

EMS for Children Committee Meeting
Office of EMS
1041 Technology Park Drive, Glen Allen, VA
January 5, 2012
3-5 p.m.

Members Present:	OEMS Staff:	Others:
Robin Foster, MD, VCU, EMSC Committee Chair	Wanda Street, VDH, OEMS, Secretary Sr.	Valeta Daniels
David P. Edwards, MBA, VDH, OEMS, Virginia EMS for Children Coordinator	Gary Brown, VDH, OEMS, Director	Lori Harbour
Petra Connell, Ph.D., MPH, EMSC Family Representative		Jessica Goodman
Virginia Powell, Ph.D., VDH, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner		Emily Gambill
Barbara Kahler, MD, VA AAP Representative		Dr. Ruddy Rose – VCU Poison Control Center
Kae Bruch, Virginia Association of School Nurses Representative		
Theresa Guins, MD, Pediatric ED Physician, EMSC Program Medical Director		
Cathy Fox, RN, VA Emergency Nurses Association Representative		
Heather Board, MPH, VDH, Division of Injury and Violence Prevention		
Sam Bartle, VCU, VA ACEP Representative		
Alice Ackerman, Department Chair of Pediatrics, Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital		

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Call to order:	The meeting was called to order by Dr. Robin Foster at 3:07 p.m.	
Approval of Minutes from the October 20, 2011 meeting:	A motion was made to review and approve the minutes. The motion was moved by Dr. Powell and seconded by Dr. Guins.	The minutes were approved as submitted.
Introductions:	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
Chairperson's Report –Dr. Robin Foster:	<p>Dr. Foster stated that Dr. Ruddy Rose will be here today around 4:00 p.m. to speak on inhalant and substance abuse in adolescents. If anyone has any other topics or presentations that they would like to suggest for the remainder of the 2012 meetings, please see Dr. Foster or David at the end of the meeting or send an email to either David Edwards at david.edwards@vdh.virginia.gov or Dr. Foster at rlfoster@hsc.vcu.edu.</p> <p>The Chair is anxious to get the workgroup going to educate hospitals on their pediatric equipment needs as well as other pediatric matters that are of concern. The workgroup will consist of Dr. Foster, Dr. Guins, Dr. Ackerman</p>	Please send suggested topics or presentations to either David Edwards at david.edwards@vdh.virginia.gov or Dr. Robin Foster at rlfoster@hsc.vcu.edu.

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	<p>and David Edwards. Dr. Barbara Kahler has also expressed an interest. A planning meeting has not yet been held due to their holiday schedules. Dr. Foster has spoken with Kathy Baker of LifeEvac and she has agreed to assist with equipment list efforts. If anyone else is interested, please let Dr. Foster know. A teleconference will be scheduled sometime this month. At the last meeting, the committee discussed electronic telemedicine techniques and the possibility to provide care this way. Dr. Kahler will obtain a statewide telemedicine consortium list.</p> <p>The Virginia College of Emergency Physicians has agreed to produce the child abuse posters that Dr. Foster spoke of at the last meeting. Hard copies and electronic formats will soon be available. The Forensic Medical Response Workgroup meets again in February and the distribution list will be finalized in order to get the posters out.</p> <p>During the State EMS Advisory Board meeting in November, it was reported that there is an increase of Pertussis and there is a push to promote the Pertussis vaccine. The other issue that was discussed was the mental health patient transport bill. It has been proposed that law enforcement should no longer transport these patients, thus leaving this entirely to EMS. When more information is released on this bill, it will be emailed to the committee.</p>	<p>Dr. Kahler will obtain a statewide telemedicine consortium list.</p> <p>Dr. Foster or David Edwards will email information on the mental health patient transport bill when and if it becomes available.</p>
<p>OEMS Report – Paul Sharpe:</p>	<p>Paul Sharpe was on vacation. David Edwards reported that OEMS may be facing more budget cuts. Hopefully this will not impact services. He also stated that the General Assembly will convene on January 11, and that Gary Brown will be sending out regular legislative reports. David will watch for any pediatric related items, and will also forward the legislative updates Gary provides to members of the EMSC Committee.</p> <p>Cathy stated that there are several child abuse bills likely to come forth (probably inspired by Penn State situation that has been in the news). The committee discussed following up with the number of reported child abuse cases in Virginia. Dr. Foster will get a DSS (Department of Social Services) update.</p>	<p>Dr. Foster will get a DSS Oasis child abuse data update.</p>
<p>EMSC Program Report – David Edwards:</p>	<p>David's report is attached.</p>  <p>EMSC Program Report 010512.docx</p> <p>The HRSA Program Meeting is the second week in May. David is working on getting the rest of the equipment that is being funded through the grant. He still wants to give pulse oximeters and length-based pediatric resuscitation tapes. He has been told that there is a new version of the Broselow™ Tape now being released, so he is holding off buying a large quantity of them until this occurs.</p> <p>Cathy looked online and found the new Broselow Tapes are 2011 Edition A and costs \$120 for 5 (\$24 each).</p> <p>The committee also discussed ways to contact a pediatric staff member at each agency to find out which type of pulse oximeters they would prefer, if they would become available. Not all agencies have a designated pediatric representative. The Committee discussed how the appointment of a pediatric representative by EMS agencies “fell through the cracks” when they had pushed to make this a part of the revised EMS Regulations legislation. The regulations also spent a long time at the Governor’s office before being signed. Dr. Foster will write a letter to Gary from the Committee about the pediatric representative matter, and the fact that the Committee thought this</p>	<p>Dr. Foster will write a letter to Gary Brown about designating a pediatric contact at each EMS agency, and why this was not included in the revised EMS regulations.</p>

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	<p>had <i>been</i> included in the proposed regulations during their last revision.</p> <p>David would still like to get agencies to designate a pediatric contact, even without this being required in regulation. Some suggestions were: (1) a survey asking if they have a pediatric rep, (2) a mailing with a self-addressed, postcard complete with name, phone numbers and email addresses of a designated pediatric contact, or (3) using social media (David will get with Beth and/or Marian). They also suggested speaking with Stephen Rea, the Regional Council representative on the EMSC Committee, for his input. Stephen was unable to attend this meeting as a meeting of the EMS Regional Council Directors had gone long and was still in session at the beginning of this meeting.</p> <p>Jessica, Lori and Valeta are planning to do a trial mini symposium on April 21 at Chippenham. There will be five lectures, five skills tables and some vendors, and it will be open to about 60 EMS providers. Also, there needs to be a way to find out what's currently going on across the State in terms of regional training. The Regional Councils may be the most likely resource to find out what is going on and what training needs to be occurring in their areas.</p> <p>The Child Death Scene EMSAT video will be produced by Terry Coy and is tentatively scheduled for May, 2012. Members of the Committee will be approached for their expertise and contacts, and David will send out exact dates related to the production at a later time.</p>	<p>David will send out the exact dates related to the EMSAT video production when they become available.</p>
<p>EMSC Family Representative Report – Petra Connell:</p>	<p>Petra's report was sent via email as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>EMSC Program Launches "PEDPrepared," A Pediatric Disaster Clearinghouse:</u> <p>In its 2010 Report to the President and Congress, the National Commission on Children and Disasters drew attention to the limited availability and inaccessibility of resources for pediatric disaster preparedness. To help address this shortfall, the EMSC Program developed "PEDPrepared," an informational network of resources targeting healthcare providers, emergency and community planners, and families. Its primary purpose is to help communities achieve an optimal level of emergency readiness for children who are involved in an environmental, health, or man-made disaster.</p> <p>This comprehensive clearinghouse compiles more than 450 resources from a variety of federal, state, and local government informational sources, including national health- and disaster-related organizations. The EMSC NRC would like your feedback! Please e-mail any suggestions or additional resources that you feel should be added to the clearinghouse to iweston@childrensnational.org.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Upcoming Institute for Patient- and Family-Centered Care Webinars:</u> <p>The Institute for Patient- and Family-Centered Care offers a variety of webinars, for a registration fee, on several 'hot topics' as an educational opportunity to advance the practice of patient- and family-centered care. Below</p>	

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	<p>outlines the 2012 webinars: Information can be found at: http://www.ipfcc.org/events/webinars.html.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · <u>January 17, 2012</u>—1 to 2:30pm (Eastern) Enhancing Patient- and Family-Centered Communications at the Bedside and Beyond · <u>February 7, 2012</u>—7 to 8:30pm (Eastern) Creating a Patient and Family Advisory Board · <u>February 9, 2012</u>—4 to 5:30pm (Eastern) Enhancing the Collaborative Process · <u>February 16, 2012</u>—4 to 5:30pm (Eastern) Developing Patient- and Family-Centered Support Programs · <u>February 21, 2012</u>—1 to 2:30pm (Eastern) Implementing a Patient and Family Faculty Program to Strengthen a Patient- and Family-Centered Culture <p><u>3. AAP Expands Guidelines for Infant Sleep Safety and SIDS Risk Reduction (PDF ATTACHED)</u></p> <p>The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has released the policy statement SIDS and Other Sleep-Related Infant Deaths: Expansion of Recommendations for a Safe Infant Sleeping Environment. An accompanying technical report, which expands its recommendations for reducing the risk of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) to include recommendations for a safe sleep environment for all infants, is also available. The new recommendations were developed to reduce the risk of infant death from SIDS as well as death from known sleep-related causes, such as suffocation from soft bedding materials and entrapment from inappropriate sleep situations, such as becoming lodged between a mattress and headboard. Resources for parents are available on the AAP's Healthy Children website. http://www.healthychildren.org</p> <p><u>4. North Carolina EMSC Program Creates Online Training on Proper Child Restraints in Emergency Vehicles</u></p> <p>The North Carolina EMSC program, in collaboration with the North Carolina Office of EMS, has created the online training program Here to Help: Proper Child Restraints in Emergency Vehicles.</p> <p>This 60-minute program addresses the importance of restraining children when being transported in an ambulance and demonstrates the use of a variety of child restraint devices. Students that complete the quiz at the end of the</p>	

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	<p>training and receive a passing grade of at least 70% will be eligible to apply for one hour of continuing education credit.</p> <p>For further information on this program, contact North Carolina EMSC Program Manager Gloria Hale at Gloria.Hale@dhhs.nc.gov.</p>	
Committee Member Organization Reports:	<p><u>Barbara Kahler</u> – As stated at the last meeting, the Virginia Chapter of the AAP is redesigning its website. If anyone would like to provide links to their organizations, please let Barbara know and she will give the information to the web designers.</p> <p><u>Cathy Fox</u> – Cathy reported that there is a free toolkit available on the Emergency Nurses Association website called Stop Bullying Now! There is a shipping and handling fee of \$2.50. It is for school nurses, parents, counselors, mental health professionals, etc. She will send the information out by email to the committee members.</p>	
Special Presentation – Dr. Ruddy Rose of VCU Poison Control Center	<p>Dr. Rose gave a very informative presentation on Adolescent Inhalant Abuse.</p> <p>He first explained the role of the VCU Poison Control Center, which handles about 90,000 calls in Virginia each year. About 75% of the calls are involve poisons of some kind and 25% of the calls are questions about medicines or toxins, etc. Those at the highest risk of accidental poisonings are 18 month olds to three year olds. The center also does follow-up calls; about 130,000 per year.</p> <p>In the presentation, Dr. Rose also stated that prescription drug abuse is epidemic in this country and the deaths are skyrocketing. Adolescents and young adults are using Freon from AC units and substitute marijuana drugs such as Spice. They also use synthetic “bath salts” and “cell phone cleaner”. Some of these products can be purchased legally in stores and on the internet.</p> <p>There was a great question/answer session following the presentation. Some of the committee members had made calls to the poison center for personal situations and were impressed by their interactions with the staff. When a call is made to the 800 number, your area code is looked at by the system to determine which Center the call goes to.</p>	
Old Business:	None.	
New Business:	None.	
Public Comment:	None.	
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:55 p.m.	The next meeting will be held March 29, 2012 at 1041 Technology Park Drive, Glen Allen, VA.