



EMS for Children Advisory Committee

**Days Inn
Flatwoods, WV
February 10, 2012**

Meeting Minutes

Core Members Present	Recommended Members Present	Additional Participants
Vicki Hildreth Debbie Kyle Karen Scheuch Deron Wilkes	Robert Dozier Heidi Staats John Thomas	Lee Smith Susie Wilson Melvin Wright Nancy Price Liesel Caten
Core Members Absent	Recommended Members Absent	
John Dearnell Paula Fields Lisa Green J. Mike Hartzog Drema Mace Nimish Mehta Jo Ellen Tyler	Trish Anderson Penny Byrnside Dave Cook Cindy Cramer Teresa Evans Daniel Foster Mark Holmes Beth Jackson Trish McCay Larry O'Bryan Elizabeth Scharman	

I. Welcome (Karen Scheuch)

Karen Scheuch called to order the EMSC Advisory Committee meeting. There was an introduction of all committee members.

II. Approval of Minutes (Karen Scheuch)

A copy of November 2011 meeting minutes was reviewed by all members. The following corrections were made:

1. EMS Updates: Chris Curtis moved to the Cabinet Secretary's Office.
2. Bylaws: Typo;

3. # 7: Remove the word “training” (requirements) under Certification and Licensure Updates.
4. John Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; Debbie Kyle seconded. The minutes were approved as amended.

III. **EMS Update (Deron Wilkes)**

Per Deron, in December the decision was made not to continue the statewide medical direction contract. Effective January 5, 2012, Dr. Smith was reinstated as the State Medical Director until the end of June.

EMS Personnel: Jerry Kyle resigned to take the Administrative Director in Greenbrier County. Deron is the Interim Division Director of Licensure and Certification Unit until the position is filled on a permanent basis. Effective next week, Pete Formato will be resigning to return to his home county. We wish them both the best.

Protocol Development: Per Deron, progress continues. Protocol that needed changed based on American Heart Association changes have been completed and forwarded to the MPCC for their review and approval. The group continues to meet on a regular basis to finish updates. The WVOEMS continue to hear issues regarding medication shortages. This is a national issue that affects, not only EMS, but hospitals, doctor offices, etc.

Rule Revision: Have had a couple affects on the WVOEMS. Written with staggering of certification dates. We are now able to stagger certification dates. Medics will expire March 31st; EVO and Dispatchers will expire June 30; EMT-Miners, EMTs, and First Responders will expire December 31st. Everyone will have a two year certification now. Need for recertification testing is still questionable. Waiting answers from the state office.

Wilderness Medicine: The first course will be offered at the eSCAPE Conference. Six people have registered for the course.

Chaplain Program: Per John Thomas, this course is being offered at the eSCAPE Conference.

Agency Training Officer Program: Educational and training changes occurred as a result of the rule change. This has been on hold for the past year. At the eSCAPE Conference, agencies can get continuing education approved. These changes will be rolled out soon.

EMS Deaths: Discussed the loss of a paramedic from Boone County and the northern panhandles. Also lost John Wayne Hughes, who had more than 45 years of

service. Mr. Hughes has been a vendor at many EMS conferences. Please keep these families in your thoughts.

Fingerprints: As of December 31st, the State Police will not be doing background checks. We have contracted with Identity Solutions. The purchase order is being finalized. The good news is that the turn around time is quicker. There will be eight separate sites around the state. Electronic fingerprints in digital 36-72 hours and 2 weeks for paper. As we move toward regionalized testing, they will send people to sites that have at least 25 participants, so testing will be held at this mobile unit. Will still do paper cards. We are working on setting up an account so EMS personnel will be able to pay. Will cost the state more money. Hold off on any fingerprinting until you receive further notice.

Transition Courses: National registry is relying on states to come up with the courses. EMS is waiting on new curriculum courses to be released. The only piece missing from the curriculum is at the medic level is Morgan Lense. It will more than likely be a four or eight hour course.

IV. **EMSC Updates (Vicki Hildreth)**

Broselow Bags: 47 bags that were ordered for distribution to hospitals participating in the ARK Program will be delivered next week. A Broselow bag contains pediatric resuscitation supplies.

Educational Material Replenishment: A variety of material is being ordered with remaining EMSC funds.

Pedi-Mate Child Restraints: Additional Pedi-Mate Child Restraints remain. If you know of agencies adding additional trucks, have them contact our office and we will ship these to the agencies.

ARK Site Visits: Three more ARK site visits were completed in December. One passed and two will require a focused site visit. Two additional hospitals have requested information regarding the ARK Program. These recent site visits have resulted in streamlining the process somewhat.

V. **Children with Special Health Care Needs (Heidi Staats)**

Children with Special Health Care Needs are in the midst of a redesign. Peer coordination implementation based on APA for primary care physicians. It is their responsibility to relay back to physicians anytime hospital services are provided to a child. The caseload has significantly grown because of care coordination is in high demand to address complex issues. It has grown by 200 clients over the past 18 months.

They are piloting with the foster care populations, expanding the SCHCN definition to include emotional, behavioral, and developmental. Passing of the autism legislation regarding how to address and serve this population. The foster care population is the most vulnerable. They have a defined assessment tool in place. It began on February 1, 2012. Any child placed now will receive a CSHCN assessment regarding risk, diagnosed condition, and need for services.

A genetic clinic will be a reality in July. Implementing a transition clinic with pediatric specialists who will transition from pediatric to adolescent. This will most likely be implemented statewide.

CSHCN Protocol

Discussion was held regarding the status of the CSHCN Medical Protocol Development. The decision was made to revisit this process again. Vicki Hildreth will contact Steve Murray to arrange a meeting of this committee.

VI. WV Violence and Injury Prevention Updates (Michelle O'Bryan)

No report given as Michelle was unable to attend.

VII. Child Fatality Review Team Update (Trish McCay)

No report given as Trish was out ill.

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IX. WV State Police Updates (Larry O'Bryan)

No report was given as Mr. O'Bryan was not present.

X. TSN Updates (Nancy Price)

Nancy discussed updates regarding the 35th Annual State EMS Conference. It is scheduled for November 1-3, 2012 at Glade Spring Resort in Daniels, WV. The planning committee toured the facility. There are four types of lodging available. Deron Wilkes requested to be added to the Conference Planning Committee.

XI. WV Governor's Highway Update (Trish Anderson)

No report was given as Ms. Anderson was out due to death of a coworker.

XII. EMSC Program Updates (Vicki Hildreth)

Eight EZ-IO trainings were completed for EMS Field Providers as of the end of January. Expect information to be coming out shortly regarding PEPP Courses.

Promotional material for EMSC has been ordered. Material includes ARK badges for hospital staff, pencils, mugs, gift bags etc.

There will be a pediatric track at the eSCAPE Conference February 19-26, 2012. Nationwide Children's Hospital will be doing a hands-on presentation.

ARK Update: South Carolina is working with WV to utilize this program. A presentation to South Carolina's EMSC Advisory Committee will be given in April.

Discussion was held regarding a safe driving video. Would like to include safety regarding ear buds in hoodies. There is a bill in the House regarding texting being a primary stop. Talking on a cell phone is a secondary.

Vicki will be attending the annual EMSC Grantee Meeting in Bethesda, MD May 7-8, 2012.