

## EMS for Children Advisory Committee



**Days Inn  
Flatwoods, WV  
September 12, 2012**

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

I. **Welcome** (Vicki Hildreth)

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

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

A copy of June 27, 2012 meeting minutes was reviewed by all members.

John Dearnell made motion to approve the minutes as written; Dr. Tippet seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

III. **Boy Scouts/Wilderness Medicine** (Deron Wilkes via conference call)

Deron discussed the Scout Shakedown in July. There were approximately 2,200 scouts and staff conducting a four day event to ensure operations ran smoothly. Deron informed committee there were 200 injuries during the Shakedown. Twenty individuals had to go to hospital. One individual had orthopedic injury that required surgery.

There will be Community Service events for the girls/boys scouts. These will be Shuttle Ready Projects where the materials will be on hand, the scouts will provide the labor. Examples of projects include painting, mowing, picking up trash. They will use school buses and tour buses to transport approximately 10,000 scouts each day for ten days to nine counties. Volunteering for the Jamboree will cost individuals approximately \$800.00.

IV. **EMS Update** (Penny Byrnside)

Penny Byrnside stated Mark Wigal is our Interim Director for The Office of Emergency Medical Services. He sends his regrets for not being in attendance, however, he had another commitment. John Thomas is the Interim Work Force Development Section Chief and March Tucker is the Interim Division Director of Certification and Licensure. Dr. Michael Mills has accepted the State EMS Medical Director position as of September. The State EMS Medical Director's main office will be in Charleston. Herb Doss has accepted the position of Investigator and Marsha Bradbury as Examination Coordinator. Steve Edmond, MS, RN is at NOROP as 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. Her new title will be Designation, Registry, and Research Coordinator.

Deron will 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.

Penny congratulated the EMSC group; their booth at the State Fair won 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Andy the Ambulance was a huge success with the children.

V. **Trauma Designation and Categorization Update** (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 is waiting on letter from the American College of Surgeons for Level III Verification/Designation. We have 4 facilities that are in some form of the process of becoming a Level IV center.

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

VI. **The Stroke Program** (Penny Byrnside)

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.

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. Constantly working on improving the Quality of Data. The NEMIS Version 3 dictionary is available. Bob suggests the representatives of the different agencies make recommendations to OEMS addressed to Mark Wigal.

Startup of EMSC Committee for NEMIS will include Marty Hurley, Rocki Loudon, Mike Cummings, Trish McCay, and Vicki Hildreth. The committee will meet after meeting for discussion of calendar.

VIII. **ARK SITE VISITS UPDATE (Dr. Melvin Wright & Dr. William Tippets)**

There will be a media event on October 3<sup>rd</sup> will be an Ark Designation, where the issue of facilities not having the equipment needed to take care of children will be addressed. This will be a motivational, and devotion to change the criteria to certify site visits using the Ark Program.

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**

Marie Frazier, Pediatric Intensive Care Physician, was added to the Ark Medical Advisory Team. We are in the process of revamping criteria, certification, recertification, and equipment to make it easier for sites to recertify.

### **Other States:**

Dr. Wright stated New Mexico also wants to review West Virginia's ARK Program in their state.

## **IX. 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 forming a subcommittee to review documentation issues.

### **EMSC Program Updates (Vicki Hildreth)**

Update on [Children with Special Health Care Needs Protocol Development](#)

Vicki informed the committee that final revisions were being made to the CSHCN Protocols. Presently these revisions are being made and upon completion, will be sent to the MPCC for review and consideration

[Federal EMSC Grant guidelines](#) were [released](#) covering 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 S.T.A.B.L.E program covers 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.

[Safe Driving Video](#) development will be including in grant funding request for next year. It 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.

X. **TSN Updates**

EMS conference Nov 1 thru 3<sup>rd</sup>. This year the conference will feature a memorial video recognizing Fallen EMS personnel. Information will be sent out in CIS requesting photos from agencies. The deadline for material for video is Sept 26<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>.

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.

XI. **Wrap Up** (Vicki Hildreth)

**Future Dates:**

The next EMSC meeting will be Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. The location will be determined later.

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