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MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 21, 2007

Members Present: Ms. Mary Ellen Brock, Ms. Linda Curtis, Dr. Alfred Sacchetti,
Mr. Daniel Sullivan

Members Excused: Ms. Debra Bell, Dr. Frank Briglia, Dr. Frank Cunningham, Dr.
Martin Diamond, Ms. Carolyn Ferolito, Dr. Mary Kamienski, Dr.
Ernest Leva, Dr. Elisabeth Spector

Guests: Mr. Steve Cohen, Ms. Violet Marrero, Dr. Steve Vetrano

Department of Health and Senior Services Ms. Karen Halupke, Mr. Eric Hicken, Mr. Antonio Suarez,
Dr. Jennifer Waxler, Ms. Linda Woolverton

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Al Sacchetti at 10:05 a.m.

There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes from May 15, 2007. No discussion or questions. Minutes were approved.

Chairperson's Report

25 Million Dollar Grant announced for Surge Preparation Preparedness

- This is a federal grant, but it is unknown what department is offering the grant
- What would be acceptable use of the grant funds was discussed
- EMSC may be able to create a model that would utilize a school facility as a staging area, triage facility or shelter. This type of use may qualify for funding through the grant
- Jersey City Medical Center utilized HRSA funds, as a sub-grantee, for Surge Capacity training on adult disposable ventilators
- It may be possible to provide training on a pediatric disposable ventilator if one exist

School Nurse Life Support Course (SNLS)

- Project has been approved, waiting on dollar amount (may be \$100,000)
- Dr. Sacchetti to provide a timeline and proposal

- There was discussion on length of course, how to present, prerequisites, what time of year to present and the content of the course
- Steve Cohen had offered to provide online training at no cost through Point Cast. This is a program his facility is already utilizing.
- Starting course at a basic level, but will need to include advanced topics also
- Discussion on what costs the funding should provide for (printing, etc)
- It was suggested that the materials be put into electronic format rather than printing materials
- Money needs to be spent by August 31, 2008

OEMS Report - Karen Halupke

- Waiting on EMS System Survey final report from study vendor
 - The Commissioner will make the decision on how to release the report and to whom it will be released to first
- EMS has two new employees
 - Tony Suarez, Trauma Manager
 - Jason Pidcock, Operations
- Approval to hire
 - Public Health Nurse Consultant 1
 - Public Health Representative
- OEMS Priorities
 - EMS Study release and implementation plan
 - New Jersey's Statewide EMS Conference November 1st – 3rd
 - Geo Learning – New Jersey Learning Management System (LMS) a web base learning management system will go live over the Labor Day weekend. There will be two phases to the program:
 - Phase one - new certification cards will be mailed, they are green and white, with a barcode
 - Phase two - plastic cards (plastic placement certification cards) not I.D. cards
 - Users can lookup CEU's, change their address, search education programs on line
 - OEMS should be moving in October
 - HRSA funding announcements
 - EMSC getting more simulator manikins
 - Additional School Emergency Kits.
 - Hand Held Protocol Book and CD for each person the Department certifies. RFP needs to be completed on this first and the process may take about 9 months

EMSC - Eric Hicken

- The Newsletter should be mailed the beginning of September. This may be held up as we are waiting for the Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey to complete the CEU article on seizures
- Additional funding was received to purchase 36 kits, the order is being processed and should ship via UPS in September when schools resumes.
- BabySIM & PediSIM
 - The paperwork was submitted in May to purchase one baby simulator and two pediatric simulators. We hope that this will be approved by the end of August, so they can be demonstrated at the NJEA Conference in November
- National EMSC Grantee Meeting was held June 19-21, 2007
 - It concentrated on a detailed review of the performance measures and goals
- Trauma System Consultation was scheduled for May 2007 approvals were not received. It was rescheduled for August but had to be cancelled because approval came after the scheduled date in August. The consultation is now planned for early in 2008.
- New Jersey Education Association Conference (NJEA) is being held November 8th & 9th in Atlantic City at the Convention Center.
 - EMSC will exhibit with the Burlington County College SIMS Center. They will be providing a demonstration of the SIMS that the Department has on loan to the college
 - Emergency Medical Kits will be on display
 - Information on EMSC activities will be provided
 - We intend to have information on the School Nurse Life Support program and collect suggestions
- EMSC Advisory Council meeting will be November 1st at 10:00 a.m. at the Sheraton, Atlantic City during the Statewide EMS Conference
- New Jersey EMS Awards Dinner will be held Friday November 2nd
 - Nominations are still being accepted
- EMSC has funding to hire a Data Analyst, but due to the state hiring freeze we are unable to fill this position. We are currently looking for a process that would help us meet our performance measures and utilize the funding
- It was asked if there were any suggestion on how to utilize the funding. Ideas were discussed on how to utilize the funding.
- It was suggested that the Department hire a company to construct a program that would allow the collection of data from facilities (EMS Agencies, Hospitals, etc) in the state
- Rutgers may be able to provide support on data collection

Emergency Department Pediatric Profile

- Great project, will provide interesting information
- Follow up with Dr. Leva to present what data points he wants to profile
- If the intent is to profile hospitals you need to have nearly 100% to have any meaningful results
- NJACEP recently did survey and out of 100 Hospitals, 29 responded
- Who will do the survey, collect the information
- Physically surveying facilities is the most accurate way of collecting the data
- AAP and ACEP is currently revising the pediatric equipment and supplies guidelines (this will take about a year to be completed)
- EMSC staff could support the surveying process
- It was also discussed to enter facilities, unannounced, with a Pedi Simulator and present them with a scenario and evaluate their response
- There was significant discussion on the idea of using the simulators in evaluating Emergency Department response
- First thing that should occur is an onsite survey of hospitals and their compliance with state regulations
- There was discussion about adding to the survey (levels of training, staffing, etc.)

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 pm

Next Meeting

Thursday November 1, 2007 10am
Atlantic City

2008 Meeting Schedule

February 19th

May 20th

August 19th

November 18th

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

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