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## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING September 2011

*Members Present:* Ms. Debra Bell, Dr. Ernest Leva, Dr. Al Sacchetti, 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, Ms. Linda Curtis, Mr. Daniel Sullivan

*Guests:* Ms. Molly Berkowitz, Mr. Steve Cohen, Ms. Janis McManus, Dr. Lisa Drago

*Department of Health & Senior Services* Dr. Jennifer Waxler, Ms. Kathy Lutz, Mr. Eric Hicken, Ms. Nancy Kelly-Goodstein,

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

Minutes reviewed and approved for May 2011.

### **Chairperson's Report**

- No report by the Chairperson to allow for additional discussion on "Guidelines for Care of Children in Pediatric Emergency Departments"

### **New Business**

- Equestrian Helmet Law
  - Amend the current helmet law to include the use of a helmet while participating in equestrian activities.
  - A letter of support for the amendment and use of an appropriate helmet during equestrian activities will be provided to the Brain Injury Association.

### **OEMS Report**

- EMSC Grant
  - EMSC Partnership Grant Non-Competing Continuation Progress Report Guidance should be released in November 2011.

- This will be the fourth year of the current grant cycle.
- Supplemental funds were awarded to the program in the amount of \$13,000 to upgrade the patient human simulator software.
- New Jersey Statewide Conference on EMS
  - November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 2011
  - Registration is open
  - METI Games team registration is open
- EMSC Newsletter
  - Fall 2011 issue completed (volume 14, issue 3)
  - The newsletter will be printed on white paper to allow for faxing. The blue background is unreadable when faxed.
  - The ability to take the CEU post-test online is going to be investigated.
- Fall Prevention Awareness Week
  - Office on Aging and Community Services wants EMSC to participate in Fall Prevention Awareness Week activities.
  - Activities offered by the Office of EMS during this year's Fall Prevention Awareness week to all EMTs was Matter of Balance Trainers – this course is typically offered to seniors with topics covering medications, vision, shoes and other activity and subjects that could contribute to fall prevention.
  - More information on Matter of Balance can be received by contacting Maryann Marian, DHSS Office on Aging and Community Service at [maryann.marian@doh.state.nj.us](mailto:maryann.marian@doh.state.nj.us).
  - The Fall 2011 Adult Newsletter was dedicated to fall prevention
  - Next fall both the Adult and EMSC Newsletter will be dedicated to fall prevention across the lifespan.
- Statewide Education
  - School Nurse In-Service Fall 2011
    - Head injuries and concussion
    - Program to be presented by the Brain Injury Association of NJ

## **Old Business**

- Guidelines for Care of Children in Pediatric Emergency Departments
  - There was significant discussion regarding the guidelines document
  - The Guidelines for Care of Children in Pediatric Emergency Departments would provide a standard for:
    - Hospitals that want to use “Pediatric Emergency Department” or Children’s 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 Pediatric Emergency Department or Children’s 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

- A motion was made by Dr. Leva, “To adopt these guidelines as written with the exception that a level two isn’t created and just leave it at level one or pediatric emergency department.” This motion was seconded by Dr. Grossman. 2 in favor 3 opposed
- Dr. Sacchetti recommends EMSC create a task force to investigate this concept further, to include at a minimum, the following:
  - AAP
  - ACEP
  - NJHA
  - ENA
  - EMS Council
  - EMSC Program Coordinator
  - NACHRI
  - NJ DHSS
  - Trauma Council
  - Paramedic and EMT representatives
  - Society for Pediatric Sedation

Meeting Adjourned 11:55 am

2011 Meeting Schedule  
December 13th

2012 Meeting Schedule  
February 21st  
May 15th  
September 18th  
November 13th

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you will be notified

NJ Department of Health and Senior Services  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor-Health Command Center Conference Room (HCC-Conference Room)  
John Fitch Plaza  
Market and Warren Streets