

**EMS for Children Advisory Committee**

**Hampton Inn  
Charleston, WV**

**Meeting Minutes**

**August 30, 2011**

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

**I. Welcome (Vicki Hildreth)**

Vicki Hildreth called to order the regular meeting of the EMS for Children Advisory Committee at 10:09 a.m. Introductions of members and guests were made.

**II. Approval of Minutes (Vicki Hildreth)**

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

**III. EMS Update (Drema Mace)**

Drema Mace shared the accomplishments of the Ems Office. The office received \$500,000 to hire new communications tech. A facilities surveyor has been hired. Supervisor certification has been posted. Major Accomplishments include:

- Funds collected from Certification and Licensure Fees allowed the program to pay for it.
- EMS-C purchased pedi-mates statewide, purchased Andy the Ambulance And will be purchasing IO equipment statewide.
- EMS Chaplaincy Program created.
- Scholarships for paramedics through Rural Health.
- Trauma Division ASCOT Work plan completed.
- Two new positions hired- Medical Review Coordinator and Stroke Coordinator.
- Stroke Program developed and near implementation.
- Meeting with CAH and Small Rural Hospitals to develop criteria for Level 5 Trauma Center.
- MPCC, Medical Director and community protocol committee in process of reviewing and revising protocols, including AHA guidelines.
- AHA guidelines pocket books purchased for each paramedic in the state through collaboration with OMCFH WISE Women program and health promotion cardiovascular program.
- OEMS orientation manual developed.
- \$1.2 million supplemental legislative request approved for Communications Division.
- 12 new tower leases in place and groundbreaking on construction has occurred.
- Statewide medcom recording system selected.
- State office staff awards system implemented.
- Communications has maintained a system that has quintupled in size and scope with the same number of techs.
- Funds and approval for hiring five new communication techs.
- Broadband grant plan developed to insure project comes in on time and at budget.
- MCC expanded to include- perinatal one call line, tech support one call line, backup databases installed, BPH coop plan, and transition of grant to RETI.

- Tactical Medicine Committee formed and developing implementation plan.
- Trauma Registry moving to Digital Innovations Contract.
- Multi-state meeting with neighboring state partners.

Efficiency Changes include:

- Signature Authority on leases.
- Signature Authority on actions related Certification and Licensure.
- Approval for overtime.
- Approval for flex schedules.
- Approval of Telework Policy.
- Regular meetings with aeromedical agencies.
- Regular meetings with MedCom directors.
- Development of performance measures for each division.

#### **IV. Trauma Designation and Categorization Updates (Penny Byrnside)**

Penny announced the beginning of the categorization of Stroke facilities. She also gave an explanation of data learned from Trauma registry. Beth Jackson discussed the progress of the ARK site visits.

#### **V. Updates (Deron Wilkes)**

Deron reported on the Tactical Medicine Program. Tactical EMS is the training of EMS personnel to perform with a SWAT team. Marshall University has a tactical medicine program. The department of Homeland Security pushed for this program. The long range goal is for people to complete a tactical EMS program, and a group will be ready for emergencies. This group is to take care of patients in an emergency situation where transport to a hospital is not possible

Deron also reported on the Wilderness Medicine Course. This is a training course to provide emergency care in a wilderness environment. The long term goal of this program is to develop a team with care skill set that have training in medical emergency situations. 14 instructors are being trained to teach the Wilderness Medicine course. \$73,000 in funding was received from the Office of Maternal Child Family Health, Injury Prevention Program allowing for the development of this course. There are three requests already for the wilderness medicine course. The program used CDS outdoors based out of Pittsburg, PA. The development of this program in West Virginia will create an extended scope of practice for all individuals who

successfully complete this course. This will be particularly instrumental in this state as a Boy Scout High Adventure Base is currently being constructed in Fayette County, West Virginia. This will be the permanent home of the National Scout Jamboree every 4 years beginning 2013 and will host the World Scout Jamboree in 2019. Upon completion, approximately 100,000 children and their families will be traveling to the state to attend this camp. The wilderness medicine component is the first piece of what will hopefully be a full spectrum operational medicine system to include tactical EMS, disaster medicine, and others.

#### **VI. General Updates (Vicki Hildreth)**

WV EMS TSN is assisting in the wilderness medicine course by purchasing equipment and coordinating events. Additionally, TSN will assist with the distribution and training coordination. Training is being provided by Vidacare statewide.

The statewide EMS conference is to be held September 15-17. TSN has 31 vendors and there are 15 speakers. 50 people have registered and they hope to have 250. Cutoff for registration is August 17.

#### **VII. Data (Bob Dozier)**

Bob reported that NEMESIS version 3 will be the standard version for all states. It is a dictionary which says what data the feds are expecting to be collected. NEMESIS version 3 will be HL7 certified in 2012. It will be linked to all mandated items the hospitals have to collect.

Bob also reported there was a staff change in which Jonathon Sapp went to the secretary of the state office.

#### **VIII. EMS-C Program Update (Vicki Hildreth)**

Vicki reported on the EZ-IO orders. Funding received by the West Virginia Injury Prevention Program allowed for the purchase of approximately 352 EZ-IO Infusion Systems, needles, stabilizers, soft cases, and trainers/training legs. The order is expected to arrive in September.

Forty-seven Broselow bags are in the process of being purchased. They are to be given to the hospitals that complete the ARK site visits.

Events that were participated in include:

The WV Three Rivers Festival was May 27 in Fairmont. More than 1,000 kids came to the set up booth. The event also featured Andy the Ambulance.

The Hug-a-Tree Program was presented at Aurora Elementary the Hug-A-Tree.

Community Fire Safety information on fire safety was given. The event also featured Andy the Ambulance.

Alderson Elementary the Hug-A-Tree program was presented in June.

Kids Day was July 17 and materials were handed out.

National Night Out was August 2 in Buckhannon, WV. Andy the ambulance was featured and materials were given.

The WV State Fair was August 12 – 20. There was a booth set up which showed the Hug-A-Tree program and kits were distributed. Materials were distributed and Andy the Ambulance made an appearance. There were also several inquiries on how to become an EMT/Paramedic were received. Would like to address recruitment at next year's state fair.

Upcoming Events include:

The Statewide Annual EMS Conference to be held September 15-17.

**IX. WV Governors Highway Safety Program (Trish Anderson)**

Trish reported there will be upcoming courses in September in Princeton. In October they will have Child Passenger Safety Week. The fee for taking the Child Passenger Technician Program is \$75.00. There will be a renewal course in October.

The WV Governor's Highway Safety Program will be implementing the Yellow Dot Program which is geared to the older population. It is due to start December 8. The participant is to visit a site where they will fill out a sticker listing their medications and allergies. The sticker is then to be put in the window of their vehicle to be used in emergency situations. The yellow dot indicates that patient information is in the glove box of the vehicle in the event of a medical emergency.

**X. Committee Updates**

Vicki reported that \$13,000 has been obtained from HRSA to develop Children with Special Health Care Needs Protocol. The funds are to be used by February 29, 2012.

Future dates include:

The annual Committee meeting on November 10, 2011. Suggestions for location are Fayetteville: Adventure WV, Snowshoe, Blennerhassett Hotel, and Fairlea. Information will be forthcoming.

**XI. STAT**

The violence Injury Prevention Program will try to expand the program to include Trauma. A grant has been applied for. At the State Alliance Program they had seven visitors. They are hoping to get an epidemiologist, and hoping to bring Traumatic injury and OTV. The team was impressed and they are now hoping to get more money through the CDC. New legislation is to be seen

**XII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.