

**EMS for Children Committee Meeting
Virginia Office of EMS
1041 Technology Park Drive, Glen Allen, VA
April 15, 2015
3-5 p.m.**

Members Present:	OEMS Staff:	Others:
Sam Bartle, MD , EMSC Committee Chair	Paul Sharpe, VDH, OEMS, Trauma Program Manager	Valeta Daniels, Henrico Doctors, EMS Liaison
David Edwards , VDH, OEMS, EMSC Program Manager	Robin Pearce, VDH, Trauma/Critical Care Coordinator	Kelley Rumsey, VCU
Shawn Safford, MD , Pediatric Physician	Wanda Street, VDH, OEMS, Secretary Sr.	Elizabeth Gilliam, Carilion Clinic
Heather Board , VDH, Injury, Violence & Tobacco Programs		
Petra Connell, Ph.D., MPH , EMSC Family Representative		
Theresa Guins , Pediatric ED Physician, EMSC Program Medical Director		
Steve Rasmussen , Temporary ENA Representative		
Alice Ackerman , Carilion Clinic, Pediatrician Member-at-large		
Heidi Hooker , ODEMSA, Regional Council Representative		

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Call to order:	The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by the Chair, Dr. Sam Bartle.	
Introductions:	Everyone around the room introduced themselves to the guests.	
Approval of minutes from January 8, 2015 meeting:	A motion was made to review and approve the minutes. The minutes were approved as submitted.	The minutes were approved as submitted.
Chairperson's Report – Dr. Sam Bartle:	<p>Dr. Bartle reported that the Trauma Center Designation Manual was approved with the Pediatric Trauma Criteria by the Board of Health even though it was not on their agenda for the March meeting. The manual becomes effective as of September 2015. The VCU Medical Center trauma designation site visit is September 29 and will follow the updated guidelines of the manual.</p> <p>Dr. Bartle also reported that the Pediatric Track is back on track. Petra asked the committee to submit some quality courses and topics for the 2016 symposium. It is very important that there are several Virginia EMS for Children faculty members at the symposium. Steve Rasmussen sits on the Symposium Program Committee and commented that there was very little response from Virginia EMSC instructors/speakers. Petra suggested that everyone bring topic ideas to the next meeting to formulate a list. Steve suggested making a list of categories under pediatrics such as cardiac, trauma,</p>	Everyone is asked to bring pediatric topic ideas to the next meeting in order to formulate a list.

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	<p>prevention, burns, etc. Steve also suggested emailing the OMDs and asking what pediatric issues they are seeing in their regional areas. The courses should be 90 minutes in length. A mini track should have 16 courses and a full track will have 24. The big issue is to follow up and make sure the speakers submit their courses on the Call for Presentations link on the OEMS website.</p> <p>Dr. Bartle introduced Robin Pearce, who is the new Trauma/Critical Care Coordinator of OEMS. She informed the committee that a Statewide ACS Site Visit will occur September 1 – 4, 2015.</p>	<p>David will email the OMDs for issues and potential course topics.</p>
<p>OEMS Report – Paul Sharpe:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) During the most recent General Assembly session, there was legislature to develop an EMS Compact that did not pass. 2) There is a new National data group attempting to develop performance measures for EMS. The fee schedules for EMS will change drastically by 2018. 3) As Dr. Bartle stated, the Trauma Designation Manual was approved by the State Board of Health. 4) There is a group working on geriatrics for Trauma Triage. This will then go to the Virginia Chapter of ACS and then eventually to OEMS. 	
<p>EMSC Program Report – David Edwards:</p>	<p>Please see David's report below:</p>  <p>EMSC Program Report Apr 2015.doc:</p> <p>As David mentioned the purchase of textbooks for symposium, Steve Rasmussen stated that David should ask that the textbooks be returned after the class because he has seen the attendees at symposium throw the books away. A lot of class material is now on the computer in the form of e-books.</p> <p>David also mentioned that the Heat Illness video from Arkansas is being reviewed by some EMS committees. Heather stated that this would also be good for the Virginia High School League Sports Medicine Committee to use.</p> <p>Steve asked about heat stroke legislation. He was informed that it did not pass again this year. Following the meeting, Heather sent the following email concerning SB 1082:</p> <p>From: Board, Heather (VDH) Sent: Monday, April 20, 2015 10:29 AM To: Edwards, David (VDH) Subject: Follow-up to SB1082</p> <p>Hi Dave,</p> <p>I was hoping that you would be able to share the following information with the rest of the group as a follow-up to some of the discussion pertaining to the legislation about penalties for leaving children unattended in vehicles.</p> <p>The legislation submitted in the 2015 GA was SB 1082 and was introduced by Sen. Vogel. This bill was passed by indefinitely in the Committee for Courts of Justice. The summary of the bill was as follows: Unattended children in motor vehicles; penalty. Provides that any person responsible for the care of a child who leaves an unattended child in a motor vehicle is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill defines "unattended child" as a child</p>	

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	<p>four years of age or younger who has been left in a motor vehicle by the person responsible for his care when such person is unable to continuously observe the child, unless a person 12 years of age or older is physically present in the motor vehicle with the child.</p> <p>Similar legislation was introduced in the 2009 GA by Sen. Vogel; 2007 GA by Del. Albo; 2005 GA by Del. McQuigg.</p> <p>The arguments against this legislation were focused around the fact that a parent/caregiver can currently be charged with child abuse and neglect if a child is left unattended in a vehicle. Under Virginia Code §18.2-371.1, abuse and neglect can be a Class 4 felony with 2-10 years in prison and \$100,000 fine. The recent proposed legislation would make leaving a child unattended in a vehicle a Class 1 misdemeanor with jail time of up to 12 months and/or a fine of up to \$2,500. Opponents to such legislation have expressed concern that this would decrease the severity of the penalty. Proponents of the legislation are concerned that due to the severity of the abuse and neglect charges, that this route is not often taken especially if there is no injury to the child; and having penalties attached to these actions specifically would serve as a deterrent to parents to leaving their child in a vehicle. Keep in mind that this would be for children who are found alive and unattended in a vehicle. If the child dies, prosecution under murder/manslaughter would be the route taken.</p> <p>I hope this is helpful follow-up to the conversation last week.</p> <p>Dave reminded everyone that EMS for Children day is May 20.</p> <p>As for the Pediatric Facility Recognition, Betty Long and Susan Ward are both retired from VHHA so we will be contacting Morris Reece to set up a meeting date.</p> <p>Please see Dave's report for complete updates.</p>	<p>David will contact Morris Reece at VHHA for a meeting on the Pediatric Facility Recognition initiative.</p>
<p>EMSC Family Representative Report – Petra Connell:</p>	<p>No report. Petra is very excited that the Pediatric Track is back. She is very thankful that Gary Brown understands the importance of having a Pediatric Track and feels that Gary is 100 percent supportive of it.</p> <p>She encouraged everyone to think about who they can nominate for the annual Outstanding EMS for Children award at symposium. Organizations and agencies can also be nominated. If you have any questions about the criteria, please feel free to ask her. It would be wonderful to have candidates from each of the regions. Steve suggested asking the OMDs for candidates.</p>	
<p>Committee Member Organization Reports:</p>	<p>None.</p>	
<p>Special Presentation – Pediatric Disaster Prepared – Joe Carney:</p>	<p>This presentation was cancelled. Mr. Carney couldn't get off from work to attend the meeting. Hopefully he will be able to attend in July.</p>	
<p>Old/Unfinished Business:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verifying EMSC Committee members and meeting dates for 2015 – Steve is the temporary ENA representative and Alice will contact ENA for an official representative. Dr. Bartle will contact Eddie Ferguson. Per David, the rest of the committee is solidified. • Dedicated Pediatric Track at Annual EMS Symposium – Discussed under the Chair report. • Pediatric trauma regulations update – Discussed under the Chair report. • Pediatric drug dosage errors follow-up – Dr. Bartle passed around a sample handbook on pediatric 	

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	<p>drug dosing. The handbook was by The Right Dose Group, Bob Steele. This could be a possible resource to purchase and distribute to EMS agencies. The committee also discussed phone applications that could be used for proper dosage. It was asked of Paul if pediatric medication use is available through the VPHIB data. He said yes. Heidi explained that they are working on a two-sided laminated card that will be tethered to the drug box with the proper dosing information. She hopes that it will gain the approval of the medical control committee and hopes to implement it within 6 to 9 months. Valeta asked Paul if he could make it mandatory to enter the pediatric drug on the ePCR when the patient is 14 or under. She wants it to convert pounds into kilos when the pounds are entered. The question was asked “How do we pick up the dosage errors”? Valeta said that maybe a one page flyer with the EMSC logo can be distributed from this committee reminding agencies to ask for or get the children’s weight to avoid dosing errors. This would be a start to raise awareness. Valeta asked David if he could send an email out to the National Pediatric organizations to see what they are doing about pediatric dosing errors.</p> <p>Dr. Safford suggested that we first look at the data and the first question should be “are we recording weight”? The next thing to do is match the weight to the percentages which are correct and those which are not correct. This information can be brought back to the next meeting and then a paper can be done. This can be tracked over the course of a year to see if there are any improvements. David will bring awareness of this to the Executive Committee. Paul and his staff will start to work on the data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next steps (fostering facility recognition) – Discussed under David’s report. Dr. Ackerman suggested that the material is reviewed by the committee before the meeting with Morris Reece. David will send an email out for the committee’s review. Webinars and other toolkits have been developed for hospitals on pediatric readiness. Petra asked if Dave could make sure the VHHA Board aware of the webinars and receive invites to ensure that as many Board members as possible view them. Paul said that they also do weekly newsletters that he has put articles in. • Other 	<p>David will bring awareness of this to the Executive Committee.</p> <p>Paul and his staff will work on the data.</p> <p>David will send out the most recent documents for the committee’s review.</p>
New Business:	<p>Pediatric Trauma Criteria Guidelines This was brought up at the last meeting by Dr. Jeffrey Haynes. There is very little information out there about this. Do the regional councils need to be involved in this process? Heidi agreed that they should. Each region would have to adapt it to their centers. Paul stated that this should go to the Trauma System Oversight & Management Committee once drafted. The committee also discussed ambulatory telemedicine possibilities in Virginia as well as special needs kids.</p> <p>Other Steve mentioned having pediatric EMS bike safety events in August considering that the Richmond Bike Race is coming up in September. They could give out helmets and promote safe bicycle practices. Heather said that there is a group working with schools on this type of safety event.</p>	
Public Comment:	None.	
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:03 p.m.	
	2015 Meeting Dates: July 9 and October 8	