


**EMS for Children Committee Meeting  
Virginia Office of EMS  
Richmond Marriott Short Pump  
4240 Dominion Boulevard, Glen Allen, VA  
January 5, 2017  
3-5 p.m.**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>OEMS Staff:</b>	<b>Guests:</b>
<b>Sam Bartle, MD</b> , EMSC Committee Chair	George Lindbeck, State OMD	Brad Taylor, Chippenham/Johnston-Willis Hospitals
<b>David Edwards</b> , VDH, OEMS, EMSC Program Manager	Wanda Street, Secretary Sr.	
<b>Steve Rasmussen</b> , ENA Representative		
<b>Petra Connell</b> , EMSC Family Representative		
<b>Theresa Guins</b> , CHKD, EMSC Program Medical Director		
<b>Barbara Kahler</b> , Virginia Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Representative		
<b>Allison Ayres</b> , VDH, Chief Medical Examiner's Office		

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<b>Call to order:</b>	The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. by the Chair, Dr. Sam Bartle.	
<b>Introductions:</b>	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
<b>Approval of the minutes from October 6, 2016 meeting:</b>	A motion was made to review and approve the minutes. The motion was moved by Dr. Guins and seconded by Barbara Kahler. All committee members were in favor. The minutes were approved as submitted.	<b>The minutes were approved as submitted.</b>
<b>Chair Report –Dr. Sam Bartle:</b>	<p>Dr. Bartle reported that there was a meeting of the Secure Commonwealth Panel in December to discuss statewide issues and they are looking to always have pediatric representatives in attendance. They have been meeting on and off for about 15 years. Some of their agenda topics included terrorist threats, Zika Virus and the opioid response.</p> <p>Dr. Bartle also apologized for not being at the last meeting due to a schedule conflict. The two main topics of discussion today will be the Handtevy presentation by Dave and the symposium discussion lead by Steve Rasmussen.</p>	
<b>OEMS Report –George Lindbeck:</b>	<p>Gary Brown is on vacation. George Lindbeck said that any bills pertaining to EMS are being tracked by Gary and are on the OEMS website. There is legislation aimed at decreasing the burden of driving license suspension to low income individuals; however, this impacts OEMS because this is where the trauma fund is obtained. More to come on this. The list is updated weekly.</p> <p>Steve Rasmussen asked if anyone knew anything about Dr. Aboutanos' report on injury prevention. He stated that the murder rate and shooting injuries went up among younger teens and children. They were more intentional instead of accidental. Allison reported that the CME's Office will be starting a surveillance project that will cover the deaths of</p>	

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	<p>all children each year. They will look at the trends of how children die from year to year. This has not been done before. They are starting to gather data beginning 2013 through 2015. The age range will be 0-17. They just finished poisoning deaths and are starting to work on drowning deaths.</p>	
<p><b>EMSC Program Report – David Edwards:</b></p>	<p>Dave discussed some of the highlights of his written report such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The National EMSC Strategic Plan</li> <li>• EMS Agency Surveys – Virginia Assigned to Cohort 10</li> <li>• Targeted Issues Webinar</li> <li>• 2017 Symposium Call for Presentations deadline is January 31, 2017. Click here to enter course submissions: <a href="https://vdhems.vdh.virginia.gov/emsapps/f?p=102:LOGIN_DESKTOP">https://vdhems.vdh.virginia.gov/emsapps/f?p=102:LOGIN_DESKTOP</a></li> <li>• Pediatric medication dosing errors – We will work with Cam and Dwight at the Office of EMS to get data. We should come back to the next meeting with questions on what is being reported. Pediatric is considered age 14 and under. Dr. Lindbeck will work on this project with Dwight.</li> <li>• Dave is purchasing as many child restraints as he can. This is our project for the remainder of the grant year.</li> </ul> <p>The complete report is attached below:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>EMSC Program Report 01-05-17.doc</p> </div>	
<p><b>EMSC Family Representative Report – Petra Connell:</b></p>	<p>Petra shared that Wanda Willis, of Central Shenandoah was recognized at symposium and received an award for Outstanding Contribution for EMS for Children. Ms. Willis also recently had a retirement party. So that was a great send off for her.</p> <p>She also reported that injury is still the number 1 killer of children ages 1 to 18 years in the United States. Please share the joint AAP, PTS, and STN Policy Statement on Management of Pediatric Trauma with the group. <a href="http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2016/07/21/peds.2016-1569..info">http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2016/07/21/peds.2016-1569..info</a></p>	
<p><b>Committee Member Organization Reports:</b></p>	<p>Kae Bruch – School Nurse:  Thank you to all of those EMCC Committee members and supporters that sent and/or encouraged comments to the Virginia Board of Education on the proposed changes to the Standards of Quality (SOQ). The Board of Education did maintain their inclusion in the proposed standards for one school nurse per 550 students, which follows the overall ratio of school nurses currently in place. By following the current overall ratio, in theory this would not change costs at the state level. While the current wording of the proposed changes to the SOQs are a major step in the right direction, some concerns that remains - including that the term “School Nurse” remains undefined. Currently some school divisions use this term for LPNs, and Nursing Assistance and other “Unlicensed Assistive Personnel” (UAP) serving the care provider role in a school clinic. Also, there are school divisions that hire or contract ‘nurse managers’ or have health department ‘nurse managers’ that are RNs for the purpose of writing nursing plans for students in a school system that then hires LPNs, or Nursing Assistance or other “Unlicensed Assistive Personnel” to provide the daily medical care for students in the schools. These Nurse Manager RNs are currently counted in that 550 ratio, even</p>	

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	<p>though they do not provide direct patient care to students; but rather oversee the plans and paper work. The AAP defines School Nurse as bachelor prepared professional nurse providing direct care to students and in Virginia code "professional nurse, "registered nurse" or "registered professional nurse" means a person who is licensed or holds a multistate licensure privilege under the provisions of this chapter to practice professional nursing as defined in this section is defined as a registered nurse. The hope of the Virginia Association of School Nurses is that in the future the term 'Nurse' used in the context of School Nurse will be defined as a professional nurse. For now VASN is supportive of legislation that may arise from the Board of Education SOQ recommendations that recognizes the importance of schools having school nurses provide care to students in the Commonwealth and mandating a minimum ratio of 1 School Nurse to 550 students. I'll keep you posted on any legislation that VASN supports or opposes as that information becomes available.</p> <p>Barbara Kahler (American Academy of Pediatrics) – VDH is rolling out an opioid program for physicians if you want to be involved. This is for opioid addiction treatment. At this time, there is no required training for EMS providers.</p>	
<b>Special Presentation – Handtevy :</b>	David presented the Handtevy bag which can be customized to fit the need of the providers. Is this a useful tool to recommend on a statewide basis? The bags cost about \$600 each. There is also a phone app available as well.	
<b>Unfinished/Old Business:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2016 Symposium pediatric track</b></li> <li>• <b>Pediatric drug dosage errors -</b></li> <li>• <b>Pediatric disaster preparedness</b></li> <li>• <b>Other</b></li> </ul>	
<b>New Business:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Topics for 2017 Symposium pediatric track -</b> Steve Rasmussen reported that the symposium committee has decided to change the lecture time to one-hour instead of an hour and a half. The break out times will be 30 minutes. The pediatric track submissions are very low this year and most of those are from out-of-state speakers. They need more general pediatric topics. Pediatric Math could be a good lecture. Dr. Guins stated that she will send an email out to the Pediatric Department at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters (CHKD) and Brad agreed to do so as well at Johnston-Willis. Suggestions were made to reach out to VHHA, Rotary &amp; other Civic Groups. The next Symposium Committee meeting is February 21, 2017 and final course selections will be made. PEPP courses were discussed. The committee also talked about Human Trafficking as an interesting topic.</li> <li>• <b>Other</b></li> </ul>	
<b>Public Comment:</b>	None.	
<b>Adjournment:</b>	<p>The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>2017 Meeting Dates:</b> January 5, April 6, July 6 and October 5 (tentative)  <b>Location:</b> To be determined.</p>	