

EMS for Children (EMSC) Committee Meeting
Virginia Office of EMS
Embassy Suites, 2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294
March 10, 2022
3:00 p.m.

Core Members Present:	OEMS Staff:	Guests:
Patrick McLaughlin , Chair	Wanda Street	Peppy Winchel
Steve Rasmussen , VA Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) Representative	Ron Passmore	Cody Jackson
David Edwards , EMSC Program Manager (VDH, OEMS)	Daniel Linkins	Jonathan Silverman
Petra Connell , EMSC Family Advisory Network (FAN) Representative	Chris Vernovai	Heidi Hooker
Mike Watkins , Nurse with Pediatric Emergency Experience	Charles Feiring	Kelley Rumsey
Tanya Trevilian , Peds Trauma Program Manager		
Jeremy Wampler , EMS Field Provider, Wintergreen Fire and Rescue		
Patricia Dusty Lynn , Pediatric EMS Educator, UVA		

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Call to order:	The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. by the chair, Patrick McLaughlin.	
Introductions:	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
Approval of the minutes from January 6, 2022 meeting:	The minutes were approved as submitted.	The minutes were approved as submitted.
Chair Report – Patrick McLaughlin:	Dr. McLaughlin thanked everyone for their attendance at the January meeting and also thanked Mr. Passmore for his assistance with the EMSC portion of the regulations to ensure safe transport of children. Mr. Passmore gave an update on the regulations.	
OEMS Report:	Chris Vernovai – We will start working on the State EMS Plan. Each Division will be making revisions over the summer to be presented to the Advisory Board in November for approval. The EMS Needs Assessment results will be presented tomorrow at the Advisory Board meeting. The results will help us with the EMS State Plan.	
EMSC Program Report – Dave Edwards:	<p>Dave gave a brief report and the full report will be attached at the end of the minutes.</p> <p>Dave discussed the EMSC Survey which closes on March 31st. The Regional Councils were asked to help with this and they are willing to do so. Petra Connell has been calling agencies to increase participation. She will send the Regional Councils a list of the agencies that have not responded.</p> <p>David also discussed the National Training for Pediatric Champions. Kelley Rumsey and Tanya Trevilian shared their experience with the training. The committee had other pediatric training, checklist and toolkit discussions. Mr. Passmore suggested getting in touch with</p>	

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	<p>Jessica Rosner or Vince Valeriano at the Office of EMS. They are epidemiologist and data experts. They will crunch the numbers for you on safe transports and other areas of pediatrics.</p> <p>David is in the process of securing some more child safety restraints and can be obtained through RSAF grants.</p>	
EMSC Family Representative Report – Petra Connell:	<p>Petra stated that the survey is taking a lot of time. Petra thanked Heidi for her assistance with the survey.</p> <p>At the federal level, though HRSA, the agencies are looking for more family involvement via the Family Advocacy Network Group.</p> <p>She had a question about the HandTevy and the training that goes with it. Ron Passmore and Chris Vernovai answered her question saying virtual training has been held and Dr. HandTevy will be at symposium every year to provide training.</p>	
Committee Member Organization Reports:	<p>Tanya Trevilian – Went to EMS weekend in Franklin County, did some pediatric education and going to Radford to do more pediatric education. She will do virtual education for Western Virginia EMS in April. There are plans to do a video on securing children in ambulances.</p> <p>Kelley Rumsey – Prehospital Care committee met today and is resetting/restarting. VCU Children’s Hospital is being built in Richmond. The Society of Trauma Nurses is rolling out a new course focused on pediatric trauma care in the in-patient environment.</p> <p>Heidi Hooker – The Regional Council Directors spent the last two and a half days at a retreat here at the Embassy. There is going to be a different way to submit contracts to OEMS. They had a HandTevy training presentation. They may be able to do some HandTevy train-the-trainer courses. The committee discussed the pros and cons of HandTevy involving dosage.</p> <p>Jeremy Wampler – EMS for Children sponsored a PEPP course back in December for two days. There were 28 participants and it was very successful. Another one will be held in May at the Shenandoah Valley Expo.</p> <p>Dusty Lynn – Dusty reported that she just came back from Chicago from the 6th Edition of the ENPC course and it will be much better than what we have right now. She is writing the resuscitation scenario for it.</p>	
Unfinished/Old Business:	<p>a. Annual national EMSC EMS agency survey (in progress) b. Child restraints project c. Pediatric Champions d. Child Transport Policies & Procedures e. 2022 Symposium – Call for presentations is closed, but if anyone has any courses that they feel should be taught, should submit to Dave Edwards or Deborah Akers.</p>	

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New Business:	a. Representative to the Training and Certification Committee (TCC) – Mike Watkins was appointed to the TCC by the chair to be the EMSC representative. b. Future Meeting Dates – See below. c. Other	
Public Comment:	None.	
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:25 p.m. 2022 Meeting Dates: May 5, August 4, November (TBD) Location: Embassy Suites Time: 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	

Below is the full version of the EMS for Children program written report presented by David Edwards and provided as a handout at the EMSC Committee meeting:

VIRGINIA EMS for CHILDREN (EMSC) PROGRAM REPORT

Annual EMS Agency Survey Ends March 31st

A total of. After the data was cleaned, the number of EMS agencies used in the performance measure calculations below was adjusted to include only those agencies that met the performance measure criteria (6,910 agencies).

The national EMSC EMS Agency Survey was began the first week of January will continue through March 31st. Hosted online by the [National Emergency Medical Services for Children \(EMSC\) Data Analysis Resource Center \(NEDARC\)](#), the goal of the survey is to improve understanding of EMS agencies' ability to care for children by collecting data on two specific EMSC performance measures:

- **Performance Measure 02** assesses if an agency has access to a pediatric emergency care coordinator (PECC)
- **Performance Measure 03** focuses on an agency's process for skill-checking on pediatric equipment.

Last year over seven thousand EMS agencies responded to the [EMS for Children Survey](#), which was sent to agencies across 58 states and territories.

Pediatric Champions Work Group Forming

A small EMSC Program work group is forming to collect resources and facilitate the appointment of Pediatric Champions for EMS agencies and/or groups of EMS agencies. They will be contributing to materials at the EMSC Booth at Symposium, and working on strategies to educate and recruit Pediatric Champions (sometimes call pediatric emergency care coordinators-PECCs).

PEPP and ENPC Course Funding Assistance Still Available

The Virginia EMSC Program continues to offer support for pediatric courses like PEPP and/or Emergency Nurses Pediatric Course (ENPC) in regions that have difficulty in accessing pediatric training. Please let us know if you are trying to set up a course and need some form of support for instructors, fees, or materials to get these courses out there.

EMSC Program Work Groups

The EMSC Program is seeking volunteers to help with needed EMS for Children program workgroups. If you have passion and/or expertise concerning pediatric emergency care issues, and can donate some time, the Virginia EMSC Program can use your assistance. Please contact David Edwards (david.edwards@vdh.virginia.gov) if you can help us any of the following topics:

- Workgroup to support developing EMS Agency Pediatric Champions (forming now).
- Workgroup to develop recommended EMS agency policies and procedures for *restraining children during ambulance transport*.
- Best practices in creating a *voluntary recognition program* for hospital ED's that demonstrate a specified readiness level in caring for children (medical).
- Templates for and examples of *written hospital emergency transfer guidelines and agreements* (that specifically refer to pediatric patients).
- Advocating the inclusion of children in hospital disaster *plans and practices*.
- Local *family reunification* strategies and resources.

National Training for Pediatric Champions Continues

The [Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator \(PECC\) Workforce Development Collaborative \(PWDC\)](#) began in September and will run through June 2022. The mission of this national collaborative, led by the Emergency Medical Services for Children Innovation and Improvement Center (EIIC), is to support healthcare professionals working in *prehospital and emergency department systems* to become effective pediatric champions (also known as PECCs). Twenty-six Virginia, hospital and prehospital, are participating in this collaborative.

Additional Child Restraint Systems Now Being Ordered



EMS agency leaders with interest in receiving an Emergency Child Restraints system should contact the EMS for Children program (david.edwards@vdh.virginia.gov) with their requests, as the last of our previous inventory has been disbursed. EMS agencies are strongly encouraged to adopt safety policies and procedures requiring the use of child restraints by their providers, and the Virginia EMSC program is available to assist in this.

(Funding for the child restraint systems was through the EMSC State Partnership Grant [H33MC07871] via the Health Resources & Services Administration [HRSA] and administered by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau [MCHB] Division of Child, Adolescent and Family Health.)

Continuing EMSC Recommendations to Hospital Emergency Departments:

- Weigh AND record children in **kilograms** (to help prevent medication errors).
- Include children specifically in hospital disaster/emergency plans.

- Designate a **Pediatric Champion** (Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator--PECC). *This is the single most important item a hospital can implement to ensure pediatric readiness, including patient safety.*
- Ensure *pediatric patients* are included in the quality improvement process.
- Review and/or adopt *pediatric safety policies* (radiation dosing, medication dosages, abnormal VS).

Suggestions/Questions

Please 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). The EMS for Children (EMSC) Program is a part of the Division of Community Health and Technical Resources (CHaTR), within the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS). *If you have any difficulty connecting with David Edwards, please contact Tim Perkins via email (tim.perkins@vdh.virginia.gov) or by phone (804-888-9100).*

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