



EMS for Children Advisory Committee

Bridgeport Conference Center
Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2013

CORE Members Present	CORE Members Absent	Attended
Nurse with Emergency Pediatric Experience	▪ Marty Hurley, RN, Co-Chair	No
Physician with pediatric training (e.g. pediatrician or pediatric surgeon)	* Melvin Wright, DO	No
Emergency physician (a physician who primarily practices in the emergency department; does not have to be a board-certified emergency physician)	▪ Nimish Mehta, M.D.	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, Chair	Yes
EMS State agency representative (e.g., EMS medical director, EMS administrator)	▪ Michael Mills, M.D.	Yes
EMSC Principal Investigator	▪ Beth Jackson	Yes
EMSC Grant Manager	▪ Vicki L. Hildreth,	Yes
Family Representative	▪ Todd Rundle, Secretary	Yes

HRSA RECOMMENDED Members		Attended
Hospital Association Representative	♦ Samantha Stamper	No
State Trauma Manager	♦ Vacant	N/A
EMS Training Manager	♦ John Thomas	Yes
Tribal EMS Representative	♦ N/A	N/A
Data Manager	♦ Robert Dozier	No
School Nurse	♦ Teresa Evans	No
Ambulance Association Representative	♦ Vacant	N/A
Child death review representative	♦ Trish McCay	Yes
Fire-based EMS representative	♦ Alisha Samples	Yes
Police representative	♦ Sgt. David Nelson	No
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	Yes
Highway Representative	♦ Cindy Cramer/Chris Kinsey	No

Guests		

EMS Field Provider	Mike Cunningham, EMT-P	Yes
Injury Prevention Program	Michelle O'Bryan	Yes
State Fire Marshall's Office	Timothy Provaznik	Yes
EMS Advisory Council	Stephen McIntire	Yes
WVEMSTSN	James Donathon	Yes
WVEMSTSN	Rocki Louden	Yes

Welcome (Karen Schuech)

Karen Schuech, chair called the meeting to order. There was an introduction of all members present and additional participants. A copy of the September 2013 meeting minutes was reviewed by all present. John Thomas made a motion to accept the minutes as written with a second by Todd Rundle. All was in favor and the motion carried.

Office of Emergency Medical Services Update (Beth Jackson)

The report was given by Beth Jackson in the absence of Mark Wigal. The report is as follows:

PERSONNEL CHANGES WERE REPORTED:

New Cabinet Secretary:	Karen Bowling
New Commissioner and State Health Officer:	Dr. Letitia Tierney, MD. JD
New Deputy Commissioner Health Protection:	Barbara Taylor
Interim Deputy Commissioner for Public Health Administration:	Chuck Thayer
Deputy Commissioner for Health Improvement:	Anne Williams
Deputy Health Officer and over Health Enhancement:	Dr. Teresa Frazier
Certification Assistant:	Johnna Hess
Education Coordinator:	Bryan Robbins
Vacancies:	Disaster Coordinator EMS Certification and Licensure Manager

Division of Trauma:

Director:	Beth Jackson
Medical Review Coordinator:	Kathy Honeycutt

Continue working on the Trauma Center designations, Trauma Registry, etc. Development of Stroke and STEMI systems as funding becomes available.

Division of Communications:

Continue to work on the Broadband radio project with the construction of the remaining tower sites. Mt. Storm site operational; passing TDM and microwave traffic. Continue to negotiate with National Radio Observatory at Greenbank for additional frequency spectrum that may be utilized by all public safety agencies located in the quiet zone (110 square miles). This coincides with the completion of a new BTOP tower located at Snowshoe Resort. North Mountain Tower height has been increased to 300 ft. OEMS is Collaborating with the DHHR Bureau of Children and Families to assist the BCF Commissioner in the development of a safety communications system for use of BCF Child Protective Staff while in the field.

EMS Programs Division:

- Continue to work on getting certifications/re-certifications processed.
- Have completed a total of 951 in the last 30 days.
- OEMS has asked all TSN field offices to not hold incomplete recertification packets. Forward to OEMS for follow up with the certificant.
- Medical Direction: DEA Update- Nothing new to report. Agent Jackson is still awaiting confirmation from her superiors regarding the state policy/procedure. Levophed Pilot project with Dr. Bess
- Protocol Committee met Dec. 5. Work groups assigned and guidance and objectives delivered to the work group. Approximately 30 EMS professionals from across the State participating
- Certifications expiring 12/31/13 were also discussed.

EMS Advisory Council Update (Steve McIntire)

Steve McIntire gave this report when he arrived. Steve discussed the Transportation Brokerage System. The main issue is attempting to get ambulances removed from this system or face the possibility of agencies closing down. The council is also looking at a protocol for responders review or possible revisions or updates that EMS operates under.

He discussed the annual and spot inspections that occur on an ongoing basis. In closing, Steve thanked Vicki for the EMSC Quicknews updates that she sends out via e mail on a regular basis.

Education and Workforce Development (John Thomas)

John Thomas introduced Brian Robbins, who will be assisting with various activities. Brian has over 30 years of emergency services and firefighter experience. He is also a retired deputy sheriff and will be a strong asset for the program.

West Virginia State Fire Marshall Update (Tim Provaznik)

Tim Provaznik informed the committee that Carol Nolte has retired. He indicated that 57 fatalities in fire related incidents have occurred many that were preventative. Safety programs need to be updated and expanded in the state and these are currently under review. Legislative work is being done to ensure hospitals are reporting fire related injuries to their office. In closing, he reported that smoke detector usage is down and more public education needs to occur to improve this goal.

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

Michelle O'Bryan explained that several VIPP meetings have occurred across the state this quarter. Partnerships discussed items such as Youth Violence, Child Abuse, Safe Sleep and Drug Abuse. In addition, a daylong training occurred at Cameron High School in Grant County to educate youth about teen dating violence and health relationships.

Current Partnerships and future plans were discussed ranging from working with the Charleston Police Department regarding the development of an anti-gang imitative and violence prevention program in the schools.

Child Fatality Review Team Update (Trish McCay)

Trish McCay updated the committee on the release of the 2011 child death statistics in WV. 178 occurred in total. 100 of these occurred as a result of natural death. The remainder ranged from homicides, suicides and accidents. 32 cases of SIDS existed in WV which is among the nations highest. Providing preventative outreach and expanding efforts is vital in dealing with this issue. They are looking at legislation targeted against parents or caregivers sleeping with children and infants while under the influence. An event that has caused death that is completely preventable.

TSN Updates (James Donathan)

James Donathan discussed some structure changes related to field operations and field work activities. The primary goal is to improve OMS and field communication. They intend on having more presence at meetings and committees in the future. Recertification is on-going for all paramedics. In addition squad visits including new policy and trainings are in process.

EMSC Elections and Bylaw Review (Karen Scheuch)

The committee was provided a copy of the current bi-laws. They were discussed and some alterations and edits were made. The new bylaws will be available soon.

Annual elections were conducted in accordance with the bi-laws. Nominations were made and motions carried. The final results of the election process were as follows:

Karen Scheuch was elected as Chair, Co-Chair is Marty Hurley, and Secretary Elect is Todd Rundle.

EMSC Program Updates (Vicki Hildreth)

The EMSC updates were provided by Vicki Hildreth. The federal grant will be submitted to HRSA by the end of the week for continued program funding. The Pediatric Readiness Project was a complete success. We had 100% participation from all hospitals. The final report was distributed to all members. An appreciation letter from Pleasant Valley Hospital was read to the members on how this program saved a life following a severe storm. The BLS/ALS skill set video has been completed. This is a major accomplishment. The committee viewed several clips of this training video. Performance Measure 73 is completed. Pedi Mates have also been placed on each truck for compliance.

In closing, Vicki discussed the need to continue the S.T.A.B.L.E. training program in the future and all agreed.

Wrap-Up and Future Dates

Dates for next year's council meetings were discussed and agreed upon. The group agreed to move the meetings to Flatwoods area. Exact locations for the meetings will be given at a future date. All meeting will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

March 19, 2014

June 18, 2014

September 17, 2014

December 10, 2014