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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
May 20, 2008

*Members Present:* Dr. Mary Kamienski, Dr. Ernest Leva, Dr. Alfred Sacchetti  
Dr. Elisabeth Spector, Mr. Daniel Sullivan

*Members Excused:* Ms. Debra Bell, Dr. Frank Briglia, Ms. Mary Ellen Brock, Dr.  
Frank Cunningham, Dr. Martin Diamond, Ms. Carolyn Ferolito

*Guests:* Mr. Steve Cohen, Dr. Karen Goodman, Mr. Fred Lyle, Ms. Molly  
Berkowitz

*Department of Health and Senior Services* Mr. Eric Hicken, Ms. Nancy Kelly-Goodstein, Ms. Kathy Lutz,  
Dr. Jennifer Waxler, Ms. Linda Woolverton,

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Al Sacchetti at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes reviewed and approved for February 19, 2008

Chairperson's Report

- EMS Week May 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>
- May is Trauma Month
- Nomination for Federal EMSC Council Chair are now being accepted
  - Membership to the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO)
  - Three (3) year term
  - Liaison to State EMSC programs
  - Liaison to the EMSC National Resource Center
- EMSC Federal Update
  - Wakefield Act passed the House 390-1
  - Rep. Jim Matheson (D-UT)

- Reauthorize the EMSC program for five years
  - Contains a progressively increasing budget of five (5) percent per year. The program should be funded at 30M by FY2013
- Federal Update
  - In April the Joint Commission released new recommendations for hospitals to prevent medication errors in children
  - Although this was centered around hospitals it may have application in pre-hospital setting as well
- Policy Statements
  - The Academy of Pediatrics and Pediatric Orthopedic Society of North America - Management of Pediatric Trauma
  - American College of Emergency Physicians – Pediatric Sedation
- Research Notes:
  - EMSC research agenda
    - PECARN (Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network)
      - Where they want the funding and research to concentrate in the coming year
      - Respiratory illness and asthma
      - Seizures
      - Injury prevention
      - Medication error reduction
      - Urgency acuity scaling
- Critically ill and injured children transferred from referring hospital versus admissions to ICU's from within Children's hospitals seriousness of illness was compared in a recent article
- Treatment of pain in pediatric patients is still a concern and is not being managed well in the pre-hospital setting

### New Business

- Equine Helmet Law
  - The EMSC Advisory Council without a doubt supports this effort
  - Need to identify who would sponsor or support such an effort legislatively
  - The EMSC Advisory Council would develop a letter of support for this
- New Jersey Report Card for Pediatric Services
  - Bill S-1806 Sponsored by – Senator Thomas H. Kean, Jr and Senator Joseph F. Vitale
  - Bill will be provided at next meeting for further discussion.
- OEMS has been asked to approve a child safety seat designed specifically for inside an ambulance
  - There are no Federal standards regarding child safety seats in ambulance
  - Mr. Lyle will research this topic

- Tracking children with potential abuse or neglect
  - A system is being developed that would track and identify children with multiple Emergency Department visits regardless of the hospital or hospital system they present to

### OEMS Report

- Nancy Reporting
  - EMSC Grant - Carry forward request is being submitted
  - EMSC Newsletter – Will begin emailing a link to the Department website where the Newsletter can be read online. This will help to reduce the cost of mailing to each provider.
  - Jim Sweeney is leaving the office the end of May 2008
  - Public Health Consultant position is still open
  - Nancy now responsible for the Education Section
  - Primary contact for EMSC should be Eric Hicken
  - While Karen is out on medical leave, Nancy Kelly-Goodstein will be acting Director
  - EMS Awards will be the evening of Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008. Nominations are due by the end of July
  - Annual Grantee Meeting will be the end of June in Bethesda, MD  
Both Eric and Nancy will be presenting
  
- Eric Reporting
  - 98 more Emergency Kits are being shipped in June
  - Funding has been received to replace expired items in the kit and the items can be ordered online at the Department website
  - It was suggested we create a survey to evaluate how useful the kits been
  - Additional BabySIMs have been ordered

### Old Business

- Mandatory BLS training for sport coaches
  - There currently is no requirements that require BLS training
  - National Organization for School Athletic Trainers recommend that High School and in some cases Middle School coaches have BLS training, but it isn't recommended for Elementary Schools
- NFL Protocol for acute spinal injury
  - Can the NFL protocol be applied at the high school and college level
  - There are several barriers to using this protocol
  - Rapid transport to the ED may be the only option
- School Nurse Life Support
  - The program is moving forward in its development and should be completed by December 2008
- ED Evaluation through Simulation

- This concept is going to be presented at the EMS for Children Grantee Meeting in Bethesda, MD in June
- A pediatric simulator is used to evaluate the readiness and response of the ED when presented with a critically ill or injured patient
- A report is provided to the ED administration and is not shared with any other agency

Meeting adjourned at 11:50pm

**2008 Meeting Schedule**

August 19<sup>th</sup>, November 18<sup>th</sup>

**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

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