

EMSC Advisory Committee Minutes, Wednesday, 2/10/16, 2:30pm – 4:00pm, Wyndham Gardens Hotel, Guadalupe Room, Austin, Texas

Present: Sam Vance, Sally Snow, Charles Macias, Liz Yankiver, Mark Sparkman, Colin Crocker, Joe Schmider, Kate Remick, Perry Perkins, Crissie Richardson, Ron Mlcak, Kathy Eckstein, Sandie Williams, Sherry Santa, Christi Reeves, Courtney DeBower, Lisa Nichols

Desired Outcomes:

- List ideas and suggestions for EMS Week
- List and discuss nominations for EMS Crew of the Year Award
- Discuss presentation submissions for the 2016 Texas EMS Conference
- List next steps in the Pediatric EMS Recognition Program
- List next steps in the Pediatric Facility Recognition Program
- List next steps for the Injury Prevention Workgroup
- List next steps for the Disaster Preparedness Workgroup

What	How	Who	Time
Introductions	Welcome and introductions	Sam Vance/Dr. Tate	5 minutes 2:30 – 2:35
EMS Week	List ideas and suggestions for EMS Week	Sam Vance	10 minutes 2:35 – 2:45
EMSC Crew of the Year Award	List and discuss nominations for EMSC Crew of the Year	Sam Vance	10 minutes 2:45 – 2:55
2016 Texas EMS Conference	Discuss presentation submissions for the Texas EMS Conference	Sam Vance	10 minutes 2:55 – 3:05
Pediatric EMS Recognition Program	Update on work being performed by the EMS Recognition Workgroup Determine next steps	Sam Vance	10 minutes 3:05 – 3:15
Pediatric Facility Recognition Program	Update on work being performed by the Facility Recognition Workgroup Determine next steps	Dr. Remick	15 minutes 3:15 – 3:30
Injury Prevention Workgroup	Update on work being performed by the Injury Prevention Workgroup Determine next steps	Dr. Sheno	10 minutes 3:30 – 3:40
Disaster Preparedness Workgroup	Update on work being performed by the Disaster Preparedness Workgroup Determine next steps	Dr. Kaziny	10 minutes 3:40 – 3:50
Wrap Up and Adjourn	Discuss any further issues from the Advisory Committee	Dr. Tate	10 minutes 3:50 – 4:00

Highlighted areas are ACTION ITEMS.

Welcome and Introductions

- Introductions were made and desired outcomes were reviewed. The agenda was shortened, as Sam had to leave 30 minutes early. Reports for Injury Prevention and Disaster Preparedness were not given as Dr. Sheno and Dr. Kaziny were not present. Sam reported that Dr. Tate and Diana Kraus were not present due to medical issues. Please keep them both in your thoughts and prayers.

EMS Week

- EMS Week 2016 is May 15 – 21 and Wednesday, May 18 is EMS for Children Day. The EMSC National Resource Center has suggested implementing a program entitled, “One Million Thank-Yous”.

This is a program where children in the hospital, schools, or other organizations, write or draw, thank you cards and deliver them to the local EMS agency. How can we enlist the help of our community to reach out to EMS?

- Sandie Williams (Children's San Antonio) suggested enlisting child-life to get the kids in the hospital to make cards.
- Sally (Cook Children's) suggested making a copy of the Texas EMSC logo, without the color, and send it electronically to the children's hospitals and encourage them to have kids in the ED and hospital color the pages to be distributed to EMS providers in their area.
- Sam will take care of the logo and will send it to the children's hospitals.

EMSC Crew of the Year Award

- Every year the State Partnership awards an EMSC Crew of the Year Award to an EMS crew or station who has displayed outstanding care for a child in an emergency medical or trauma event, demonstrated exceptional effort in the development of pediatric training or quality improvement programs, or was instrumental in planning and conducting creative injury prevention programs.
 - Have only received two nominations for this year, so far.
 - The nomination information has been distributed via the EMSC listserv, RAC Chairs, DSHS listserv, and the TETAF website.
 - We need the EAC's help in advertising to solicit additional nominations. Remember to include the dispatchers in the nomination.
 - Nominations are being accepted through **March 31, 2016**.

2016 Texas EMS Conference

- The 2016 Texas EMS Conference is November 20 – 23 at the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center in Dallas.
 - Have had a pediatric tract the past two years and would like to enough submissions to have one again this year.
 - Submissions for presentations will be accepted through **February 26, 2016**.
 - Additionally, send submissions to State EMS Director Joe Schmider so he can help shepherd those through the process.
 - Suggested topics from Joe are:
 - Human Trafficking
 - Pediatric Mental Illness
 - Zika Virus
 - The Bird Flu
- The State Partnership is participating in a conference with RAC D in Abilene on April 20, 2016 at Hendrick Medical Center.
 - Speakers are from Covenant and Cook Children's Hospitals.
 - Colin Crocker (DSHS) reminded everyone that it is part of each RAC's programmatic mission to provide support to EMS and trauma related conferences annually.
 - If you would like to work on having a pediatric conference in your RAC, please contact Sam Vance.

Pediatric EMS Recognition Program

- Sam will be going to the RAC A general assembly meeting in Amarillo on March 17, 2016 to begin the pilot of the recognition program. Perry Perkins, Chair of RAC A, will be performing the assessments of the EMS Agencies as outlined in the program.
 - After 3 – 6 months, the goal is to implement the program in a larger RAC.

Pediatric Facility Recognition Program

- Dr. Remick provided a brief overview of the facility recognition program and its background for those who were new to the meeting. Additionally, the movement nationally is towards one category of recognition – you are either prepared to care for kids, or you are not.
 - Efforts continue to garner stakeholder support.
- Sam made a presentation to the Physician Executive Committee of the Texas Hospital Association (THA) on January 21, 2016. As this was an educational session, they were not able to take a formal vote of endorsement.
 - There was unanimous support for the endorsement of the Pediatric Facility Recognition Program. Approximately 75% of the Executive Committee was present.
 - The committee requested information on two items and made one suggestion.
 - Provide data on total number of pediatric patients seen in Texas emergency departments.
 - This information is difficult to obtain as over half of the hospitals that participated in the NPRP assessment do not separate pediatrics from total ED volume

- ED inpatient and outpatient data is available through DSHS but costs several thousand dollars. CHAT is currently working on this, but data for the full year of 2015 will not be available until December 2016.
- The response to THA was based on the four volume categories of Low (<1800/year); Medium (1800-4999/yr.); Medium-High (5000-9999/yr.); and High (\geq 10,000/yr.) as outlined in the NPRP assessment.
- Per this data, approximately 93% of children are seen in general ED's in Texas compared with the national average of 82%.
- Provide financial costs to a hospital that are associated with the program.
 - As the majority of hospitals currently have greater than 90% of recommended pediatric equipment, costs would be minimal. The cost of a fully stocked color coded crash cart is approximately \$3,000.
 - The cost of a nurse pediatric emergency care coordinator (PECC) is dependent upon the size of the facility and their pediatric volume. Those facilities that see 10,000 + pediatric patients per year in the ED would require a 1.0 FTE. Those who see less volume would require anywhere from a 0.25 – 0.75 FTE. Per salary.com, the median salary of a Registered Nurse in Texas is \$70,324
- Set the definition of a pediatric patient for the state of Texas. If this is going to be a statewide program, hospitals should be aware of the age range of patients that will be affected by it.
 - This is beyond the scope of the EMS for Children State Partnership.
 - For the purposes of this program we have not defined the age range of a pediatric patient yet. This will be one of the topics for discussion as we begin the planning process for the program, which we hope representatives from THA will be a part of.
 - This topic was brought forward during the pediatric committee of GETAC meeting this morning. For statistical purposes only, the age of a pediatric patient was defined as 15 and less. This definition was made several years ago. Dr. Macias was going to revisit to determine if it was just for trauma or was for medical patients also.
- Dr. Remick and Sam are currently working on the responses to these questions to submit to the THA Physician Executive Committee.
- TETAF is still in favor of helping with the Facility Recognition Program but has put their efforts on hold until after they have a better grasp on the perinatal designation program that they are involved with.
- Dr. Remick discussed a plan to organize a meeting of stakeholders in September 2016.

Wrap Up and Adjourn

- Dr. Macias provided an update on the Emergency Medical Services for Children Innovation and Improvement Center (EICC) grant that Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) has applied for. The EICC will take the place of the current National Resource Center in Washington, D.C.
 - Two other organizations that applied.
 - The National Resource Center in Washington, D.C.
 - Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio
 - The grant will be awarded in June 2016.
- Kathy Eckstein (CHAT) brought forward the legislative issues that Bryan Sperry had asked for input on from the EAC and inquired if there was one specific topic that was most important to the group.
 - Sam gathered this input from the voting members of the EAC and provided that report to Bryan in January.
 - The topic brought forward during this meeting revolved around trauma activation fees for pediatric trauma centers.
- Courtney DeBower (TETAF) spoke about the interim hearings on the Driver Responsibility Program, the interim study looking at trauma systems, RAC's, EMTF's, and Hospitals.
 - Sandie Williams (Children's San Antonio) suggested beginning the CHAT trauma group again.

NEXT MEETING: May 11, 2016 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm. Wyndham Gardens Hotel, Austin, TX. Room TBD