EMS FOR CHILDREN COMMITTEE

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

MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2021

Committee Meeting Date and Location: Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at the ODPS Shipley Building, Conference Room 1101, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223. Meeting held via Microsoft Teams.

Committee Members Present: Jean Butler, Kenneth Crank, Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove, Dr. Ann Dietrich, Dr. Samantha Gee, Laura Holdren, Dr. Julie Leonard, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz, Chair, Christina Wedding, Tami Wires

Committee Members Absent: Karen Beavers, Vice Chair, Heather Koss, Melanie Martin, Viola Webber

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

Public Present: None

Visitor Present: Gabrielle Basinski, Annie Truelove

Welcome and Introduction

Joe Stack, ODPS Division of EMS liaison, began meeting at 11:20 am.

Approval of Minutes

Meeting Minutes from April 2021 were moved for approval by Dr. Dahl-Grove and seconded by Dr. Gee. Motion was approved.

ACTION: None

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

Mr. Stack noted that the pediatric training bundles have been delivered to those agencies that applied, and that another application period would begin shortly. Mr. Stack added that there had been few PECCs added in the past few months, and a new recruitment push would be needed. He asked that the Committee consider possible ways to bring in new agencies to PECC membership.

ACTION: None
**Agenda Item:** Ohio Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Coalition Update – Dr. Dahl-Grove

Dr. Dahl-Grove noted that the Great Lakes Consortium was working to promote PedsReady to hospitals in the area, and there will be a telehealth exercise on May 20. She reported that the EMS committee was largely finished with their work on the project (reviewing protocols and legal issues, etc.), and that they had applied for a new funding opportunity focusing on developing a pediatric pandemic network.

**ACTION:** none

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

Mr. Stack stated that the ODH had asked for final comment on the document, and that we are waiting for the final version to be circulated.

**ACTION:** none

**Agenda Item:** EMFTS Board Strategic Plan

Executive Director Wagoner noted that in-person meetings would resume starting July 6th. Dr. Schwartz asked about the possibility of hybrid meetings. Executive Director Wagoner replied that the waiver that allowed remote meetings had expired and that, unless there were a legislative change, hybrid or remote meetings would no longer be allowed.

**ACTION:** none

**Agenda Item:** Committee Representation

Mr. Stack noted that the Committee currently has 14 members and that he had been contacted by a potential candidate from Akron Children’s Hospital.

**ACTION:** none

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

Mr. Crank noted that the workgroup met recently. They were looking at restructuring continuing education restructuring. He also stated that they had a consensus in favor of face-to-face meetings.

**ACTION:** none

**Agenda Item:** EMSC Survey Updates

Mr. Stack asked the Committee to refer to handouts covering the EMS for Children Survey completed in March 2021. Dr. Schwartz noted that results on questions about field observation were higher than expected, and asked if there was a way to get more information about those agencies. Mr. Stack replied that he could contact HRSA about doing a follow-up survey to ask those agencies about their approach to field observations. Dr. Cunningham added that a national guideline could be very helpful, and suggested that the most helpful thing could be a model that could be implemented in a small fashion for rural and volunteer agencies.

**ACTION:** Mr. Stack to contact HRSA about survey results and follow-up
Open Forum:
Mr. Stack noted that he had received a question about the use of cuffed ET tubes and asked for input on pediatric uses. Dr. Schwartz replied that they are often used in hospitals; Dr. Dahl-Grove added that her EMS committee had questions on airway and intubation, and noted that cuffed tubes may be more advanced than many prehospital providers may use, partly due to the low number of intubations in general. Dr. Gee noted that ET tubes are often replaced in the ED or ICU when pediatric patients are admitted. Dr. Leonard asked if this was a concern for EMS providers or for emergency medicine overall. Dr. Schwartz suggested a medical direction team for information and training, and suggested that this issue could be handled with something like a FAQ rather than with a webinar or lecture. Dr. Dietrich added that non-invasive methods should also be included. Dr. Leonard suggested a downloadable infographic; Dr. Schwartz added that different perspectives should be addressed (e.g., ED physician, EMS medical director, etc.). Dr. Gee volunteered to create a draft and send to Dr. Schwartz and Mr. Stack for review.

Dr. Cunningham noted that a change needed to be made to the State of Ohio Adult and Pediatric Guidelines and Procedures Manuals on ketamine use highlighting the fact that the state of Colorado was reducing medical director authority in its use. Dr. Cunningham informed the Committee that the use of the phrase “excited delirium” was being replaced by “delirium with agitated behavior” to more accurately classify the condition as a medical condition. Consensus was to make the requested changes.

Adjourn: 12:25 pm

| ACTION: | Mr. Crank moved to adjourn meeting @12:25 pm |
| Ms. Wires seconded the motion |
| None opposed, motion passes. |
| Meeting Adjourned at 12:25 pm |

Next meeting: August 17, 2021