



EMS for Children (EMSC) Committee Meeting  
Via TEAMS  
February 24, 2026, 3:00 p.m.

<u>Committee Members Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>OEMS Staff</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Patrick McLaughlin, MD – Chair	Alix Padget-Brown	Michael D. Berg	Amy Brown
Tanya Trevilian, Vice-Chair	Dusty Lynn		Lara Traylor
Heidi Hooker			Renee Soniat
Petra Connell			Seb Prohn
Sheen Brannum			Dr. Kevin Gutermuth, MDC
Jennifer Farmer			
Lisa Bell			
Mike Watkins			

<b>Topic/Subject</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>I. Call to order/Welcomes:</b>	The meeting was called to order at 1505
<b>II. Introductions:</b>	
<b>III. Approval of Minutes from prior meeting:</b>	Minutes from the November meeting deferred for approval until next scheduled meeting.
<b>IV. Chair’s Report: Patrick McLaughlin, MD</b>	<p>Greetings to all on our first of many virtual meetings!</p> <p>Interested in reports from our first work group meetings regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.) New VA State hospital and prehospital recognition for pediatric readiness</li> <li>b.) PECC work group to increase engagement and enrollment</li> </ul> <p>GAB meeting occurred 2 weeks ago without any additional information to report as it pertains to EMSC.</p> <p>Looking forward to getting out our new bylaws as a committee under OEMS.</p>
<b>V. OEMS Report:</b>	No additional OEMS members present to provide a report.
<b>VI. EMSC Report:</b>	EMSC Program report – see full report attached. Interviews are scheduled for the currently vacant EMSC Program Manager’s position.
<b>VI. EMSC Family Rep Program Report: Petra Connell</b>	Petra, along with Lara Traylor, have been working with the Virginia Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) to understand how they may be able to support the FAN program across Virginia. Ultimately, it would serve EMSC in Virginia to have a FAN representative in each of the seven regional EMS council areas. Additional discussions are scheduled. Ms. Amy Dunn-Brown shared a presentation on sensory kits she developed for her agency.



	<p>Seb Prohn shared a potential opportunity to partner with VCU for a grant to study communications between families with disabilities and emergency systems. A meeting had just occurred prior to this meeting and another meeting will be scheduled to further investigate partnership opportunities.</p>
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<b>VII. Workgroup Reports</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hospital/Prehospital Recognition – suggestion two levels of recognition; Peds Ready and Peds Ready Plus. Scheduled to meet tomorrow and will work on developing criterium and overall process. Look to bring back a draft document for committee review by next EMSC meeting.</li> <li>2. Prehospital PECC workshops – in full swing with dates listed on OEMS EMSC website.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Michael will schedule he next quarterly meeting of the Virginia PECC.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Hospital workshops – Tanya and Petra are collaborating to create a program that can be utilized by hospitals as part of initial training for PECC. In addition, they are creating a PECC Collaborative Binder for a reference for all Hospital PECCS to be able to reference.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Sheena and Tanya will submit the ENA application for nurses, mid-levels and physicians who attend the PECC workshops.</li> <li>b. The Chair offered to cold-email physician contacts at Children’s hospitals and regional centers to recruit physicians and mid-levels to participate as PECC for facilities.</li> <li>c. A QR code will be developed for feedback regarding the workshops and training for future use.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>VIII. New Business</b>	<p>Creation of Bylaws - as a stand-alone committee to the Office of EMS, staff supports the creation of Bylaws to formalize the EMSC committee and it function and purpose to meet the requirements of the HRSA grant award. An area staff was seeking input was that of membership and the need for “term limits”. In reviewing the Program Managers manual, it is suggested term limits be applied to the committee.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Staff will include the current roster and positions to these minutes.</li> <li>2. Staff will also forward in a separate email the requirements from HRSA regarding committee composition and recommended additional participants.</li> </ol> <p>Discussion of the chair and vice-chair positions also having term limits occurred – no resolution. Staff will finalize a draft Bylaw document for the committee to review and their next meeting.</p> <p>HB2753 – Virginia Safe Birth Initiative. Michael Berg was invited to participate on this legislative workgroup representing the EMS component (as well as the EMSC program). For reference, I am providing the legislation guiding this effort and the report submitted to the General Assembly on October 1, 2025, as required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HB2753: <a href="#">HB2753 - 2025 Regular Session   LIS</a></li> <li>• GA report submission: <a href="#">SAFE Birth VA 2025 Annual Report to the General Assembly – September 2025</a></li> <li>• Project Website: <a href="#">SAFE Birth VA – Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative</a></li> </ul> <p>To ensure clarity regarding the scope of this workgroup, the legislation assigns the following responsibilities to the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative (VNPC):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop training materials and standardized management protocols for inpatient providers regarding obstetric emergencies, recognition of urgent maternal warning signs, and transfer processes for pregnant and postpartum patients, based on AIM clinical safety bundles.</li> <li>2. Develop training materials and provider-specific checklists for outpatient providers on the same topics, also based on AIM clinical safety bundles.</li> </ol>



	<p><b>Collaboration Requirement:</b> When developing standardized protocols, the VNPC must collaborate with facilities and account for their resources, patient populations, and care models.</p> <p><b>Reporting Requirement:</b> The VNPC must collect data on protocol implementation and maternal health outcomes and submit an annual report by October 1 to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the designated committees of the General Assembly.</p> <p>These statutory requirements define the scope of this workgroup. Education activities are not included in the legislative mandate. Once the required tasks are completed, the workgroup may determine appropriate next steps.</p> <p>Next meeting: March 11, 12 noon.</p>
<p><b>IX. Committee Member Reports:</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>X. Date of Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>Staff shared he would be at the annual NASEMSO meeting the week of April 27 – 30, 2026. The Chair once his next schedule is released will work with staff to schedule the next meeting.</p>
<p><b>XI. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Concluded at 4:28 pm</p>

