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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 20, 2007

Members Present: Ms. Debra Bell, Ms. Mary Ellen Brock. Dr. Ernest Leva, Dr. Alfred Sacchetti, Mr. Daniel Sullivan

Members Excused: Dr. Frank Briglia, Dr. Frank Cunningham, Dr. Martin Diamond, Ms. Carolyn Ferolito, Dr. Mary Kamienski

Guests: Mr. Steve Cohen, Ms. Linda Curtis, Dr. Steve Vetrano

Department of Health and Senior Services Ms. Karen Halupke, Mr. Eric Hicken, Dr. Jennifer Waxler, Ms. Linda Woolverton

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Ernest Leva at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes reviewed and approved for January 23, 2007.

Introduction of Dr. Jennifer Waxler, Medical Consultant

<u>Chairperson's Report</u>

- Report Card for Pediatric Emergency Department Care.
  - Meeting between Dr. Leva and Dr. Robert Morgan never came about, due to car trouble.
  - Hoping to meet with Dr. Morgan within a week or two, before meeting with Dr. Jacobs (Commissioner of Health and Senior Service).
  - Dr. Al Sacchetti mentioned an upcoming meeting in May to revise guidelines for Pediatric Preparedness for Emergency Departments.
    - Steve Crug out of Chicago to be heading the upcoming meeting on Pediatric Preparedness for Emergency Departments.
    - Reviewers include such groups as AAP, ACEP, along with representation from CDC, ENA, to take a more critical look at the guidelines.
    - See how New Jersey complies with the guidelines.

OEMS Report

- Grant:
  - First Aid, CPR, AED training for school staff, going through the request for proposal (RFP) process with carry over money.
  - One company submitted a bid, which did not meet the requirements of the RFP. Currently trying to get a waiver to obligate the money by February 28th so the American Red Cross can do the training, but the paper work is under review.

- Newsletter
  - Being printed, ready in couple of weeks.
  - Removed Winter/Fall going to use volume/issues number.
  - Dr. Leva would like to do CME on Trauma and Concussion in upcoming newsletter.
  - Newsletter mailed to school nurses, EMT's and Paramedics in the State of New Jersey.

Trauma System Consultation

- Department requested a statewide consultation of the trauma systems by the American College of Surgeons.
  - Dates are May 21 -24, 2007.
  - Panel Members include:
    - Trauma Surgeons.
    - Emergency Medicine Physician.
    - Trauma Nurse Coordinator.
    - State EMS Director.

  - On May 21st there will be a Dinner with the stakeholders and survey team.
    - Chair of EMSC Council will be invited.
    - Question was asked; What is a Trauma Consultation and how does it work?
      - American College of Surgeons conducts a objective evaluation of the trauma system.
    - We have requested that a pediatric component be included as part of the review.
    - May 22 and 23 interviewing all stake holders.
    - May 24, is a presentation of the teams recommendations.

  - OEMS: Karen Halupke, Director, Office of Emergency Medical Services received permission to fill 4 positions in OEMS.
      - Rob Clawson is leaving, for a position with the State's Strategic Stockpile. This is a great loss to our Department and he will be missed.
      - EMS will be moving to the 6th floor of the Health and Agriculture Building.
      - Budget requests are being created for FY'08 and we're looking for suggestions for HRSA funds.
      - School Emergency Kits have a follow-up usage report.

- Concerns have been raised on how to utilize the equipment, EMSC is willing to go and instruct on the use of equipment.
- For fall school nurses session, it was recommended to add training on the kits and answer any questions.
- A few districts returned the kit due to liability or financial concerns. Many of the districts had concerns over who would pay to replace the equipment if it was used.
- A Press release on this kit is in the process of being approved.
- Current practice requires school nurses to have a physician's order to administer the oxygen.

- EMSC Membership
  - Ms. Linda Curtis, and Dr. Elisabeth Spector we are still waiting approval. Expansion of the Council will be addressed at the conclusion of the EMS Study.

Old Business

- Study on Pediatric Seizures-Steve Cohen.
  - A year ago tried to get together data from Jersey City Medical Center and other ALS projects.
  - Paramedics appear to be less effective intubating children than adults.

- Dr. Lieberman has interest in:
  - Pediatric seizures, EMS response per guide cards.
  - Is there a need for Paramedics to be dispatched to pediatrics seizures?
  - Current guide cards require that ALS be sent for first time or multiple seizures.
  - Data not available for the number of pediatric patients that received ALS prehospital procedures.
  - Electronic charting – it has not been decided how the data will be distributed to agencies outside the Department.
  - Mr. Cohen had a meeting with several projects using this electronic data. They would be able to pull this information up on their own programs.
- ELECTRONIC DATA Information:
  - All paper charts will now be done on laptop computers, internet based.
  - The pilot projects using this Electronic Data are:
    - Capital.
    - Virtua.
    - Air medical program.
  - EMS Charts is the vendor for electronic charting.

EMS Study, Dr. Jennifer Waxler reported:

- Study group met with all leaders:
  - EMS Council.
  - EMSC Advisory Council.
  - Paramedics program.

- First Aid Council.
- Report to the Department due June 2007.
- Putting focus groups together.
- EMS Council meeting is scheduled for June 13th and if the report is not done by then, the meeting might have to be postponed.

- Who requested this Study?
  - Came from joint resolution from Senate and Assembly January 2006, directing the Commissioner to conduct an independent study of the EMS system for a variety of reasons.
    - Funding of ALS system.
    - Helicopter system.
    - Work force issues.

<u>New Business</u>

- Election of Officers.
  - The EMSC Council can have an official meeting without a quorum and conduct business as long as the previous meeting did not have quorum. Per the By Laws, if one person is nominated per position then the secretary shall cast a single ballot and elect that nominee to office. The secretary for this meeting is Karen Halupke, Director of OEMS, and she casted the single vote.
  - Results of the election are as follows:
    - Chair – Dr. Al Sacchetti.
    - Co-Chair – Dr. Ernie Leva.

- National EMSC Grantee Meeting.
  - June 2007 in Silver Spring Maryland, attending will be, Nancy Kelly-Goodstein, Eric Hicken, Karen Halupke and Mary Ellen Brock.
- AAP-School Nurses Conference.
  - Well attended.
  - Would suggest a workshop be offered on the school kit.
    - Can a CD be developed on the use of the kit and its content?
    - CEU's would be a plus.
    - At the very end of CD include information on how to order additional kits.
    - Include CD in the bag.
- School Nurses.
  - Truly first responders for their schools.
  - Can we develop a school nurse first responder course?
  - Evening sessions are best for school nurses.

- Annual Conference Topics/Presenters.
    - November 1-3, 2007 in Atlantic City.
    - 10 Pediatric topics.
        - Dr. Ernie Leva, Minor Head Trauma.

    - Nursing and EMT credits available.
    - Planning for 750 attendees.
    - ACEP planning on having their board meeting at the conference.
    - MICU advisory counsel meeting at the conference.
    - Can EMSC meet at the conference as well?
    - EMS Awards dinner Friday November 2, 2007.

The Advisory Council would like to thank Dr. Leva for serving as chair.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30

2007 Meeting Schedule

Next Meeting
Tuesday August 21, 2007
Tuesday November 20, 2007

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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