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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 23, 2007

Members Present: Dr. Ernest Leva, Dr. Alfred Sacchetti, Mr. Daniel Sullivan

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

Guests: Mr. Steve Cohen, Dr. Robert Levy, Dr. Mark Merlin

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

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

Minutes reviewed and approved for August 15, 2006.

Chairperson's Report

- Pediatric Emergency Department Care
 - Children not receiving optimal care in emergency department as documented by the Institute of Medicine Report
 - At the American Academy of Pediatrics Annual School Health Conference (October 2006), Dr. Robert Morgan, the medical director for the Department of Children and Families discussed the concept of generating a report card for emergency departments.
 - Dr. Morgan scheduled a meeting with Dr. Leva and Dr. Jacobs (Commissioner of Health and Senior Services) to discuss the concept of a report card for pediatric emergency departments.
 - Dr. Jacobs suggested that Doctors Leva and Morgan develop a plan to move this initiative forward.
 - Dr. Leva conducted a web-based search (AAP, ACEP, etc.) to determine if any organization has developed benchmarks for such as project.

- Dr. Al Sacchetti indicated that ACEP is working on a similar initiative and is struggling with the same kinds of questions.
- Dr. Leva will have a follow up meeting with Dr. Morgan within the next few weeks, and will suggest the following:
 - EMSC to develop a questionnaire for the initiative with input from such groups/representatives as:
 - ENA
 - ACEP
 - AAP Critical Care Physician
 - ENA
 - MICU
 - NJHA
 - EMT
 - Paramedic
 - Target the end of March for a meeting to develop the questionnaire
 - Investigate a method to allow the questionnaire to be completed on-line (perhaps NEDARC)
 - Doctors Leva and Morgan to discuss the ability of the DHSS Hospital Inspection and Licensing staff to:
 - Participate in the development of the questionnaire
 - To distribute the questionnaire to every hospital
- Would an emergency department profile, be a better “title” than report card?
- School nurses are reluctant to administer oxygen without a physician’s order.
 - The NJ EMS Council drafted a letter to Commissioner Jacobs to forward to Commissioner Davies (DOE) indicating that school nurses may administer oxygen without a physician’s order.
 - EMSC should write a similar letter to Commissioner Jacobs.
 - Mr. Eric Hicken is working on a mechanism to fill the oxygen tanks included as part of the school emergency medical kits.

OEMS Report

- The grant for 03/01/07 – 02/29/08 was filed in November electronically
 - Filed an application for \$115,000.
 - We estimate \$63,000 will be unspent.
 - A no cost carryover will be requested.
 - These funds were for the data analyst position that could not be hired due to the statewide hiring freeze.
- 2006 School Nurse In-Service
 - Topic was behavioral emergencies
 - Two additional sessions were added in January.
- 2007 School Nurses In Service
 - Suggested topics include:

- Cultural and Religious competencies.
 - A demonstration of how to use all of the equipment contained in the emergency medical kit.
- School Emergency Medical Kits
 - Shipping Kits to Non-Public Schools.
 - Once all the kits have been distributed, a list will be generated and made available to the EMS Coordinator for every County Office of Emergency Management.
 - The Department has developed a press release on the kit, and is waiting for final signatures.
 - The Department's HRSA bio-terrorism grant funds were used to purchase the \$900 kit.
 - Each of the 610 public school districts was offered one kit.
 - Schools have the option to purchase additional kit(s) under the state contract price.
 - Funds are available to fill all the oxygen cylinders, and EMSC is working on getting all the cylinder's filled.
- NJEA Convention 2006
 - This was the first time EMSC was a vendor at the convention.
 - Mr. Hicken spoke with over 100 nurses and teachers.
 - Will request funding to attend the 2007 convention.
 - Mr. Hicken raffled off an emergency medical kit (Cherry Hill School District won the raffle).

Old Business

- EMSC Conference held in conjunction with the statewide EMS Conference on November 2-4, 2006.
 - Total conference attendance was 500+.
 - 14 pediatric sessions were offered. (2 concurrent sessions).
 - On average there were 45 attendees at each session.
 - Of the total attendees, 36 individuals identified themselves as school nurses.
 - Location was well received
 - Expecting 750 attendees for November 1-3, 2007
 - Will investigate the ability to offer nursing continuing medical education for 2007.
- Family Centered Care Conference
 - October 2006, King of Prussia PA.
 - RWJ participated in the poster session.
 - In the past, the Mid-Atlantic Region received federal funds to conduct the regional conference. Those funds are no longer available.

- The EMSC coordinators in the Mid-Atlantic Region discussed offering a pediatric focused pre-conference at the state EMS conference, with all the states taking a turn on hosting the educational program.
- This format would remove the subsidy for room rental or tuition.
- Newsletter Fall/Winter
 - The document has been approved as is at the print shop
 - Main subject “Choking Game” which was presented in the “Nursing Spectrum” journal. We secured permission to reprint the article.
 - Future newsletters may be posted electronically, as opposed to mailing.
 - For the Spring/Summer issue, 1500 EMTs took advantage of the continuing education article by successfully completing a post-test.

New Business

- “Cruisin” With Kids Safety Tags
 - The product was distributed to members to review.
 - New Jersey based company looking for the EMSC Advisory Council to endorse the product.
 - Alerts rescuers to search for children if the car has been involved in a motor vehicle crash.
 - EMSC will post an article in the EMSC Newsletter to alert rescuers to the decals.

Election of Officers

- Nomination Committee. Mr. Daniel Sullivan to chair.
- Ms. Kelly-Goodstein to e-mail all members about the election to be held during our next meeting on February 20, 2007. The e-mail will also contain a copy of the current By-Laws.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30

2007 Meeting Schedule
 Tuesday May 15, 2007
 Tuesday August 21, 2007
 Tuesday November 20, 2007

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

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