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**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Members Present:** Ms. Linda Curtis, Dr. Ernest Leva, Dr. Al Sacchetti

**Members Excused:** Mr. Frank Briglia, Ms. MaryEllen Brock, Dr. JenFu Cheng, Dr. Elisabeth Spector

**Guests:** Mr. Steven Cohen, Mr. Fred Lyle, Ms. Isabel Barreiro, Ms. Janis McManus, Ms. Molly Berkowitz, Mr. Kirk Weirich, Dr. Lisa Drago, Ms. Diane Carello

**Department of Health  
And Senior Services** Ms. Karen Halupke, Mr. Tom Hendrickson, Mr. Eric Hicken, Ms. Kathy Lutz, Dr. Jennifer Waxler, Ms. Nancy Kelly-Goodstein, Ms. Linda Woolverton

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

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting minutes approved.

**Chairperson's Report**

**Federal EMSC** - funding remains in the budget and continued funding is expected

**National EMS Week** - National Resource Center (NRC) is celebrating with EMSC activities in the main atrium at the Children's National Medical Center

**Nation Emergency Medicine Data Analysis Resource Center** – released the 2000 – 2008 fact sheet, this is available on their website.

**NRC Program Meeting Poster Session** – recommended presenting New Jersey's Emergency Department Evaluation through Simulation program

**Minimum Pediatric Ambulance Equipment List** – a new list has been released and can be found at:

[www.childrensnational.org/files/PDF/EMSC/PubRes/Equipment\\_for\\_ambulances\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.childrensnational.org/files/PDF/EMSC/PubRes/Equipment_for_ambulances_FINAL.pdf)

EMSC endorses using this list as the standard in New Jersey understanding that there is no way to enforce the minimum standard until the regulation governing this are updated.

## **New Business**

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## **OEMS Report**

- EMSC Grant 2009 – 2011, submitted and waiting approval
- EMSC Newsletter publication will be mailed prior to the end of February 09
- School Emergency Medical Kits
  - 100-110 more kits have been sent to schools that request kits
  - Items that have expired are being replaced at no cost to the school
  - Dr. Leva suggested the council validate the program's value through a survey. Data received from the survey could determine if there are any changes that need to be made to the kit or if the kit is being utilized and how often
- EMSC Program Meeting (June 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Alexandria, VA)
- New Jersey Statewide EMS Conference
  - November 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009
  - Simulator Games will be introduced and Medical Education Technologies Incorporated (METI) will be responsible for the operational portion of the simulator games
- OEMS will beginning a redesign of its website in 2009

## **Old Business**

### **New Jersey Pediatric Council on Research & Education (PCORE)**

- EMS for Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) update by Isabel Barreiro, Co-Director of Child Abuse Program
  - Working with Cooper Medical Center in creating the curriculum
  - Pilot program will be conducted at the Camden County Fire Training Center, Blackwood

### **Hospital Pediatric Transfer Agreements Guidelines**

- Eric Hicken contacted several State that have generic guidelines in place and requested copies

### **NFL protocol for acute spinal cord injury**

- There is insufficient evidence of a need to support an acute spinal cord injury protocol

### **Mandatory BLS Training for Sport Coaches**

- American Heart Association conducted a 16 year study of cardiac arrest at schools in Seattle, Washington
  - 97 cardiac arrests occurred at school
  - 90% were adults
  - Greatest number of cardiac arrest occurred in colleges
  - Greatest benefit from school A.E.D. programs would be for facility staff and adult visitors

### **School Nurse Life Support (SNLS)**

- February 2009 a meeting is scheduled to discuss further development of the program

### **ED Evaluation through Simulation**

- Additional simulations have been conducted
- The program continues to be improved with each simulation conducted
- There is no need for a physician to be involved in the evaluation process, however there needs to be at least one registered nurse involved with the assessment

### **New Jersey Report Card for Pediatric Emergency Room Services (Bill S-1806)**

- No movement to report on this bill
- Extensive conversation about children's hospital designation

**Adjourned 11:50AM**

**2009 Meeting Schedule**

**May 19, 2009**

**August 18, 2009**

**November 17, 2009**

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