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**Emergency Medical Services for Children Advisory Council
MINUTES of June 8, 2023**

Members Present: Ms. Debra Bell (video), Dr. Frank Castello (video), Ms. Serbay Denise (video), Ms. Maureen Donnelly (video), Dr. Lisa Drago (video), Dr. Ernest Leva (video), Dr. Neil Miele (video), Mr. John Napolitano (video), Ms. Sonia Rita (video), Mr. Dan Sullivan (video)

Members Absent: Ms. Kelly Boyd, Ms. Marvella Cephas, Dr. Angela D'Alessandro, Dr. Nilesh Patel, Dr. Anderson Richard

Guests/Attendees: Dr. Richard Flyer (video), Mr. Todd Rapczynski (video), Mr. Adam Sivitz (video), Mr. Alfred Sacchetti (video)

Dept. Of Health: Ms. Judy Faulkner (video), Ms. Candace Gardner (video), Mr. Eric Hicken (video), Ms. Dana Johnson (video), Mr. Daniel Kazar (video), Ms. Fatima Manzoor (video), Mr. Christian Rios (video), Mr. Colin Taylor (video)

The Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Advisory Council convened virtually on June 8, 2023, via GoToMeeting, with a call to order at 10:00 AM by Dr. Lisa Drago

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is a formal meeting of The Emergency Medical Services for Children Advisory Council. Adequate notice of this meeting has been published in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, c-10:4.10 of New Jersey entitled, "Open Public Meetings Act". Notices were sent to the Secretary of State, who posted the notice in a public place. Notices were posted to the Department's website at www.nj.gov/health/ems

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the March 2023 meeting were distributed to the members of the council via email before this meeting and were voted on for approval

Motion to approve the March 2023 meeting minutes (Dr. Ernest Leva). Seconded (Dr. Alfred Sacchetti). Approved (Unanimous)

COMMITTEE/SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairperson's Report – Dr. Lisa Drago

- A Pediatric Environmental Emergencies class and the Always Ready for Children EMS Voluntary Recognition Program were launched during EMS Week, on EMS for Children Day
- Dr. Drago reviewed the topics discussed at the meeting with the Commissioner
 - Emergency Department Pediatric Readiness
 - Mental Health Crisis
 - Pediatric Immunizations
 - Pediatric Disaster Preparedness

OEMS Report - Eric Hicken

- OEMS Staffing
 - Paul Jakuboski has joined the Office of EMS – will be assisting with licensing and inspections
 - New positions for Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) and the EMS Medical Director will be posted in the near future
- EMSC Program
 - EMSC Grant Award has been received for year one (1) in the amount of \$190k. This is approximately \$15K less than the original request. An updated budget was sent to HRSA/MCH and approved
 - The National EMS Information System Pediatric Dashboard Technical Expert Panel is a project aimed at improving the quality of pediatric prehospital care for children. It is anticipated that this will be completed by the end of the year
- The 2023 National Conference on EMS and Awards Program
 - The 2023 call for speakers is closed, speakers will be notified this month if they have not contacted already
 - The 2023 Sim Competition registration is open. Currently, there are 9 BLS and 6 ALS Teams registered
 - Nominations for the 2023 EMS Awards are open
 - Any Outstanding EMS Action by a Youth should be submitted as soon as possible at www.nationalconferenceonems.com
- EMSC Online Education
 - Anticipate educating ~5,000 EMS providers by the end of the year

- Classes cover various topics focusing on pediatrics

Inspection Process

- Agency licensing and inspections are developing a new virtual inspection process

Regulatory Update

- Making their way through the review and approval process
- 8:41 (expiring in July) will be re-adopted
 - Re-adoption language is standard and will say 7 years, but it is only for the time it takes for the new chapters to be reviewed, published for public comment, repealed and replaced with new rules, and adopted

Anti-choking Device

- The department issued a position statement on this, and it can be found at www.nj.gov/health/ems

OEMS Education – Daniel Kazar

- NREMT Cognitive/Psychomotor examination will be referred to as the ALS Performance Examination
- NREMT Scaled Score Reporting launched on 6/1/2023 – Optimize candidate feedback (statistically adjusted to account for variations in the difficulty level of the test)
 - Scale minimum
 - Scale maximum
 - Passing standard
 - Student score
- The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) and Committee on Accreditation for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) are launching voluntary Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (AEMT) accreditation on January 1, 2025
- Education is up to date with all elective and continuing education class submissions (review/approvals/denials)
- The refresher program evaluation survey has not received any additional responses
- The list of eligible agencies for the EMT Training Fund has been updated
 - If an agency bills for service, they are not eligible for use of the fund

Naloxone Leave Behind – Eric Hicken

- Reminder that orders can be placed through the DHS online site (once registered, can reorder as needed)
- Treatment with Narcan should be documented in the electronic Patient Care Report (ePCR). When documenting the use of resources in an ePCR, ensure you are spelling REACH NJ as one word (REACHNJ). This will ensure accurate data collection

The Five Minutes to Health Program was developed to support EMS in understanding substance use disorder and provide recovery resources. If you need additional information, please contact Eva Nelson from the Office of EMS at Eva.Nelson@doh.nj.gov

Data – Eric Hicken

- NEMSIS 3.5 is live – NJ was the 11th state in the nation to complete the transition

FAN (Family Advisory Network) Report

- No FAN report currently
- Eric informed the committee that FAN Rep Jason Vitaliano resigned due to increased family responsibilities
- All Grantee and FAN Meeting is in September Sonia Rita will be attending the FAN meeting and representing the EMSC Advisory Council for New Jersey

DEFINING A PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

None – this committee has completed its project and has been dissolved

OLD BUSINESS

EMSC Appointment Update

- EMSC Program continues to gather necessary information from the organization responsible for recommending appointments to the EMSC Advisory Council
- There have been several successful appointments and recommendations of appointments received and we continue to work with those organizations that still need to submit recommendations
- The members of the Department of Health's Boards/Councils are subject to the New Jersey Conflicts of Interest Law, Rules, and Uniform ethics codes as these ethics' requirements apply to "Special State Officers." Each appointed member is required to submit a signed memo verifying/evidencing:
 - Receipt of the Special State Officers (SSO) Uniform Ethics Code

- Completion of the ethics training for Special State Officers; and
- Completion of the Outside Activity Questionnaire
- More information will be provided by email in the near future.

EMSC By-laws

- Completed bylaws will be sent to the chair for approval and be available to the council for the September meeting for approval

EMSC Newsletter

- The newsletter is on hold indefinitely

EMSC Clinical Corner

- First series of pediatric educational videos is in the final stages of development and approval
- More information will be forthcoming

CPR Quality Project

- Dr. Leva continues to express interest in obtaining resuscitation performance feedback data from defibrillation monitoring devices
- The department does not have access to this data or information

EMS Pediatric Protocol Update

- No update

ImPACTS (Improving Pediatric Acute Care through Simulation)

- ImPACTS for EMS is still under development
- New Jersey is participating in the trial phase starting with agencies that encounter less than 13 pediatric patients yearly

Always Ready for Children Program (EMS)

- This program was launched in May on EMS for Children's Day
- Voluntary program for EMS agencies directly correlates with grant performance measures and acknowledges agencies who meet certain criteria, such as pediatric education, equipment, annual competencies, document weight in kgs, pediatric emergency care coordinator, etc

- Open to all EMS agencies, regardless of licensure status
- Application is available in the Department's Licensing Management System
- Agencies that successfully meet the program requirements will receive a certificate of accomplishment, a sticker, and a special challenge coin recognizing the agency for their efforts

Always Ready for Children Program (ED)

- This program is in its final stages of development and is expected to launch in July

School Nurse Education Program

- School nurse education program will resume in fall 2023
- We are still trying to secure a reliable resource for CEs
- 6 unique topics across 6 separate sessions
- This program is being expanded to include athletic trainers as well as school staff

Telemedicine Project - Dr. Richard Flyer

- Dr. Flyer informed the council that he plans to work with the New Jersey Chief of Police Association to develop this program

NJ Interventions for Families – Brenda Braun (ENA)

None

Safe Transport of Children Committee

- National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) in collaboration with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the Office of EMS has received funding for phase 1 of child passenger safety seat standard development testing
- This phase will last about 15 months

Cannabis Overdoses and Poisoning Education and Prevention

- The EMSC Program is developing Overdose Prevention Programs and working with the New Jersey Poison Control Center to develop a medication-safe storage public campaign

NEW BUSINESS

Janet's Law – Dr. Ernest Leva

- Discussed the current law and suggested changes that need to be implemented
 - AED should be at the athletic field instead of being within reasonable proximity for easy access
- Dr. Leva will be submitting a proposed change in the language to the chair before the next Council meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Eric Hicken explained the public comment process and how it will be utilized in future meetings
- Members of the council thanked Dr. Drago for leading the council as an interim chair

MEETING SCHEDULE

- September 19, 2023, at 10:00 AM virtual via GoToMeeting
- December 12, 2023, at 10:00 AM @ the NJ DOH 55 N. Willow Street (Room 112) Trenton, NJ 08618

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting (Dr. Lisa Drago). Seconded (Dan Sullivan). Approved (unanimous)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM

**Next meeting
September 19, 2023
10:00 AM**

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