

**EMS for Children Committee Meeting
Virginia Office of EMS
1041 Technology Park Drive, Glen Allen, VA
January 7, 2016
3-5 p.m.**

Members Present:	OEMS Staff:	Others:
Sam Bartle, MD , EMSC Committee Chair	George Lindbeck, VDH, OEMS, State Medical Director	Brad Taylor, Chippenham-Johnston Willis Hospitals
David Edwards , VDH, OEMS, EMSC Program Manager	Gary Brown, OEMS Director	Joanie Steil, Trauma Educator, Chippenham Medical Center
Heather Board , VDH, Injury, Violence & Tobacco Programs	Robin Pearce, Trauma/Critical Care Coordinator	Becky Coviello, Pediatric Director, Chippenham Medical Center
Steve Rasmussen , Temporary ENA Representative	Wanda Street, VDH, OEMS, Secretary Sr.	
Eddie Ferguson , Goochland Fire/Rescue, VAGEMSA, EMS Provider Representative		
Kae Bruch , School Nurse Representative		
Jeff Haynes, MD , VCU		
Heidi Hooker , ODEMSA Regional Council Rep.		
Petra Connell , EMSC Family Representative		
Alice Ackerman, MD , Department Chair of Pediatrics, Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital		

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Call to order:	The meeting was called to order at 3:11 p.m. by the Chair, Dr. Sam Bartle.	
Introductions:	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
Approval of the minutes from October 8, 2015 meeting:	A motion was made to review and approve the minutes. The motion was moved by Kae Bruch and seconded by Steve Rasmussen. All committee members were in favor. The minutes were approved as submitted.	The minutes were approved as submitted.
Chairperson's Report – Dr. Sam Bartle:	As you may recall, the American College of Surgeons (ACS) performed a statewide trauma evaluation last September and have reported their findings. The agenda will be revised to let Robin share the ACS recommendations concerning pediatrics first.	
OEMS Report – Gary Brown:	Gary reminded everyone that this General Assembly time and a few EMS legislative items have been presented. As usual, Gary will send out the weekly grid of the General Assembly report of Fire and EMS. If you want to be included in the distribution list, please let him know. Also, Paul Sharpe has left the Office of EMS to take a position at HCA. Henrico Doctor's Hospital as the Trauma Program Director. The NEMSIS Version 3 release date may have to be moved out.	

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EMSC Program Report – David Edwards:	<p>David read through some of the highlights of his report (see Unfinished Business). His report is attached below:</p>  <p>EMSC Program Report 010716.docx</p> <p>Dave also reported that he has spoken with Kathleen Brown and she has agreed to do a course or two at symposium.</p>	
EMSC Family Representative Report – Petra Connell:	<p>No report.</p>	
Committee Member Organization Reports:	<p>Heidi Hooker reported that the former chair of the EMSC committee, Dr. Robin Foster, won the regional EMS award. Congratulations to Dr. Foster!</p>	
Special Presentation ACS Trauma Evaluation - Robin Pearce:	<p>Robin stated that the ACS report with all of the recommendations can be found on the OEMS website under Trauma Consultation on the first page. You may also access it by clicking the link below: http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/OEMS/Files_Page/trauma/ACSVirginiaTSCReport2015.pdf</p> <p>The report contains approximately 138 recommendations. She reviewed those that pertain to pediatrics. All of the recommendations were assigned item numbers by the Office of EMS. The following item numbers were those that pertained to pediatrics: Items 10, 90, 100, 130, 170, 270, 310, 340, 400, 540, 550, 560, 600, 610, 650, 960, 990, 1000, 1010, 1020, 1030, 1040, 1050, 1060, 1070, 1080, 1090, and 1100.</p> <p>We all should remember that these are recommendations. The Trauma System Oversight and Management Committee has developed a special task force to determine which of these recommendations will be a good fit for Virginia and what's best for the patients. We need to put our time and efforts into projects that will produce the greatest results for the Commonwealth.</p> <p>Also, see pages 89 through 99 of the report for the five Pediatric Focus Questions.</p> <p>It was asked which items were priorities for EMS for Children. David explained that a lot of the recommendations have already been identified; however, there are four items that EMS for Children plans to focus its <i>PedsReady</i> efforts on in 2016 by convincing every hospital emergency department to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify a physician and a nurse ED Pediatric Coordinator (advocate/champion). • Measure and record the weight of pediatric patients in kilograms. • Establish/review specific pediatric policies and safety procedures • Establish written emergency pediatric transfer guidelines and agreements. <p>The Federal EMS for Children office has proposed three new pediatric performance measures. (Please see Dave's attached report)</p> <p>Robin stated that this document is so huge and it covers every aspect of trauma care in Virginia. Dr. Aboutanos added</p>	

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	<p>that the task force will review the trauma system plan and decide on the best course of action. Then certain parts of the report will be distributed to each advisory board committee to obtain their input according to their expertise.</p> <p>Steve Rasmussen stated that when he read through the document he noticed a theme of “inclusion”. That was a big ACS focus. He wonders if we should be looking at a Virginia Coalition of Pediatrics that brings in other stakeholders as those mentioned in the report. Dr. Haynes stated that our efforts should be data driven for children of trauma. Dr. Bartle stated that a lot of what we have been working on is mentioned in the report. This report presents a great opportunity for the committee and we all can participate and be willing to work on the items that concern the children in Virginia.</p>	
Unfinished Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing item: Topics for 2016 Symposium pediatric track – David stated that he entered some topics into the system this morning but did not complete them. The deadline to submit topics is January 31. Steve Rasmussen reported that there is a low rate of submissions this year. Dr. Haynes sent out requests to his counterparts for submissions. The committee also discussed the idea of good courses being repeated on different days. • Pediatric drug dosage errors – See David’s report for list of action items on page 2. The committee discussed issues with pediatric weight in pre-hospital/hospital settings. Dwight Crews (new OEMS statistician) will attend the next committee meeting to discuss pediatric data collection. • Pediatric disaster preparedness – David is now attending the conference calls of the Medically Vulnerable Population workgroup. He is also on the planning committee for the 2016 Public Health & Healthcare Preparedness Academy and the Community Based Emergency Response Seminars. • ACS Trauma Assessment (Pediatric Section) –see Special Presentation. • Other 	David will ask Irene for symposium pediatric course information for the past three years.
New Business:	None.	
Public Comment:	Brad Taylor introduced the two guests that he brought with him to the meeting: Joanie Steil and Becky Coviello.	
Adjournment:	<p>The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:35 p.m.</p> <p>2016 Meeting Dates: April 7, July 7 and October 6</p>	