

EMSC Advisory Committee, Tuesday, 8/18/15, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Present: Brent Kaziny, Julie Ketelsen, Diana Kraus, Charles Macias, Ronald Mlcak, Kate Remick, Joe Schmider, Manish Shah, Rohit Sheno, Sally Snow, Mark Sparkman, Bryan Sperry, Debbie Wiederhold, Liz Yankiver, Craig Huang, Sam Vance

Desired Outcomes:

- Review the EAC mission statement and report on what we have accomplished since last years workshop and list what still needs to be done
- Learn about a topic that affects the EMSC Program and stakeholders
- List next steps for the Injury Prevention Workgroup
- List next steps for the Disaster Preparedness Workgroup
- List next steps in the Pediatric Facility Recognition Program
- List next steps in the Pediatric EMS Recognition Program
- List volunteers to help with the booth at the EMS Conference
- List steps on how we can become involved with State and National committees and projects

What	How	Who	Time
Breakfast	Continental Breakfast will be served	Group	7:45
Introductions	Welcome and introductions Review desired outcomes Review the mission statement State of the Partnership report	Sam Vance	30 minutes 8:00 – 8:30
Injury Prevention Workgroup	Update on work being performed by the Injury Prevention Workgroup Determine next steps	Dr. Sheno	20 minutes 8:30 – 8:50
Break		Group	10 minutes 8:50 – 9:00
Educational Topic	The Texas Trauma System and Legislative update	Courtney DeBower, TETAF	60 minutes 9:00 – 10:00
Break		Group	5 minutes 10:00 – 10:05
Disaster Preparedness Workgroup	Update on work being performed by the Disaster Preparedness Workgroup Determine next steps	Dr. Kaziny	15 minutes 10:05 – 10:20
Facility Recognition Program	Update on work being performed by the Facility Recognition Workgroup Determine next steps	Dr. Remick	20 minutes 10:20 – 10:40
Pediatric EMS Recognition Program	Update on work being performed by the EMS Recognition Workgroup Determine next steps	Sam Vance	20 minutes 10:40 – 11:00
EMS Conference	Discuss attendance at EMS Conference and volunteers for booth help	Sam Vance Group	15 minutes 11:00 – 11:15

What	How	Who	Time
National and State reports	Report from National and State committee chairs and members on work being done at these levels and how we can become involved	Joe Schmider Sally Snow Dr. Remick Dr. Macias Dr. Shah	45 minutes 11:15 – 12:00
Break/Lunch	Lunch will be served	Group	45 minutes 12:00 – 12:45
Wrap Up	Review meeting, further issues from the group	Sam Vance Group	15 minutes 12:45 – 1:00

Introductions/Year in Review

- After introductions, Sam Vance reviewed the Mission Statement of the EMS for Children Program
 - Discussion took place regarding the need for our own State Partnership mission statement. Dr. Macias suggested that we wait for the new NRC mission statement before deciding on that. Dr. Remick seconded.
- Sam Vance gave a review of the work conducted since last August's EAC workshop
 - National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP)
 - Regional data has been compiled and disseminated to those RAC's who have requested it. Total of 7.
 - Data has been well received by most, however some still question the validity even though it is self-reported.
 - Dr. Remick feels the national paper published by JAMA will help support validity of data.
 - The Pediatric Facility Recognition Program work team was developed and is currently working on the program. Dr. Remick will have more in her report.
 - NPRP data and the Facility Recognition Program was presented to the Perinatal Advisory Council in April 2015 by Dr. Remick and Sam Vance. The desire to collaborate with them was expressed. They are happy to do so once they are done with the initial steps of their program.
 - Next Steps
 - EAC members should try to get Sam Vance on the agenda of their RAC meetings to present their regional NPRP data.
 - Continue to help with recruiting representatives from all of the children's hospitals in Texas.
 - Continue to help with recruiting a pediatric committee representative from each of the RACs.
 - Develop pediatric committees in those RACs who don't have one.
 - Disaster Preparedness and Injury Prevention
 - Sam Vance stated that Dr. Kaziny and Dr. Shenoj have been busy addressing the issues brought forward last August. Both will deliver separate reports as part of the meeting.
 - EMS Reassessment
 - Sam Vance presented the EMS Reassessment data to GETAC, the Pediatric, EMS, and Medical Director's Committees in May 2015. It was fairly well received.
 - TAC Rule 157 Revision
 - Sam Vance has been present at all rule revision meetings thus far and will attend as many in the future as possible.
 - State EMS Director Joe Schmider provided further information.
 - 17 Chapters are under revision. The formal first draft has been developed. Nine meetings have been conducted statewide with more to follow.
 - The goal is to bring the document to GETAC in November 2015. However, it will more likely be February 2016 before that is accomplished.
 - Dr. Macias stated this topic has been placed on the committees of GETAC for review.
 - Sam Vance commented that he feels the majority of the pediatric recommendations are still in the draft.
 - Pediatric Education
 - An 8-hour conference was conducted in Amarillo on May 22, 2015.
 - A pediatric track was part of the state EMS conference for the first time in two years.
 - The State Partnership provided the keynote speaker for the conference in honor of the 30th Anniversary of the National EMSC Program. Marianne Gausche-Hill provided the keynote and was very well received.

- Next Steps
 - An 8-hour conference will be held in Abilene on April 20, 2016.
 - Negotiating similar conferences with RAC H and Q.
 - Follow up needs to be made with Lori Vinson and TETAF to see what the status of the possible educational collaborative is.
- State Awareness of the EMS for Children Program – in addition to what’s already been mentioned
 - Dr. Sheno and Dr. Sparkmann are members of the Injury Prevention Committee.
 - Sam Vance, Diana Kraus, Sally Snow, and Dr. Macias are members of the Pediatric Committee.
 - Christi Reeves, Trauma Program Director with Texas Children’s Hospital is a member of the Trauma Committee.
 - Dr. Remick is a member of the Medical Director’s Committee.
 - The EMS for Children Crew of the Year Award was presented to the Cy-Fair VFD, Memorial Hermann Lifeflight, and the Harris County Sheriff’s Department during EMS Week.
 - Dr. Shah commented how well this award recognized the entire continuum from the dispatchers to the sheriff’s deputies, to the EMS crew, to the flight crew.
 - The story was broadcast on every news channel within the Houston metropolitan area and the Houston Chronicle.
 - The new State Partnership website went online in March 2015.
 - Thanks to Debbie Suniga with CHAT, we are now on Facebook.
- Next Steps
 - Need representation on the Disaster Preparedness, Education, and EMS Committees.
 - Sam Vance issued a challenge to all of those on national and other state committees to remember EMSC when in those meetings and include EMSC in the conversations.
 - Sam Vance also challenged EAC members to attend as many GETAC committee meetings as possible. There are many issues that arise that affect pediatrics that he could use help and support with.
- National EMSC Program
 - Sam Vance has been nominated to serve another term as the Secretary of the Pediatric Emergency Care Council (PECC) of the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO).
 - The national EMSC program managers meeting was held in San Diego August 3-6, 2015. The format was different this year in that they had the EMSC regions meet in four regional meetings. We are part of the Red River region and met in conjunction with the PREP and PIER regions.
 - Three new grants to be awarded – EIIC, TI Grants, and SPROC grants.
 - MCHB awarded a new child fetal death review center in Michigan.
 - There is a new child safety network – COIIN – Child Safety Collaborative Innovation and Improvement Network. Dr. Sheno is working on applying for this.
 - Next generation of performance measures are being developed. Dr. Shah is on the committee to help develop these new PMs. They should be released within the near future.

Injury Prevention Workgroup

- Dr. Sheno provided his report via telephone.
- Has been working to discover pediatric injuries by RAC.
 - Has received information from the nine major metropolitan areas.
 - Able to get very accurate information from the children’s hospitals in those regions as they represent the majority of trauma of those areas.
 - Next Steps
 - Dr. Sheno needs help contacting injury prevention representatives in each RAC. Joe Schmitter reminded Dr. Sheno that he could attend the RAC Chairs meeting to present his work and ask for their assistance.
 - Dr. Sheno encouraged Dr. Villanaci with DSHS to apply for the HRSA/MCHB Child Safety Collaborative Innovation and Improvement Network (COIIN).
 - The City of Houston is applying for a Pool Safety Grant through the Consumer Product Safety Commission.
 - Discussion was held to work with the Texas College of Emergency Physicians (TCEP) to obtain information on injury prevention.
 - Bryan Sperry stated he believes that Amy Bailey with the State Child Fatality Review Team is working on the COIIN grant application.

Educational Topic

- Courtney DeBower with the Texas EMS and Trauma Acute Care Foundation (TETAF) presented on the recent legislative session and issues that affected the hospitals and EMS.

- Discussion regarding the blockage of HB 80 was held. This bill would have made it a violation to text and drive throughout the entire state.
 - EAC members were encouraged to visit with their representatives and senators in their home offices in the off season to bring the issue back to the legislature in 2017.
- A brainstorming session was held regarding potential issues to bring forward for the 2017 legislative session.
 - Injury prevention initiatives around distracted driving.
 - Child abuse and prevention
 - Adult hospitals receive specific trauma add-on funds, however children's hospitals are specifically excluded. Efforts should be made in the interim to have children's hospitals included.

Facility Recognition Program

- Dr. Remick gave an update on work being conducted by the facility recognition program workgroup.
 - Had hoped to meet with TETAF and other stakeholders at this meeting, however schedule conflicts have not made that possible.
 - Sam Vance has developed a detailed proposal for TETAF to answer the questions they had posed in the meeting in November 2014. He is working with the leadership of TETAF to schedule a meeting to go over the proposal.
 - The concern was raised that if TETAF is not willing to take on the financial burden of the program where other funding might be sought.
 - Bryan Sperry suggested the Meadows Foundation.
 - Texas Parent to Parent has formally endorsed the program.
 - THA is supposed to have us on the agenda of their January meeting of the Physician Executive Council.
 - TCEP is still outstanding in terms of endorsement of the program.
 - Discussion was held regarding strategies to move the effort forward.
 - Dr. Macias commented that there is no glue to hold NPRP efforts together.
 - There was a stakeholders meeting in April 2015 in Washington, DC to bring the three major organizations, ENA, AAP, and ACEP together to bring a lasting effort to the process.
 - These organizations are developing state champion teams.
 - AAP will develop performance improvement initiatives to measure outcomes.
 - ACEP will work to put systems of care in place for EMS.

National and State Reports

- Dr. Shah discussed the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) subcommittee to develop a strategy to coordinate efforts around guidelines that are being developed for prehospital use.
- Dr. Shah has been appointed to the National EMS Advisory Committee (NEMSAC) representing pediatric emergency physicians.
- Dr. Shah discussed the NASEMSO model clinical guidelines. Evidence-based guidelines were incorporated into the document where available.
- Joe Schmider reported that the Federal Interagency Committee on EMS (FICEMS) is working on their strategic plan.
 - Includes transition of military medics to civilian paramedics. Texas is also working on a plan for integration.
 - Please let Joe know if there are any issues we would like to bring to FICEMS.
- Dr. Macias is the chair of the AAP's Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine (COPEM).
 - Currently working on subspecialty representation.
 - AAP is recognizing urgent care centers that will follow competencies and protocols that better align with PEM rather than general pediatricians.
 - Collaborative projects are being worked on regarding hand-offs both inside the ED and outside.
 - Chair of the Septic Shock collaborative is working with the Children's Hospital Association (CHA) to develop quality improvement projects in emergency medicine, hospitalist care, critical care, and hematology/oncology throughout children's hospitals with a goal to drop mortality rates from 12% to 3%.
 - Dr. Macias suggested he bring updates from COPEM to this committee to review position statements.
- Dr. Macias stated that HRSA has decided to sunset the EMSC National Resource Center (NRC) and develop an EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center (EIIC). Baylor College of Medicine will be applying for this grant.
- Joe Schmider, State EMS Director, stated that there is a push for adoption of Narcan for public use. This is a national initiative as well as being implemented in Texas.
 - There is still fall out from the 83rd legislative session in regards to licensed EMS agencies and regulations governing them. As such, there has been a significant decrease in the amount of licensed EMS agencies throughout the state.
 - January 1, 2016 is the deadline for EMS agencies to begin submitting electronic patient care records (EPCR) to the state and the National EMS Information System (NEMSIS).
 - The state medical director's course has been approved by DSHS to provide it for free for another year.

Disaster Preparedness Workgroup

- Dr. Kaziny discussed the publication of information related to hospitals preparedness to care for children based on NPRP data.
 - This data is being geo-mapped to show where the resources are located within each RAC.
 - Dr. Kaziny requested help in developing a letter to send to hospitals requesting permission to include their location information and capability to care for children.
 - Dr. Shah commented that the names that were collected two-years ago for the NPRP assessment have potentially changed and suggested that a job title be used instead of a specific name when addressing the letters.

Pediatric EMS Recognition Program Workgroup

- Sam Vance gave a brief overview of the program for those who are new attendees.
 - Has been vetted through and endorsed by committees of GETAC
 - Has been endorsed by GETAC
 - Will pilot the program in RAC-A (Amarillo region) with RAC-E (Dallas region) to follow.
 - Sally Snow will talk with leadership of the Teddy Bear Transport Team at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth to help with the assessment portion of the program. She will also contact the chair of the pediatric committee for the RAC.

EMS Conference

- The EMS Conference is being held in Dallas this year. The exhibit hall will have a different schedule.
 - Will be open on Sunday, 11am – 7pm and Monday, 11am – 6pm.
 - GETAC committees will meet Saturday and Sunday with the Council meeting being held Monday evening.
 - Sally and Joe volunteered to deliver EMSC reports if Sam is unable to due to obligations in the exhibit hall or conference.

Wrap Up

- Joe Schmider asked if we could make sure that a press release runs on the value of seatbelts when there is a fatality crash where unrestrained children are killed.
- Joe also suggested developing a fact sheet regarding drowning prevention, seat belt safety, and other injury prevention initiatives to be available anywhere in the state that a tragedy occurs.
- The grant proposal will be re-written next year. A strategic plan will be developed and Sam would like volunteers to help with that.
- Debbie Wiederhold expressed a desire to have an education piece added to our meetings, specifically the CSHCN class. She suggested we seek funding from community hospitals.
- Sam Vance discussed the potential for the development of a non-profit foundation to support the EMSC State Partnership.
 - Liz Yankiver suggested that we could use payroll deduction and Smile.Amazon.com.
 - Joe Schmider suggested that we set up a workgroup to explore the development of the foundation.
 - Joe Schmider, Liz Yankiver, and Debbie Wiederhold volunteered to help.
 - Sam Vance will set up a teleconference with Rhonda Phillipi, Program Manager of Tennessee EMSC as she has a well-developed EMSC foundation.
- Sam commented about an issue he will be discussing at some of the GETAC committees today.
 - A survey was conducted by DSHS regarding trauma centers having Broselow tapes and Broselow crash carts.
 - Sam will be presenting this information and how it is related to weighing and recording pediatric patients in kilograms.
 - Sam also presented information regarding the Handtevy System to estimate weight of pediatric patients. It is becoming a popular alternative to the Broselow system and is being used by several departments throughout the state.
- Dr. Craig Huang from Children's Medical Center in Dallas spoke about an increase in the number of pediatric strokes they are seeing in the Dallas area and how there is a lack of protocols for addressing stroke in this population.
- Debbie Wiederhold announced the 16th Annual Chronic Illness and Disability Conference: Transition between pediatric and adult care. This will be held in Houston on October 1 & 2.

NEXT MEETING: November 20, 8:00-9:30 am. This meeting will occur via teleconference.