

EMSC Advisory Committee Minutes, Wednesday, 5/13/15, 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Present: Megan Cody, Pam Dwyer, Kathy Eckstein, Diana Kraus, Charles Macias, Ian Mitchell, Ronald MICak, Kate Remick, Joe Schmider, Rohit Sheno, Sally Snow, Mark Sparkman, Debbie Wiederhold, Sandie Williams, Liz Yankiver, Sheila Lopez, Christi Reeves, Julie Ketelsen, Halim Hennes

Desired Outcomes:

- Introduction of the new State Partnership Facebook page
- Update on diversion issues from children’s hospitals
- Update from the Injury Prevention work team on work completed and next steps
- Update from the Disaster Preparedness work team on work completed and next steps
- Update from the Facility Recognition work team on work completed and next steps
- Update from the EMS Recognition work team on work completed and next steps
- Report on progress of bills affecting pediatric issues
- Determine education topic for August workshop
- Report on EMS Week/EMSC Day Activities
- Update on nationwide pediatric EMS initiatives
- Acquire help with action items

What	How	Who	Time
Introductions	Welcome and introductions Review desired outcomes	Sam Group	5 minutes 2:30 – 2:35
New Facebook Page	Introduction of the new EMSC State Partnership Facebook Page	Sam	5 minutes 2:35 – 2:40
Children’s hospitals diversion issue	Update on the children’s hospitals diversion issues	Lori Vinson	10 minutes 2:40 – 2:50
Injury Prevention Work Team	Report from the Injury Prevention Work Team on work completed	Dr. Sheno	10 minutes 2:50 – 3:00
Disaster Preparedness Work Team	Report from the Disaster Preparedness Work Team on work completed	Dr. Kaziny	5 minutes 3:00 – 3:05
Facility Recognition Work Team	Report from the Facility Recognition Work Team on work completed	Dr. Remick	5 minutes 3:05 – 3:10
EMS Recognition Work Team	Report from the EMS Recognition Work Team on work completed	Sam	5 minutes 3:10 – 3:15
Legislative update	Report on progress of bills affecting pediatric issues	Bryan Sperry	10 minutes 3:15 – 3:25
August Workshop	Discuss and determine education topic for August workshop	Sam/Group	10 minutes 3:25 – 3:35
EMS Week/EMS for Children Day	Crew of the Year Award Panhandle Pediatric Conference	Sam	5 minutes 3:35 – 3:40

What	How	Who	Time
PECC NASEMSO	Update on nationwide pediatric EMS initiatives	Sam	5 minutes 3:40 – 3:45
Action Items	Volunteer to help the State Partnership meet performance measure achievement	Sam/Group	10 minutes 3:45 – 3:55
Wrap up	Review meeting and discuss any other issues	Sam Group	5 minutes 3:55 – 4:00

Introductions

- Everyone present introduced themselves.

New Facebook Page

- The EMS for Children State Partnership, Texas has a new Facebook page thanks to Debbie Suniga with the Children’s Hospital Association of Texas (CHAT). www.facebook.com/TXEMS4Children

Children’s Hospital Diversion Issue

- Lori Vinson was not present to give an update.

Injury Prevention Work Team

- Dr. Sheno reported on two activities that are being worked on.
 - Obtaining most recent injury data for the nine largest metro areas in Texas from DSHS. This will include EMS and hospitals. This will also include TxDOT crash data.
 - Spearhead a statewide coalition for injury prevention to include all groups. Need help from Dallas Fort Worth, Corpus Christi, and El Paso. Greater Dallas Injury Prevention and Dallas Safe Kids will be contacted. If anyone has injury prevention contacts in these areas, have them contact Dr. Sheno.

Disaster Preparedness

- Dr. Kaziny provided a written update
 - Dr. Kaziny is working with a medical student who is geo-mapping the state of Texas including a “pediatric resource” in each RAC.
 - Next Steps
 - Develop an offline toolkit of disaster preparedness resources
 - Identify a disaster preparedness point person at each facility
 - Work towards coalition building with the RACs
 - Disseminate these resources online
- Dr. Hennes stated that he has received a request from the AAP for a disaster resource list. He is working with Dr. Joan Shook on a response to this request.
- The suggestion was made to work with the Disaster Committee of GETAC and Joe Palfini with Texas EMTF for this information.

Facility Recognition Work Team

- Dr. Remick reported that work continues on the development of a proposal to present to TETAF and other organizations.
- Dr. Remick and Sam Vance presented on the Facility Recognition Program to the Perinatal Advisory Council and discussed potential future collaborations.
- Will try to hold a strategic planning meeting in August to coincide with GETAC.
- Diana Kraus expressed concern that the data presented at the Pediatric Committee meeting this morning shows that the majority of pediatric trauma patients are being admitted at non-pediatric facilities.
 - Dr. Remick pointed out that the purpose of facility recognition is to ensure that all facilities are prepared to care for children.
- The question was posed in the Pediatric Committee that about whether the program should be written into rule.
 - Legislation would be required prior to any rule making process.
 - Recommendation of the advisory committee is to continue to make the program voluntary and not go after legislation.
 - Discussion took place regarding the benefits of a voluntary system and how they have been successful in other states.

EMS Recognition Work Team

- Sam Vance discussed the program developed to recognize EMS agencies prepared to care for kids.
- The EMS Committee and Pediatric Committee have endorsed the program
- The Medical Directors Committee has provided constructive feedback and the majority are in favor of the program.
 - The proposal will be discussed by the Medical Director's for endorsement at their meeting tomorrow, May 14.
- RAC A has volunteered to pilot the program as well as RAC E
- The Air Medical Committee is developing an equipment list specific to air ambulances. This will be incorporated into the program when it is completed.
- The question was posed if the Medical Directors do not endorse the program, is the program dead.
 - The consensus of the committee was that we do not need their endorsement and we will move forward with or without it.

Legislative Update

- Kathy Eckstein with the Children's Hospital Association of Texas (CHAT) provided an update on legislative issues that could impact pediatric emergency care.

August Workshop

- Ideas were sought for the educational component of the August Advisory Committee workshop
 - Suggestions include:
 - A legislative update to include how the Affordable Care Act affects hospitals
 - How is trauma care funded?
 - Information on funding issues.
 - Someone from NHTSA or HRSA to speak to the future of EMS for Children
 - Backboards and C-Collars in kids – legal and clinical aspect. Julie Leonard from Nationwide Children's Hospital was suggested as a speaker.

EMS Week/EMS for Children Day

- May 18-22 is National EMS Week and May 20 is National EMS for Children Day. To help celebrate EMS for Children Day, the State Partnership is holding a pediatric conference in Amarillo in conjunction with RAC A.
- The EMS for Children Crew of the Year Award will be presented on May 22 to members of the Cy-Fair VFD, Memorial Hermann Life Flight, and the Harris County Sheriff's Department. The presentation will take place at Lone Star Community College Cy-Fair Campus at the Center for Student Affairs.

PECC/NAEMSO

- Due to time constraints, this item was tabled.

Action Items

- Volunteers from all children's hospitals wanted to participate
 - If committee members know representatives from other children's hospitals throughout the state, please invite them to the meetings or pass their contact information on to Sam Vance
- A cultural liaison is still needed
 - If committee members know someone who would be willing to serve in this capacity please give Sam Vance their contact information.
 - Someone from the Hispanic community would serve us well to help address diversity and bridge to the community.
- Additional members for the Family Advisory Network (FAN) are being sought.
 - The State Partnership FAN representative Debbie Wiederhold explained what she does as a FAN representative.
 - The suggestion was made to reach out to the schools to see if they could recommend someone.
- A new child life specialist is still being sought for the committee
 - If committee members know a child life specialist from their facility who would be interested in participating, please give their contact information to Sam Vance

Wrap Up

- Time ran out for this portion of the meeting. As such, the meeting was adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING: August Workshop. August 18, 2015 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Dell Children's Medical Center, Austin, Texas
Back half of the auditorium.**