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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING November 16, 2009

Members Present: Ms. Debra Bell, Dr. Diane Calello, Ms. Linda Curtis, Dr. Mary Kamienski, Dr. Ernest Leva, Dr. Al Sacchetti, Mr. Dan Sullivan

Members Excused: Ms. MaryEllen Brock, Dr. JenFu Cheng, Dr. Elisabeth Spector
Dr. Dan Notterman

Guests: Ms. Molly Berkowitz, Ms. Janis McManus, Ms. Brenda Braun

Department of Health and Senior Services Ms. Karen Halupke, Ms. Nancy Kelly-Goodstein, Ms. Kathy Lutz, Ms. Linda Woolverton

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

Minutes reviewed and approved for August 2009

Chairperson's Report

- American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine, American College of Emergency Physicians Pediatric Committee and Emergency Nurses Association Pediatric Committee released a joint statement regarding care of children in the emergency department. The joint policy statement can be found by clicking the following link:

[Guidelines for Care of Children in the Emergency Department](http://aappolicy.aappublications.org/cgi/reprint/pediatrics:124/4/1233.pdf) or paste into your browser
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- Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network (PECARN) study identifies children that do not need cat scans of the head after trauma to the head. The study can be found by clicking the following link:
[Identification of children at very low risk of clinically-important brain injuries after head trauma: a prospective cohort study](http://www.pecarn.org/documents/Kuppermann_2009_The-Lancet.pdf) or paste into your browser
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- ED Report Card
 - Federal grant has been awarded to Cincinnati Children's Hospital titled "Defining Quality Performance Measures for Pediatric Emergency Care"
 - The four objective of the grant are:
 1. Identify the practice quality performance measure that comprehensively reflect pediatric emergency care
 2. Assess the current and future status of data availability for the chosen measures

3. Confirm the importance scientific acceptability, feasibility and usability of the chosen performance
 4. Using the first three objectives to create three EMSC deliverables for comprehensive pediatric emergency care tool for any department to monitor their pediatric care
 - On or about November 18th, 2009, survey will be sent out nationally to identify what elements healthcare institutions think is important to evaluate in the emergency departments regarding pediatric care
- Emergency Information form for children with special health needs
 - Pediatricians are not completing the forms
 - Less than 10% of children with special health needs have this form completed
 - EMSC Advisory Council should consider supporting the use of this form
 - EMSC Advisory Council should consider promoting the use of this form and identify strategies to encourage pediatricians to complete the document

New Business

- H1N1 update
- Guidelines being developed to determine when hospitals can expand their PICU capacity
- At what age should children qualify to utilize a adult ICU bed if PICU beds are unavailable

OEMS Report

- EMSC Grant: The non-competing continuation grant guidance for year two, of the three year grant cycle, was released the week of Nov 9th. The is due on December 28th, 2009
- EMSC Newsletter is being published quarterly by OEMS, and will be accompanied by an adult focused version distributed electronically. Each will offer EMT-B elective CEUs.
- Updated performance measures were distributed
- Emergency kits are still going out, however kits are still being returned (ie. School closures, administrative changes, etc.) and expired items in the emergency kit are still being replaced by the State
- 2009 New Jersey Statewide Conference on EMS (Nov. 12th – 14th)
60 sessions, 40 presenters, 500 participants over a three day period
- METI Games 2009 – 9 teams – awards presented at the EMS Awards Diner – many interested in participating in 2010 – ALS, BLS and potentially paramedic school competing against each other
- 2009 School Nurses in-Service 5 sessions completed in October. Close to 600 attendees. More sessions planned for January/February 2010.
- EMS Awards – 700 tickets sold – webcasted for the first time with over 500 viewing online – EMS Action by a Youth awards presented
- EMSC will be a permanent part of the new EMS structure proposed by the EMS Council

Old Business

- Council Family Representative and Pediatric Surgeon positions still open
- EMSC Appointments – no movement
- ED Evaluation through Simulation – program continues to visit emergency departments

Adjourned 11:30 am

2010 Meeting Schedule

June 8, 2010 **(Date Change)**
 August 10, 2010 **(Date Change)**
 November 16, 2010

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