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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 15, 2006

Members Present: Ms. Carolyn Ferolito, Dr. Mary Kamienski, Mr. Daniel Sullivan

Members Excused: Ms. Debra Bell, Dr. Frank Briglia, Ms. Mary Ellen Brock, Dr. Frank Cunningham, Dr. Martin Diamond, Dr. Ernest Leva, Dr. Alfred Sacchetti, Dr. Thomas Whalen

Guests: Dr. Thomas Bojko

Department of Health and Senior Services Ms. Karen Halupke, Ms. Nancy Kelly-Goodstein, Mr. Eric Hicken, Ms. Linda Woolverton

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Carolyn Ferolito at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes reviewed and approved for May 16, 2006.

Chairperson's Report No Report

OEMS Report

- National Performance Measures-all EMSC Grantees are required to address specific performance measures with grant funds
 - New Jersey fairs pretty well with meeting the performance measures.
Those requiring particular attention include:
 - On and off-line medical direction for basic and advanced life support services
 - All advanced life support services meet this objective
 - All licensed basic life support services are required to have a physician medical director – that will meet the off-line requirement
 - For volunteer basic life support providers, it was recommended that the MICU hospitals who provide medical control for advanced life support providers might be willing to provide on-line medical direction for basic life support providers
 - The necessity of medical direction may be addressed as part of the EMS system survey
 - Medical director must be a physician

- Expansion of the EMSC Advisory Council to include:
 - Trauma Coordinator
 - Highway traffic safety office
 - Hospital Association
 - EMSC Program Coordinator
 - EMS Director
 - EMS Medical Director
 - Hospitals must have transfer protocols and agreements for tertiary care centers – working with the licensing section of the Department, each acute care hospital will be requested to forward to the EMSC Program transfer protocols and transfer agreements
 - It may be unrealistic to expect hospitals to have transfer agreements as the capabilities of the hospital are matched to the patient's needs
- Line item appropriation for the EMSC Program has been increased to \$150,000. (Last year's line item was \$50,000). The funding is specifically drawn from the EMT Training Fund. Last year, the total funding was \$200,000, \$50,000 from the line item appropriation, \$150,000 from the Health Care Subsidy Fund.
- EMSC Newsletter
 - Spring CEU article was taken advantage of by 1200 EMTBs
 - Fall 2006 Newsletter
 - CEU article on behavioral emergencies (approximately 3 pages long) and we need a volunteer to write it
- Fall School Nurses In-service
 - Behavioral emergencies is the topic, the speaker has been secured
 - A minimum of 5 sessions across the state will be offered
- HRSA Preparedness Funding
 - \$120,000 equipment
 - SIM babies – will purchase 3
 - Mega code kids – will purchase 5

Old Business

- School emergency medical kits
 - Purchased 960 Kits
 - 610 Public School Districts will receive 1 kit
 - Kit remains the property of the Department and can be recalled in the event of a disaster
 - Location of the kit and access to it must be on file with the EMSC Program
 - Schools are welcome to utilize the supplies as needed, with the provision that used items will be replaced

- DSI-Death Scene Investigation Protocol – ready to roll out the train-the-trainer for EMS/First Responders, Medical Examiners/Investigators, and Case Workers. The purpose of the protocol is to collect as much information about the death scene as possible, and have the data analyzed in the hopes of identifying environmental causes of sudden infant death (SIDS) and sudden unexpected death in childhood (SUDC).
- New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians has sent forward the names and resumes of three physicians interested in serving on the EMSC Advisory Committee. All three candidates have been invited to participate in meetings while awaiting appointment.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 21, 2006
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
NJ Hospital Association
760 Alexander Road, Princeton