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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 2011

Members Present: Ms. Debra Bell, Ms. Linda Curtis, Dr. Ernest Leva, Dr. Al Sacchetti, Mr. Daniel Sullivan, Ms. Adele Poplawski-Bascon, Mr. Kenneth White, Dr. Bruce Grossman

Members Excused: Ms. MaryEllen Brock, Ms. Diane Calello, Dr. JenFu Cheng, Dr. Elisabeth Spector, Dr. Mary Kamienski

Guests: Ms. Molly Berkowitz, Mr. Steve Cohen, Ms. Janis McManus, Ms. Brenda Braun

Department of Health & Senior Services Dr. Jennifer Waxler, Ms. Kathy Lutz, Mr. Eric Hicken, Mr. Chris Ryan

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Al Sacchetti at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes reviewed and approved for November 16th 2010.

Chairperson's Report

- Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network (PECARN)
www.pecarn.org/
 - Fluid Therapy and Cerebral Injury in Pediatric Diabetic Ketoacidosis (Fluid Therapy in DKA). More information can be found at www.pecarn.org/currentResearch/index.html#top
 - Pediatric Safety Newsletter – “In a Nutshell” can be found at www.pecarn.org/newsletter/documents/PECARNNewsletterSpring2011CDMCC.pdf
- Family Advisory Network (FAN) Video – 14 minute video takes a look at nine families that are in FAN and how they participate and advocate for pediatric care.
 - Video can be found at www.childrensnational.org/EMSC/ForFamilies/
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) had a briefing on May 13th 2011 in conjunction with EMSC Day in Washington DC. The topic of the briefing was advocacy for pediatrics in the pre-hospital setting.

- NRC Toolbox (New)
 - Toolbox on emergency department performance measures - www.childrensnational.org/EMSC/PubRes/toolbox.aspx
 - Facility Categorizing Toolbox - www.childrensnational.org/EMSC/PubRes/toolbox.aspx
- New members introduction – pending formal appointment by the Governor’s Office
 - Ms. Poplawski-Bascon (Family Representative)
 - Mr. Kenneth White (Family Representative)

New Business

- Advanced Life Support Standing Orders for Pediatric Patients – Chris Ryan
 - Update pediatric standing orders using the AHA standards and use amiodarone rather than lidocaine as the antiarrhythmic
 - The recommendation for pain management is to utilize morphine with no maximum and no option for Fentanyl
 - PICU/NICU – committee created to investigate the needs of a transport unit for the PICU/NICUs
 - Dr. Grossman will participate in this committee on behalf of EMSC Advisory Council
- NJ Parent Link - Jamie Anderson, NJ DHSS
 - Provided an online tour of Parent Link: The Early Childhood, Parenting and Professional Resource Center
 - Provide a letter to the New Jersey Hospital Association recommending that NJ Parent Link information be included in all pediatric and maternity discharge instruction packets

OEMS Report

- EMSC Grant
 - Notice of Grant Award was received for \$130,000 for year three of the current grant cycle
 - Financial Status Report will be submitted May 2011
 - Midyear report is due June 2011
- New Jersey Statewide Conference on EMS (November 2nd-5th 2011)
 - Call for speakers closed March 2011
 - METI Games will be held on Thursday with the finals that evening
 - Vendor space is filling quickly and the call for speakers resulted in over two hundred submissions
- EMSC Newsletter
 - Spring 2011 issue completed (volume 14, issue 2)
 - Infancy newsletter returned over 2000 post test for continuing education credit
 - Next newsletter will be on early school age children
 - All newsletters are now posted online

- School Emergency Medical Kits
 - A letter is to be distributed to the schools that have kits advising them the program is going to be discontinued. This will be completed in the fall when the nurses return to work. The kits will become the property of the school.
- Statewide Education
 - School Nurse In-Service fall 2011- potential topics
 - Head injuries and concussion
 - Diabetes in children
 - EMS Education proposed for fall 2011
 - Positional Asphyxia

Old Business

- Update - Guidelines for Care of Children in Pediatric Emergency Departments
 - Hospitals that want to use “Pediatric Emergency Department” would have to meet the standards in this document
 - This document will clarify the criteria to be met for facilities to identify themselves as a level one or two Pediatric Emergency Department
 - Will provide guidelines for QI/PI, improving pediatric patient safety, emergency department policies, procedures and protocols, supportive services, equipment, supplies and medication for the care of pediatric patients
 - The guidelines will be distributed by email to the committee for comment and discussion
 - At the September 2011 meeting this will be revisited

Meeting Adjourned 11:30 am

2011 Meeting Schedule

September 20, 2011

November 15, 2011

2012 Meeting Schedule

February 21st

May 15th

September 18th

November 13th

If location is changed from the Health Command Center you will be notified

NJ Department of Health and Senior Services

6th Floor-Health Command Center (HCC)

John Fitch Plaza

Market and Warren Streets