EMS FOR CHILDREN COMMITTEE

STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL, FIRE AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2021

Committee Meeting Date and Location: Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at the ODPS Shipley Building, Conference Room 1101, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH  43223. Meeting held via Microsoft Teams.

Committee Members Present: Karen Beavers, Vice Chair, Jean Butler, Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove, Dr. Ann Dietrich, Dr. Samantha Gee, Laura Holdren, Dr. Julie Leonard, Melanie Martin, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz, Chair, Viola Webber, Christina Wedding, Tami Wires

Committee Members Absent: Kenneth Crank, Heather Koss

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Joe Stack, Johanna Burgess, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Aaron Jennings, Rob Waggoner

Public Present: None

Visitor Present: Gabrielle Basinski

Welcome and Introduction

Joe Stack, ODPS Division of EMS liaison, began meeting at 11:05 am.

Approval of Minutes

Meeting Minutes from December 2020 were moved for approval by Ms. Beavers and seconded by Dr. Leonard. Motion was approved.

ACTION: None

Agenda Item: Prehospital Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) Program Update – Mr. Stack

Mr. Stack noted that he had received 41 applications for the Pediatric Training Bundles during the first application period, and an additional 11 during the second application period which closed 12/31/20. Mr. Stack added that there were 160 PECCs currently registered on the secure website through EIIC. Mr. Jennings asked if there was a timeframe for sending the bundles; Mr. Stack replied that they would be shipped once the shipping materials were received and the mannequins were packed. Dr. Schwartz asked if we had found out from PECCs about the day-to-day impact of COVID-19 on how
they delivered care; Dr. Leonard responded that EIIC had done a one-year follow-up interview with the PECCs that had done the interviews previously, and added that the impression is that everyone has been impacted by COVID-19. Dr. Dahl-Grove asked if the Division of EMS had done a survey to get this kind of information from the EMS community in general; Mr. Wagoner replied they had not, and Mr. Jennings added that he would look into developing a survey for that purpose.

Dr. Leonard thanked Dr. Schwartz for the first of three webinars on mental health issues for EMS providers on April 7. Dr. Schwartz noted that he was repeating the webinar for EMS week. Mr. Stack added that Dr. Leonard and Nationwide Children’s Hospital were working on making the webinar available for continuing education for future use as well. Dr. Dahl-Grove asked if it could also be posted on the EIIC website for EMS providers across the country; Dr. Leonard noted that it would be posted through NCH to be able to award CE.

**ACTION:** None

**Agenda Item:** Ohio Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Coalition Update – Dr. Dahl-Grove

Dr. Dahl-Grove noted that the EMS personnel working on the ASPR Pediatric Centers of Excellence Grant have been working on comparison of protocols between Ohio and Michigan and cross-state mutual aid issues. Dr. Dahl-Grove added that there would be a telehealth drill on May 20, with 8 scenarios including EMS-specific scenarios included. Dr. Dahl-Grove also said that her group was working on outreach to hospitals on the PedsReady survey, and that there would be new education materials available soon on the EIIC ASPR webpage.

**ACTION:** none

**Agenda Item:** Emergency Guidelines for Schools Revision Update

Mr. Stack stated that there was no update, but that he would contact ODH to determine what was still needed to complete the document.

**ACTION:** none

**Agenda Item:** EMFTS Board Strategic Plan

Mr. Wagoner noted that the current strategic plan was largely suspended due to COVID-19 issues.

**ACTION:** none

**Agenda Item:** Committee Representation

Mr. Stack noted that the Committee currently has 14 members due to the passing of MaryAnn Forrester, and asked if anyone could make contact with Akron Children’s Hospital to see who they may suggest as a new Committee member. Dr. Leonard asked that they consider someone other than a physician due to the current makeup of the Committee.

**ACTION:** none

**Agenda Item:** Human Resources (HR) Ad Hoc Workgroup

Dr. Cunningham noted that the workgroup was scheduled to meet next week.

**ACTION:** none

**Open Forum:**
Mr. Stack noted that the National Pediatric Readiness Project Assessment would take place from May through July this year, and more information would be shared with the Committee to use in contacting their networks next week.

Mr. Stack asked about the possibility of a webinar dealing with the new Pediatric EMS Guidelines; Dr. Schwartz replied that he would communicate with Dr. Cunningham to start the process. Dr. Dietrich asked if we could ask EMS providers about how the Guidelines have been used and how aware they are of the Guidelines; Dr. Dahl-Grove added that finding out the same information from medical directors would also be beneficial.

Mr. Stack stated that Ms. Basinski sends out requests for content for the PECC website on a regular basis, and that the Committee needs to help provide information to our PECCs, both to help them do their job, and to keep the webpage as a good source of information for PECCs.

Dr. Cunningham noted that information about the memorial service for MaryAnn Forrester had been circulated to the Committee, and encouraged members to participate if possible.

Dr. Schwartz noted that primary care providers had been asking for advice in dealing with behavioral health issues with pediatric patients, adding that when cases escalate, a 9-1-1 call gets a police response, which may not be the most appropriate way to deal with these patients. Dr. Cunningham added that this issue would be applicable for dispatch as well. Ms. Holdren replied that Nextcare, a mental health organization working with the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office, may accompany patients in these circumstances. Dr. Leonard stated that improved education on mental health issues would improve the situation and suggested encouraging it as a part of general medical direction for EMS providers.

**Adjourn:** 12:09 pm

**ACTION:**
- Ms. Beavers moved to adjourn meeting @ 12:09 pm
- Ms. Holdren seconded the motion
- None opposed, motion passes.
- Meeting Adjourned at 12:09 pm

**Next meeting:** June 15, 2021