

EMS for Children Committee Meeting
Virginia Office of EMS
1041 Technology Park Drive, Glen Allen, VA
October 10, 2013
3-5 p.m.

Members Present:	OEMS Staff:	Others:
Robin Foster, MD , VCU, EMSC Committee Chair		Valeta Daniels, Henrico Doctors, EMS Liaison
David Edwards , VDH, OEMS, EMSC Program Manager		Kelley Rumsey, VCU, Pediatric Trauma Coordinator
Petra Connell, Ph.D., MPH , EMSC Family Representative		
Theresa Guins, MD , Pediatric ED Physician, EMSC Program Medical Director		
Paul Sharpe , VDH, OEMS, Trauma/Critical Care Coordinator		
Sam Bartle , American College of Emergency Physicians(ACEP) Representative		
Frank Romero , Emergency Medical Technician, Field Provider Representative		
Barbara Kahler, MD , VA American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Representative		
Kae Bruch , Virginia Association of School Nurses Representative		
Heidi Hooker , Regional EMS Council Representative		

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Call to order:	The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Dr. Foster.	
Introductions:	Everyone around the room introduced themselves to Heidi Hooker.	
Approval of Minutes from July 11, 2013 meeting:	A motion was made to review and approve the minutes. The motion was moved by Petra and seconded by Dr. Guins.	The minutes were approved as submitted.
Chairperson's Report – Dr. Robin Foster:	Emergency Pediatric Care Course Update Dr. Foster gave a brief overview of the course. She said that the last EPC Course (Emergency Pediatric Care) was held in Hanover last month and it was full and had a waiting list. There were 25 people there and great discussion and feedback was given. They are planning another one with those people on the waiting list along with Goochland and other jurisdictions to ensure a full class. A class was planned this month in Fauquier County, but they only had four enrolled. The maximum capacity is 25. It was suggested that Fauquier County partner with Clark, Warren and Frederick Counties. Dr. Foster will pass this information on to Susan Richards. Also, Kae would like to be sent emails when classes are not full so that she can pass them on to the school nurses. This course will be taught at this year's EMS	Dr. Foster will pass this information on to Susan Richards.

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	Symposium in Norfolk. Also the symposium program committee is accepting courses for the 2014 symposium. A link is on the OEMS website named “Call for Presentations 2014”. Kelley mentioned an issue that is problematic in hospitals. The VCU social worker made Kelley aware that when babies and small children are transported to the hospital without a safety seat and no one brings one to the hospital upon their release so there is no car seat to send them home in. There is a dilemma of getting them a car seat to send them home. Sometimes there is quite a distance to the patient’s home to get their seat. What is the solution? The choices, per Dr. Foster, are that it should be their car seat or a brand new one. Can the hospitals partner with the retailers and offer a coupon to go get a new car seat from the nearest Walmart, Target, etc.? Who can we email to address this? Some suggestions are: ACEP, Infant Mortality, Mike Berg, etc. This has been on the table before at a previous EMSC meeting. They also talked about getting in touch with the car seat manufacturers to donate expiring seats to hospitals and getting parents to sign a waiver. The first step is to remind the parent or whoever is picking them up to bring a car seat when being discharged. The committee also discussed creating a flyer. The Regional Councils would be a good way to get this information out to the agencies. Kelley will work on a PDF for the EMSC booth at symposium. David will talk with Mike Berg. Dr. Foster attended the Training and Certification Committee meeting on yesterday and they discussed intubations and the lack of opportunity to do live intubations. The question is “are the EMS agencies moving away from direct intubations”. Is everyone now moving toward simulated devices? What are other states doing? This can be costly for rural agencies. Grants could help with purchases. So under the new education standards, there are not enough intubation attempts to meet the guidelines. A survey will be sent out to gather more information to see if this is a widespread problem.	Kelly will work on a one page PDF document to be distributed at symposium.
OEMS Report – Paul Sharpe/Gary Brown:	Trauma Center Designation Manual Revision Paul had not joined the meeting yet, so Dr. Guins explained that the Trauma Center Designation Manual is being revised to include criteria for Pediatric Trauma Designation. There will be a two day work session held in December to finalize the Manual. EMS Volunteer Training Standards David mentioned that there is some talk to introduce legislation that will reduce the EMS volunteer training standards. There is nothing official but counties are losing volunteers because of the current training standards. There has been a decrease of about 1,000 providers in the past year. It went down from 36,000 to 35,000. Also, the National Registry pass rate in Virginia is lower than the national average. More information to come on this.	
EMSC Program Report – David Edwards:	Below is Dave’s full report:  EMSC Program Report 101013.docx	
EMSC Family Representative Report – Petra Connell:	Disaster Training Video Library The Disaster Resistant Communities Group hosts a free video library comprising nearly 400 just-in-time disaster training videos. The videos are organized into four categories: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. The Group also provides a host of disaster planning and preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation services to local government	

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	agencies and departments, as well as community and faith-based organizations. http://www.drcgroup.com/project/jitt.html ACF Releases New Preparedness Resources for Children and Families The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families (ACF) has released Children and Youth Task Force in Disasters: Guidelines for Development. This guide introduces the Children and Youth Task Force in Disasters concept, and includes recommendations for states, Tribes, territories, and local communities interested in launching their own Children and Youth Task Force. In addition, the guide provides guidance to help emergency management, human services, and public health professionals implement an effective approach to supporting children's needs in emergency preparedness, response, and recovery. http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohsepr/resources ***REMINDER: <u>PLEASE THINK ABOUT WHO YOU COULD NOMINATE for 2014!!!</u> REGIONAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO EMS FOR CHILDREN <i>CRITERIA:</i> An individual or organization that exemplifies outstanding dedication and service to EMS for children. <i>ELIGIBILITY:</i> Any individual or organization with a significant contribution to the development or enhancement of EMS for children in Virginia. Services cover a continuum of care, from injury prevention to pre-hospital care, emergency department and hospital services, and rehabilitation. Petra said that she wants everyone to think about the Regional EMS for Children Award. She nominates the annual Virginia winner for the National EMS for Children award. The national meeting is held every other year. There are 11 regions in Virginia and she hopes that each year there are at least 10 nominees. This year there was only 5 nominees and this is not good. Please think about how to get this out to everyone in all of the regions.	
Committee Member Organization Reports:	Emily Womble, CME Office (sent via email) – Emily’s report stated that the recommendations for prevention and intervention are being developed and will be out on the website the first of the year. The next set of child/infant death reviews will be deaths due to poisoning. These reviews will begin at the next meeting in November. Ruddy Rose will be the guest at the reviews. Cathy Fox, VENA (sent via email) – Virginia Emergency Nurses: This week is Emergency Nurses Week if you see an ER nurse this week be sure to let them know you appreciate them. We also have our first state conference in Richmond tomorrow. On a personal note I was inducted into the Academy of Emergency Nursing on September 21, 2013 in Nashville, TN. Thank you to all of you who have touched my life and my career (Terry Guins) and Petra for nominating me for the EMSC award last year.	
Special Presentation:	Results of National Pediatric Readiness Assessment – David Edwards	
Old Business:	• Training Update (EPC, ENPC & Symposium) – Upcoming topic idea for symposium: Sepsis. • Equipment for EMS ambulances (final list issued pre-publication) – David said there is a new draft equipment list being developed. • EDAP Designation Project (status update) – Possible meeting in December or January. • Other – Any presentations the committee would like to see? Sepsis	

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New Business:	• Virginia EMS Agency Assessments (EMSC survey) • Other – Valeta reported that Henrico Doctor's is starting an initiative for sepsis for adult and pediatric levels. This is just beginning and she will have more information on this early alert system.	
Public Comment:	None.	
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:55 p.m. 2014 Meeting Dates: January 9, April 10, July 10, and October 9 (tentative)	