agencies can transition by the end of the calendar year. The statewide pre-hospital protocol revisions were completed and now out and being utilized as of January 1st, utilizing the med com data base with the med com number to help track pre-hospital to hospital care for performance improvement measures. EMT and Paramedic re-certification criteria have been revised and are in final stages of approval and should be out on the website for comment the week of March 11th so they can be finalized and utilized. Vicki asked about the statewide conference and Melissa stated that there are no funds at this time.

Division of Trauma, Designation and Categorization (Sherry Rockwell)

Sherry reports that there are 51 Acute Care Facilities that have an emergency department and two are trauma designated Level I, there are four Level II, three Level III, and 23 Level IV. The current map of where the facilities are is available on the website. There are five (5) facilities that are working towards the trauma designation. Sherry reports that she is working towards collecting pediatric trauma statistics and hopes to have a report for the next meeting. There are two (2) facilities that have recently received ARK (Always Ready for Kids) recognition and there are 9 or 10 facilities that are getting close. Facilities have to have 100% of essential elements and 70% of non-essential elements for recognition. Sherry and Vicki report that there are currently approximately seven (7) ARK recognized facilities in designated trauma centers. There are several facilities in the process of renewing their ARK recognition. Facilities receiving ARK recognition will remain valid for a period of three (3) years.

EMSC Updates (Vicki Hildreth)

EMSC Grant – Grant runs March 1st through February 28th, application was submitted for the new grant year in December 2014. A Notification of Grant Award was recently received that the grant

was approved and fully funded for the 2015-2016 cycle. Vicki reports that they are going to have a carryover request but the amount is not yet clear.

ESCAPE Conference

EMSC sponsored a pediatric track at the ESCAPE Conference in February. Nationwide Children's Hospital from Columbus, OH presented on specialized airway issues involving pediatrics. The training was very hands on and well received by participants.

Safe Driving Video

This will be discussed by Patty McGrew later in the meeting.

ALS/BLS Practical Skillsets for the Pediatric Patient Video

This video was distributed in June 2014. After distributions, it was determined that one medication component had failed to make it onto the DVD. This video is being reprinted with the medication added back into the DVD and should be available the week of March 16, Vicki asked for suggestions for who to send the video to because she realized that those out in the field were not being made aware of this resource. Vicki is working with Bob Dozier to get it on the website so that anyone can access it. Gail Dragoo recommended that it go to all the approved EMS Training Centers and sending out a blast email notification to all certified personnel in the state.

Pediatric Symposium

There were two (2) pediatric symposiums held in Bridgeport, WV and Charleston, WV. Vicki and Sherry reports that the evaluations were amazing. The only issue was the high percentage of no-shows. All trainings sponsored by EMSC have been offered free of charge, however, future training will require a small registration fee to address this issue. Todd suggested doing a deposit on their credit cards. Vicki stated that she would have to look at the financial side and see how that would work. Sherry suggested charging a \$10 to \$15 fee that could be used for event hospitality.

S.T.A.B.L.E

One was held in Bridgeport, WV. Bridgeport had a good turnout but still had approximately 60 no-shows. The Huntington course had to be canceled due to weather. It is unclear if funding will be available to reschedule this training.

Communication Boards

Greenhouse Publications developed a Communication Board for the first responder. They were kind enough to allow input from WV EMSC. Greenhouse Publication donated boards for all the participants at the pediatric symposiums. Additionally, funds were utilized to purchase laminated first responder communication boards to place one on every transporting unit in the state.

Future Pediatric Symposiums

Information from the evaluations of the past symposiums offered suggestions regarding future training. The information will be used to provide symposiums in the future, perhaps on a regional basis. Future topics that are being discussed include pediatric burns, poisoning, special cardiac needs, shock trauma, and respiratory. Sherry also asked for those who get different conference notifications to forward them to Vicki so that they can see what others are doing to provide ideas for future conferences.

WV Poison Center (Elizabeth Scharman)

Elizabeth reports that there are still issues with nicotine exposures. She reports that there was a death a couple of months ago in another state. They are seeing a problem with high school students putting scheduled drug liquids in the E-cigarettes which are already banned by the schools. They are waiting for further analysis to determine what is being used in the E-cigarettes. They are having reports of seizures and cardiac issues from them.

They are seeing issues throughout the country with marijuana poisoning due to the changes in the laws in some states. A lot of the marijuana coming into the homes looks like food products. Elizabeth reports that they are looking at this so that if there is changes in the law in WV they will have a heads up as to what happens when those products come into the household.

The biggest project is the inappropriate pediatric self-referrals to emergency departments which is currently at about 8% in WV. She reports that about 75% are for non-toxic or very minimally toxic substances which is traumatic for the children and their parents and it is a burden to the health system. The object is to get families to call Poison Control before they transport unless there are obvious signs of a medical emergency to get the correct steps to take.

Colorful laundry pods are an issue in WV with exposures and hospitalizations. People are not going to stop using them so the message has to be education about how to store them safely.

Family Area Network Update (Todd Rundle)

Todd talked with a couple of legislators about trying to get back some line item funds for this council that are no longer in place. Todd is requesting non-lobbying help from this committee on how to educate our legislature and would like a factsheet to distribute. Todd is requesting that people email him with suggestions for what to do with the funding.

Pilot Project with the Disability Action Center for the Safe Kids project is moving along and the partnership is in place. It was discussed having Julie Sole come to the next CAC meeting.

The Family2Family Project is a project that helps children find access to health care. There has been a new goal added this time if the funding is approved for emergency preparedness and children with disabilities.

EMSAC (Steve McIntire)

Next meeting will address finalization of the protocols, recertification, basically pulling everything together and asking for the next project. Steve asked for suggestions of what everyone would like EMS for children to go to put on the table. Steve reports that he has a new delegate, Patsy Trecost, who is looking for projects to support. Vicki stated that they are looking for a couple of legislatures to service on the advisory council and wondered if he may be interested. Amy Summers from Taylor County was also mentioned.

Operation Not One More (Capt. Cindy Murphy)

Cindy Murphy is the Director of Safety and Training with the Clarksburg Fire Dept. She gave a presentation on Operation Not One More. Their goal is to put a 10 year smoke detector in the hand of every first grader in Harrison County and eventually expand to the entire state. She is willing to do the presentation to anyone who would like to have it. At the end of the presentations, Todd Rundle suggested “passing the hat” for anyone who would like to donate toward the purchase of smoke detectors for future school trainings.

WV Governor's Highway Safety (Charles Kessell)

Charles reviewed the car seat safety information and discussed the emergency identification sticker program and coloring book. There is a Car Seat Technician course coming up in the southern part of the state May 5-8, 2015 at the Beckley VFD Station #3. The course is \$85 but there is a reimbursement program through the WV Governor's Highway Safety program if needed. The course is four days long. There is also a class coming up in June in Parkersburg, July in Huntington, and working to set one up in Martinsburg in August or September.

Behavioral Emergencies: Train-the-Trainer (Patrick L. Kerr, Ph.D.)

The sub-committee has met three times since the last advisory council meeting. They have divided up the work that their committee is going to be doing into specific sub-tasks. Dr. Kerr passed around and reviewed a handout on the workgroup assignments with the workgroup title, the primary tasks and who is working on those specific tasks. Gail Dragoo reported that there is a statewide resource for critical incident stress management from behavioral health that can be accessed through the mental health centers in the state. JoAnn Fleming is the contact at the Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities for these resources.

Jackson County EMS Children Events: Steve McClure was unable to attend.

Violence and Injury Prevention Program (Patty McGrew)

Patty McGrew has temporarily assumed part of Michele O'Bryan's duties of the VIPP upon her resignation. Patty reviewed the status of the Safe Driving Video. She continues to contact state purchasing to determine the status of this project. Patty and Vicki stated that they would have liked to have had the video available for prom season but that probably won't happen. These funds expire September 30, 2015.

Marty Hurley discussed a program that they do in his area and different areas throughout the state called Prom Promise. It is a school project during prom season. Local EMS and Fire and sometimes air medical agencies along with funeral homes stage a mock car accident with "actors" (can be students from the drama club) to portray the victims, bringing cars from local junk yards and recreating an accident scene. Schools bring out all of the students to have them watch the victims being treated, the cars being taken apart, actually have people arrested, people placed in body bags, victims treated by EMS and maybe flown as part of the program to show them a realistic view of the dangers of drinking and/or texting and driving.

ASPEN-Suicide Prevention Training (Barri Faucett)

Barri reported that their grant provides for follow-up attempt survivors and their families, who have been discharged from emergency departments or inpatient hospitalizations. This is an evidence-based research that shows following up with phone calls can reduce future attempts and death. They are also working to integrate medical mental health following a national model. There is a suicide prevention tool kit for primary care and they are working to create a workshop and a webinar for it.

There is also a "Suicide Safe" app available for android and iPads and a training will be available on YouTube.

Zero Suicide Model is national created for medical and the state would like to develop the infrastructure for regional youth centers within five (5) years.

Barri reports that their conference will be September 22-24, 2015 at the Charleston Civic Center and is trauma focused.

They passed Jamie's Law in March 2015. It requires that middle and high school students receive suicide prevention training. Also higher education has to have information provided to all their incoming freshman.

WV State Fire Marshall - No one present to report

Children with Special Health Care Needs - No one present to report

TSN Updates (Gail Dragoo)

Gail reports that every ambulance in the state is inspected once per year. She states that it also gives them the opportunity to visit each site at least once per year. Gail will bring the inspection list to the next meeting. Another task her office tracks is certification/recertification for EMS certified persons in the state that last two (2) years and in that time period they have continuing education to complete. Paramedics are required to do 96 hours in a two year period and EMTs are required to do 48 hours in a two year period. They also have to do HazMat Awareness and Mass Casualty Management and they are required to have CPR at all times.

Wrap-Up and Future Dates

Vicki reports that she recieved a text message from Cindy Murphy stating that the EMSC Advisory Committee collected \$418.00 or the equivalent of 35 ½ smoke detectors, which will take care of Lost Creek Elementary.

Future meeting dates:

June 10, 2015 Bridgeport Conference Center, Bridgeport, WV 10:00a.m. -2:00p.m.

September 9, 2015 Bridgeport, WV 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

December 9, 2015 Stonewall Jackson, WV 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. (Annual Meeting)

Dr. Wright made the motion to adjourn. Vicki Hildreth seconded and the meeting was adjourned.