

EMS For Children (EMSC) Committee Meeting
Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services
Embassy Suites, 2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294
August 1, 2024
1500-1700

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Others:
Patrick McLaughlin, Chair	Jeremy Wampler	David P. Edwards	Greg Neiman
Mike Watkins	Barbara Kahler	Michael Berg	Chrissy Snyder
Dusty Lynn	Annette Dobbs	Chris Vernovai	Michelle Ludeman
Steve Rasmussen	Joseph Koury		Renee Soniat
Petra Connell			Bryan Soriano
Tanya Trevilian			Pier Ferguson
			Heidi Hooker
			Chris Christensen
			Craig Bride
			McKenzie Elim
			Dawn Snow

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I. Call to order/Welcome:	The meeting was called to order at 1505.	
II. Introductions:		
III. Approval of Minutes from prior meeting:	Dr. McLaughlin asked that we review the minutes from our last meeting, held on MAY 3rd, 2024 . Minutes were approved without additions or adjustments.	
IV. Chair's Report: Patrick McLaughlin, MD	Nomination of Vice Chair for EMSC Committee: - Tonya Trevilian was selected, and the motion carried. Discussion of committee secretary process - Interim committee secretary will be Dr. McLaughlin	
V. OEMS Report:	Mr. Michael Berg and Mr. Chris Vernovia had nothing to report and made no additional comments at this time. Special presentations: 1. Mike Berg (OEMS): Transporting Children Safely; standardizing testing requirements for pediatric transport in ground ambulances.	
VI. EMSC Report: David Edwards	EMSC Program report – see full report outlined below.	

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VI. EMSC Family Representative Program Report: Petra Connell	<p>EMSC Family report – Petra Connell; introduced special guest from Center for Family Involvement (CFI)/VA Family Voices</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Renee Soniat (CFI) – Partnership for people with disabilities partnered with VCU. 2. Dawn Snow – A blind and visually impaired specialist, shared about the CFI at the VCU School of Education. 3. McKenzie Elim – representative from the Autism Society of Central Virginia <p>The Autism Society of Central Virginia (ASCV) provides Autism 101 for First Responders training through a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. The ASCV will host a Safety Resource Fair for Henrico County families at Deep Run Recreation Center on September 13, 2024 from 5pm - 7pm.</p> <p>There are many projects happening within the PPD. At the CFI, regional network coordinators across Virginia can match parents of children with disabilities 1:1 with volunteer Family Navigators with lived experience who can support them. Cultural Brokers are a strong element of the program that helps support families from varying cultures.</p> <p>Additional information about the CDI can be found here: https://dbhds.virginia.gov/assets/MyLifeMyCommunity/Publications-and-Partner-Documents/IFSP%20First%20Steps.pdf</p>	
VIIa. Committee Member Reports: Mike Watkins	<p>Deputy Chief, Goochland County Department of Fire-Rescue and Emergency Services</p> <p>Information reviewed (Virginia data reviewed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 23334 trauma patients reported by EMS during 1st quarter of 2024, 1106 or 4.7% were pediatric. - 1785 trauma patients meeting Step 1 (vitals sign criteria), 158 or 8.9% were pediatric. 	
VIIb. Committee Member Reports: Tonya Trevilian	<p>Manager, Pediatric Trauma Services Pediatric Outreach Coordinator Carilion Children’s Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital</p> <p>Here is what's happening in southwest Virginia:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Salem EMS pediatric education August 5-7th- pediatric class with didactic, hands on and case reviews for EMS providers on their 3 shifts. Estimate 63 participants over the 3 days. 2. Pulaski EMS pediatric education day- August 10th, 9am-12noon. Topics include Peds TBI, Peds abdominal trauma, and psychological considerations and family centered care are the topics to be discussed with EMS providers 3. Pediatric outreach education continues with one Roanoke 	

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	<p>session (full) left in September and one in Rockbridge in November</p> <p>4. Additional requests for pediatric education are in consideration right now- I will update the group when those are confirmed.</p>	
<p>VIIc. Committee Member Reports: Petra Connell</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Met with Renee Soniat from the Partnership for People with Disabilities (PPD), located at the VCU School of Education. PPDs mission is to partner with stakeholders in the intellectual and developmental disability community and faculty and staff throughout Virginia Commonwealth University to provide culturally competent and engaged research, education, direct services, and information sharing to ensure people with disabilities and their families can live, learn, work and play together as a part of their community. - The Center for Family Involvement (CFI) is under the umbrella of the PPD. At the CFI, staff work with families to increase their skills as advocates, mentors, and leaders so that families, children, and young adults with disabilities can lead the lives they want. - Shared PPRP results of 23% (94/411) respondents as of today. - FAN representatives were invited and encouraged to assist State EMSC Managers. 	
<p>VIIId. Committee Member Reports: Steve Rasmussen</p>	<p>Virginia ENA representative</p> <p>ENPC classes are being provided throughout the state, usually hospital based.</p>	
<p>VIIe. Committee Member Reports: Dusty Lynn</p>	<p>Pediatric EMS Educator, UVA</p> <p>TJEMS is starting monthly Simulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Infants: Doing simulations based on PI and EMS/ ED request. - Essentials of communication: ASL, ART. - Current Newsletter in approval stage- Send submissions for next newsletter. - Newborn Resuscitation for the Pre-hospital Provider classes as requested; email Dusty Lynn if interested. - <p>“Z Con” Peds track: Shenandoah EMS Expo: March 13-15. Save the dates coming out soon! Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pedi-Ed-Trics Pediatric Cardiology Newborn Resuscitation Pediatric MCI/ triage <p>Autism training available: ask Dusty if you are interested.</p>	

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VI. Public Comment:	No comments.	
VII. Date of Next Meeting:	November 14, 2024	
VIII. Adjournment		

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EMS for Children (EMSC) Program Report - (August 1, 2024)

Virginia EMS for Children (EMSC) program activities:

- The National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP) assessment of licensed EMS agencies that respond to 911 began May 1 closed today (August 1, 2024). This was a comprehensive survey seeking to establish a baseline of EMS agency information to assist in ongoing efforts to improve pediatric readiness nationally. The current plan is to repeat this assessment this every 5 years.
- The Virginia EMS for Children (EMSC) program is participating in the Pediatric Readiness Recognition Programs Collaborative (PRRPC). This collaborative intends to prepare states to establish both hospital and prehospital voluntary programs to recognize pediatric readiness. Best practices are identified and shared to assist states in their efforts to improve pediatric care and to recognize facilities and agencies that meet consensus criteria.
- Another issue of the Pediatric Champions Newsletter will be out soon. Lara Traylor is the point person for assembling the newsletter content and is being assisted by Dusty Lynn, Jen Farmer, and David Edwards.
- The previous supply of EMSC funded ambulance child restraints was placed, while a supply of small (3-18 lbs.) restraints is now ready for distribution.
- Regional Pediatric Training funded by the EMSC program, suspended for several months, is now ready to resume on a limited basis.
- Submit suggestions or questions related to the Virginia EMSC program to David P. Edwards via email (david.edwards@vdh.virginia.gov), or by calling 804-888-9144 (direct line).

Key Events of the Upcoming Quarter:

- The Pediatric Emergency Care (PEC) Council of the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) will have a full meeting on August 27, 2024.

The Executive Committee of the National Pediatric Disaster Coalition (NPDC) will meet September 9, 2024. Virginia’s EMSC Manager is the NASEMSO (National Association of State EMS Officials) liaison to this group.