

**EMS for Children Committee Meeting  
Virginia Office of EMS  
1041 Technology Park Drive, Glen Allen, VA  
January 8, 2015  
3-5 p.m.**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>OEMS Staff:</b>	<b>Others:</b>
<b>Sam Bartle, MD</b> , EMSC Committee Chair	Wanda Street, VDH, OEMS, Secretary Sr.	Valeta Daniels, Henrico Doctors, EMS Liaison
<b>David Edwards</b> , VDH, OEMS, EMSC Program Manager		Tammy Nguyen, VCU
<b>Barbara Kahler</b> , VA American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Representative		Sam Bircher, VTC
<b>Jeff Haynes, MD</b> , Virginia Commonwealth University		
<b>Petra Connell, Ph.D., MPH</b> , EMSC Family Representative		
<b>Emily Womble</b> , VDH, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Child Fatality Review		
<b>Kae Bruch</b> , School Nurse Representative		
<b>Alice Ackerman</b> , Pediatrician Member-at-large		
<b>Heidi Hooker</b> , ODEMSA, Regional Council Representative		
<b>Robin Foster, MD</b> , VCU		

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<b>Call to order:</b>	The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by the Chair, Dr. Sam Bartle.	
<b>Introductions:</b>	Everyone around the room introduced themselves to the guests.	
<b>Approval of minutes from October 16, 2014 meeting:</b>	A motion was made to review and approve the minutes. Petra moved to strike the words “and no information under pediatric trauma center” under the Approval of the minutes from the October minutes.  The motion was moved by Petra Connell and seconded by Emily Womble. The minutes were approved as amended.	<b>The minutes were approved as amended.</b>
<b>Chairperson’s Report – Dr. Sam Bartle:</b>	Dr. Bartle explained that the Trauma Designation Manual was discussed at the Governor’s Advisory Board Meeting in November and that the language was revised in Section 5.4 of the manual. The Manual will go before the State Board of Health at their next meeting.	
<b>OEMS Report – Paul Sharpe:</b>	No report. Paul is out on vacation this week and Gary Brown is out sick.	
<b>EMSC Program Report – David Edwards:</b>	 David Edwards EMSC January 2015 Report	

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<b>EMSC Family Representative Report – Petra Connell:</b>	<p>Petra shared the following via email:</p> <p>The Family Advisory Network (FAN) Town Hall Call is January 28, 2015.</p> <p><b><u>EMSC Program Releases Checklist of Essential Pediatric Domains</u></b></p> <p>The EMSC Program has released the Checklist of Essential Pediatric Domains and Considerations for Every Hospital's Disaster Preparedness Policies. A multidisciplinary workgroup of pediatric and disaster preparedness experts from across the country created the Checklist as a result of findings from the National Pediatric Readiness Project; data reported indicated that less than half of all U.S. hospitals reported having written disaster plans addressing issues specific to the care of children.</p> <p>The Checklist is a tool to help hospitals incorporate essential pediatric considerations into existing hospital disaster policies. It consists of 10 essential pediatric domains and corresponding considerations to guide hospital administrators, clinical managers, and disaster planning committees through a review of current disaster plans and inform policy development or revision. Additionally, a list of references and resources specific to each domain is provided to assist users in finding relevant literature and best practices.</p> <p>The Checklist is available in both static pdf and interactive electronic versions. Both versions can be found at: <a href="http://www.emscnrc.org/EMSC_Resources/Publications.aspx">http://www.emscnrc.org/EMSC_Resources/Publications.aspx</a>.</p>	
<b>Committee Member Organization Reports:</b>	<p>Heather Board shared the following information via email:</p> <p>Attached is legislation about House Bill 1515 which will require safe sleep information to be provided to maternity patients at discharge. This legislation is the result of one of the recommendations from the State Child Fatality Review Team's report on sleep-related deaths among infants.</p> <p> HB1515.pdf</p>	
<b>Special Presentation –</b>	<p>Tammy Nguyen, Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at VCU's Emergency Medicine Department, presented the following presentation on pediatric medication errors.</p> <p> 2015-01 Pre-Hospital Pediatric Medication C</p> <p>She discussed possible ways to avoid medication errors by eliminating confusion in establishing set guidelines such as Pediatric Definition - 14 years of age or younger <u>or</u> 40 kg or less. Tammy advised that children greater than 40 kg should be treated as an adult. She also advised to Focus on the Basics: Minimum doses – Albuterol 2.5mg and Atropine 0.1 mg.</p>	

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	<p>She also pointed out that errors can be reduced with the use of dosing cards. This method showed the greatest improvement in the rate of errors. The use of Broselow tapes slightly improved the error rate.</p> <p>The committee discussed different ways to reduce pediatric medication errors with different phone apps, medication and cards on a key ring.</p> <p>They also discussed the possibility of getting pediatric medication error information from VPHIB; the Virginia Prehospital Information Bridge. There were some questions about the accuracy of this information especially the weight.</p> <p>They also talked about the possibility to standardize the 40 kg or greater child being treated as an adult. This concept will be taken to the medical direction committee for their input.</p> <p>They also had a lengthy discussion on the use of Ketamine and the serious side effects associated with it.</p> <p>Dr. Foster recommended that Tammy enter this presentation for symposium.</p>	
<p><b>Old/Unfinished Business:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Verifying EMSC Committee members and meeting dates for 2015</b> – The committee dates below were accepted by the committee. Eddie Ferguson was recommended by Valeta Daniels as the EMS Representative although he is a very busy person. Steve Rasmussen was also recommended for the ENA Representation, but David will contact the ENA President for a recommendation. Dr. Shawn Safford of Roanoke was recommended for the Pediatric Representation. Dr. Ackerman will speak to him about this.</li> <li>• <b>Pediatric trauma centers</b> – Dr. Jeffrey Haynes proposed that if the Pediatric Trauma Center Criteria passes, would this group be interested in working on the Pediatric Trauma Triage Criteria Guidelines as a separate document and forwarding the recommendations to the Trauma System Oversight &amp; Management Committee? The committee agreed that this is a great idea and would be glad to work on this.</li> <li>• <b>Next steps in fostering facility recognition (EDAP)</b> – David has received responses from everyone who was invited to meet except Betty Long. David really wants to include VHHA on this. A hospital section is being set up on the OEMS website. Some of the pediatric toolkits will be posted there.</li> <li>• <b>Other – Pediatric Track at Symposium</b> – Dr. Foster is still on the symposium steering committee. The steering committee feels that the pediatric track is just like any other sub specialty interest such as geriatric. What about the EMSC funds that goes toward symposium? It was mentioned that the funds could be used for a separate pediatric symposium or for regional pediatric symposiums. It was suggested to talk to Gary about this. As discussed at a previous meeting, Valeta stated that there should be regional pediatric committees. David will try to procure pediatric coordinators when the pediatric immobilizers are distributed face to face. He will try other approaches as well. The next step to get a pediatric track at the 2015 symposium would be to meet with or email Gary Brown.</li> </ul>	<p><b>David will contact the ENA President for a recommendation.</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Ackerman will speak to Dr. Shawn Safford about the pediatric representation.</b></p>
<p><b>New Business:</b></p>	<p>HB1441 was mentioned by Dr. Robin Foster as she received an email from DSS (Department of Social Services). This bill mandates training for all mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The</p>	

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	<p>training will be determined by the Board and has to occur within six months of becoming a mandated reporter. This bill does not define the curriculum or a budget. The Chair asked that the committee keep a close eye on this bill.</p> <p>Valeta announced that a pediatric symposium will be held on January 24 at Henrico Doctors Hospital.</p>	
<b>Public Comment:</b>	None.	
<b>Adjournment:</b>	<p>The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:01 p.m.</p> <p><b>2015 Meeting Dates:</b> April 9, July 9 and October 8</p>	

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