



EMS FOR CHILDREN COMMITTEE

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

MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2019

FINAL

Committee Meeting Date and Location: Tuesday, October 15, 2019, at the ODPS Shipley Building, Conference Room 1101, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223

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

Committee Members Absent: Jean Butler, Heather Koss

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Joe Stack, Novica Olinger, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Rob Waggoner, Kris Patalita, Ellen Owens, Sue Morris, Beverly Cooper

Public Present: None

Visitor Present: Lauren Malthauer

Welcome and Introduction

Joe Stack, ODPS Division of EMS liaison, began meeting at 11:03 am.

Approval of Minutes

Meeting Minutes for August 13, 2019 reviewed and approved.

ACTION: Motion to approve August 13, 2019 minutes by Mr. Crank, 2nd by Dr. Dahl-Grove. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

New Item: Paramedic Scope of Practice – Dr. Dahl-Grove

Dr. Dahl-Grove reported that the Medical Oversight Committee passed a rule approving paramedics to perform non-emergent transportation of a pediatric patient with a tracheostomy tube and a ventilator under certain conditions. The rule was reviewed and approved by the Committee.

ACTION: Motion to approve Ohio Administrative Code 4765-17-03 (B) by Dr. Dahl-Grove, 2nd by Ms. Beavers. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Agenda Item: Pediatric EMS Guidelines Discussion – Dr. Schwartz

Dr. Schwartz stated that the Pediatric Guidelines would be circulated for content very shortly, noting that the arrhythmias section had just been submitted by Dr. Bubolz. Dr. Schwartz added that the algorithms would be completed after approving the text content, and added that he would complete the croup/respiratory section very shortly as well.

ACTION: Mr. Stack to send text of the Pediatric Guidelines to the Committee for review.

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

Mr. Stack circulated a list of current PECCs to the Committee, noting the total at 108. Dr. Leonard stated that the State PECC Team had completed and distributed a survey to PECCs to prioritize current needs; Dr. Leonard stated that the results showed a need for training equipment and pediatric education. Dr. Leonard added that the State Team had decided to create “training bundles” for PECCs, to include airway and CPR mannequins and sample medications. Dr. Leonard added that those PECCs agreeing to receive the bundles would need “train the trainer” instruction in order to then teach their agencies and others in their areas, and that the pediatric hospitals would need to offer spot in their courses to them.

Dr. Schwartz asked if the specific skills were more important than specific courses like PALS or PEPP. Dr. Leonard replied that the survey responses indicated a preference for the courses. Much discussion followed on the cost of the courses. Ms. Wires noted that the PEPP course was less expensive, Dr. Leonard added that assisting with agency PECCs would help build stronger relationships between the hospitals and EMS agencies. Mr. Crank stated that the PEPP course would be more beneficial because instructors could train other instructors. Dr. Leonard added that she was working on building an online library featuring skills assessments with checklists.

ACTION: none

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

Dr. Dahl-Grove reported that Michigan and Ohio received the ASPR grant for interstate transport issues during a mass casualty incident. Ms. Webber stated that the Pediatric Champion survey closed last week, and that a resource page was being developed for Pediatric Champions including training opportunities. Dr. Dahl-Grove added that the Coalition would conduct an analysis of current resources and hospital capacity, and would include information from the EIIC website. Ms. Webber noted that there would be a table-top drill for hospitals on December 11 at ODH.

ACTION: none

Agenda Item: Emergency Guidelines for Schools Revision Update

Mr. Stack noted that the Emergency Guidelines review was still ongoing with ODH, with conference calls held approximately every two weeks, and would continue for the foreseeable future.

ACTION: none

Agenda Item: EMFTS Board Strategic Plan –Tami Wires

Mr. Stack reported that the Committee is mirroring the Medical Oversight Committee (MOC) for the Strategic Plan issues, and that Dr. Dahl-Grove and Ms. Wires could be the liaisons with that committee to ensure pediatric issues are included in their plans. No new updates.

ACTION: none

Agenda Item: Committee Representation

Mr. Stack noted that the Committee currently has the maximum 15 members.

ACTION: none

Agenda Item: Human Resources (HR) Ad Hoc Workgroup

Mr. Crank reported on the progress of this workgroup, noting that the group is working on streamlining education processes for recertification. Discussion ensued concerning stress management and mental health issues for EMS.

ACTION: none

Open Forum:

Mr. Stack noted that Division of EMS staff would meet with Governor’s Office staff concerning the EMSC newsletter in the near future.

Mr. Stack reminded the Committee that EMS agencies would be surveyed beginning in January 2020 for PECC adoption and skill verification.

Ms. Forrester stated that Akron Children’s Hospital would hold a conference on October 30, including Dr. Leonard and Dr. Kate Remick as presenters, and that the program would include discussion about dealing with violent children.

Ms. Martin noted that the Ohio ENA would hold its next meeting on November 8 near Polaris.

Dr. Leonard noted that the next Child Maltreatment module was close to completion and would be circulated to the Committee for input when appropriate.

Adjourn 12:26 pm

ACTION:
Mr. Crank moved to adjourn meeting @12:26 pm
Ms. Holdren seconded the motion
None opposed, motion passes.
Meeting Adjourned at 12:26 pm

Next meeting: December 17, 2019