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**EMSC State Partnership Texas Advisory Committee Meeting**

Feb 22, 2017

2:30-4:00 pm

Austin, TX

Attendees:

Cassie Campbell

Crissie Richardson

Belinda Waters

Sally K. Snow

Dr. Mark Sparkman

Dr. Manish Shah

Terri King

Karen Horan

Courtney DeBower

Ronald Mlcak

Julie Ketelsen

Keri Cain

Dr. Nadia Pearson

Charles Jaquith

Dr. Saranya Srinivasan

Lisa Nichols

Darren Wilson

Lissette Osborne

Joe Schmider

Liz Yankiver

(See separate slides for additional information)

**Introductions**

* See sign in sheet for attendees
* Reviewed EMSC mission

**Legislative Updates**

* The program has reviewed bills introduced in the (85th) 2017 legislative session that have potential relevance to the emergency care needs of children. Bills can be found at [www.capitol.state.tx.us](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us). The following themes
  + Firearm questions, safety, and suicide prevention
  + Distracted driving
  + Child car seats (rear facing)
  + Definition of abuse, mislabeled synthetic substances
  + Air medical transport funding
  + Administrative hubs for RACs
* Courtney DeBower from TETAF provided an overview of their work for the current legislative session (see separate slides)
  + Bills can be filed through 3/10
  + Bills cannot be voted on until 3/10
  + The session ends on 5/29
  + TETAF priorities
    - **Funding for the system** (hospital, EMS, RACs) – driver responsibility program
      * SB 90, 661; HB 67, 275, 2068 put that funding at risk
    - **Dedicated RAC funding**
    - **Replace the depleted tobacco funds**
  + Others relevant to EMS/Trauma (not TETAF top priorities for this session)
    - * HB 935: **air medical funding**
      * HB 1407: **establishing EMS assistance program**
      * HB 1148: **EMS and trauma care systems**
      * HB 62; SB 31: **distracted driving**
      * HB 1363: **tax incentives for pool safety**
      * HB 808 **red light cameras**
* **Action Item:** EMSC State Partnership staff will develop fact sheets related to priority issues
* **Action Item:** EMSC State Partnership staff will follow up with Courtney DeBower on 3/10 to identify new bills that have been filed in the interim

**Educational Priorities**

* 8/22 RACs have responded to a brief educational needs assessment survey to identify top pediatric educational priorities from the RAC’s perspective
* **Action Item:** Sally Snow, Joe Santos, and Liz Yankiver will contact the 16 RACs that have not responded by 3/15
* **Action Item:** Joe Santos will share the list with Joe Schmider, so that it can provide guidance for pediatric-specific topics at the Texas EMS Conference
* **Action Item:** Joe Santos will get in touch with Lori Upton regarding the multi-RAC conference held in RAC Q (SETRAC), in order to suggest pediatric-specific topics

**Facility Recognition Program**

* A stakeholder grid had been created at the Nov 2016 stakeholders meeting
* Plan to specifically garner support from TCEP, THA and TORCH
* Upcoming events
  + 3/28/17, Tue from 1:00-2:30 pm: Informative webinar, details to follow
  + 5/9/17, Tue from 10 am – 3 pm: Stakeholders meeting in Austin, details to follow

**2017 EMS Performance Measures Assessment**

* Texas will collect data from March-May on 3 new performance measures
  + Compliance of the State of Texas in reporting NEMSIS version 3 data
    - Joe Schmider mentioned that we are currently compliant with version 3.3.4, and Texas has EMS-hospital data linked. Will be complaint with version 3.4 in 2018
      * Data will be accessible from certain dashboards through DSHS or directly from
  + The presence of a Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator in EMS agencies
  + The presence of a means to verify competency in using pediatric equipment for providers in EMS agencies

**EMSC Crew of the Year Award**

* Nominations open through the EMSC website through 3/31/17

**Pediatric EMS Recognition Program**

* Re-initiating the RAC A pilot that was put on hold
* Also, Williamson County EMS (RAC C) will also assisting with another local pilot
* **Action Item:** Joe Santos to follow up with RAC A to re-initiate the pilot
* **Action Item:** Karen Horan will work with EMS agencies in RAC C to also initiate a pilot there

**Disaster/Hospital Preparedness**

* Brent Kaziny working on geo-mapping project to disseminate information through an app regarding the capability of hospitals in caring for children in the event of a disaster
* Keri Beth Cain, State Hospital Preparedness Program Coordinator from DSHS, will be collaborating with the State Partnership on initiatives that focus on hospital preparedness, such as pediatric readiness and facility recognition. They have a started a new 5-year funding cycle, and they are funded through the Assistant Secretary on Preparedness and Response (ASPR). Specifically one of their measures focuses on enhancing pediatric preparedness at the EMS and hospital levels.

**Injury Prevention**

* The State Partnership joined the Texas Public Health Coalition of the Texas Medical Association
* 2 priorities for 2017 are:
  + Driver responsibility to prevent distracted driving-related injuries
  + Develop incentives for communities and homeowners to expand the use of self-latching gates around swimming pools

**Next EAC Meetings**

* Wed, 5/10 from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm (Austin)
* Fri, 8/18 from 12-5 pm (Austin)