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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
May 15, 2007

*Members Present:* Dr. Ernest Leva, Dr. Alfred Sacchetti, Dr. Elisabeth Spector,  
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, Ms. Linda Curtis, Ms. Nancy Coppola,  
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. Al Sacchetti at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes reviewed and approved for February 20, 2007.

**Chairperson's Report** – Dr. Sacchetti

School Nurses Life Support Course (SNLS).

- It appears that there are insufficient educational resources available to School Nurses that relate specifically to the school environment. Not just in emergency care, but routine care of children with special needs while in schools.
- SNLS is an ideal way, for the EMSC Advisory Council, to provide additional education for nurses that want to work in the school setting. SNLS can provide guidance and give the school nurse a better understanding of their role and responsibilities during an emergency.
- Should there be a course manual or CD?
- It was suggested that the education be structured similar to the current EMTB courses with lecture and practical stations.
- The course should be designed to function with or without simulators.
- Topics and speakers needed for the course.

- E-mail Dr. Sacchetti with any ideas for the SNLS. Some areas of interest expressed included; seizures, special needs children, how to interact with EMS, when to call for EMS, who to call, levels of response/care in the EMS system.
- This course should be for school nurses only.
- Would like to have at a minimum the course Table of Contents and practical sessions available to include in the HRSA Grant application.
- Course to be regionally located.
- No cost to the attendees.
- Lectures should be limited to around 20 minutes.
- Dr. Sacchetti and Dr. Waxler will work on a table of contents and an outline for course schedule.
- Continuing Education Credits to be offered.
- Would be a one day course.

#### Pediatric Emergency Department Report Card

- There was much discussion about the Pediatric Emergency Department Report Card. The name is to be changed to Emergency Department Pediatric Profile. Data collection and the content of the survey were discussed. All medications are to be removed from the survey.
- Looking to profile not generate a report card
- Met with Dr. Robert Morgan, Chief Medical Officer, Division of Youth and Family Services to discuss this project, a copy of the memo from Doctors Morgan and Leva to Commissioner Jacobs was distributed. This memo will form the framework for this project.
- Commissioner Jacobs was sent this memo about four weeks ago, and they are awaiting his response.
- Commissioner Jacobs has expressed interest in conducting this project.
- Looking for support from EMSC Council for this project
- Suggestion to use the same terminology that the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) and American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) uses "Emergency Department Preparedness for the Care of Children."

#### **OEMS Report** – Karen Halupke

#### HRSA Grant – (09/01/06-08/31/07)

- A waiver to purchase one BabySIM and two PediSIMs from Medical Education Technologies has been submitted. We hope to get approval some time in August.
- The simulators will be housed at the Burlington County College SIMS Center along with the numerous adult SIMS.
- They will be on loan to the college, but available to the Department.

- The price for the simulator is approximately \$45,000 for either the Baby or the Pedi SIM and \$65,000 for the Adult SIM, depending on model.

#### HRSA Grant – (09/01/07-08/31/08)

- Requested \$100,000 to develop the (SNLS) School Nurse Life Support Course
- Requested funds for additional emergency kits for the schools (\$531,000 - about 900 more kits)
- Requested five more Baby SIMS. (\$260,000)
- In the future, simulators may be placed in the paramedic training centers.
- The SIMS are used frequently at the Burlington County College. They are available to all institutions.
- Is there any idea on how often other hospitals and institutions use the SIMS? A document is currently being created by the Department to require facilities with SIMS to report each quarter on their usage.
- School Physician Training – Interdepartmental School Health Committee is interested in creating school physician training via a web-cast. (\$200,000)

#### Epinephrine Auto Injector

- In 2003 a law was passed allowing EMT-B's to carry and administer the Epinephrine Auto Injector.
- OEMS created a protocol to permit EMTBs to carry and administer Epinephrine Auto Injectors while the changes are being made to our regulations (NJAC 8:40A).
- BLS agencies that are registered with OEMS are now permitted to carry the Epinephrine Auto Injector (48 squads are currently registered).
- The first use of Epinephrine was in Princeton on 2 year old with a reaction to peanut butter. (EpiPen Jr. was used)

EMS Study report should be received by the Department at the end of June.

#### First Aid, CPR, AED and Injury Prevention Training

- The RFP process took about 9 months and was unsuccessful in finding a qualified vendor to complete the training.
- An attempt was made to get a waiver for the American Red Cross to do the training, but the grant expired before the contract could be awarded.

#### Newsletter

- More EMTBs have taken advantage of the CEU article in the newsletter.
- The last article came from the Nursing Spectrum. Permission was given to reprint the article for the newsletter.
- Looking for subject matter for the next issue due out in the fall.

### Trauma System Consultation

- The American College of Surgeons Consultation scheduled for May has been rescheduled to August due to difficulties getting the waiver approved.
- New dates are August 6-9, 2008.

### EMSC Advisory Council Membership

- Several positions are currently vacant:
  - Parent Representative
  - American College of Surgeons – pediatric surgeon
- Federal performance measures require the addition of a number of representatives:
  - New Jersey Hospital Association
  - New Jersey Highway Traffic Safety
  - Director, Office of Emergency Medical Services
  - EMSC Coordinator
  - EMSC Grant Manager/Principal Investigator
  - NJ Trauma Manager
  - NJ EMS Data Specialist
  - School Nurse (\*EMSC Council recommendation as well)
  - New Jersey State Medical Director
- Positions recommended to the Department for addition include:
  - Representative – Department of Education
  - Representative – Department of Children and Families
  - Emergency Medicine Physician
  - School Nurse (\*federal recommendation as well)

### School Emergency Kits

- Distributed 960 Emergency Kits
- A very small number of districts have refused the kit. Those kits are being redistributed to school districts willing to participate in the program.

### **Old Business**

#### Annual Conference

- The annual EMS Conference this year will be November 1-3 at the Sheraton in Atlantic City. Attendance is expected to be near 700.
- Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> the EMS Awards Dinner will be held. There is an award for outstanding actions by youth. Please submit any nomination to OEMS by August 31, 2007.

### Legislation

- A Bill has passed requiring all police, fire and EMS personnel to complete Autism education. It is unknown if the Governor has signed the bill.
- The Department will need to write the training into the regulations and create the educational standard.

### National EMSC Grantee Meeting

- June 19-21, 2007 in Silver Spring, MD – will report on at our next meeting.

### New Business

#### Hospital Survey/Performance Measures

- Surveys were sent to all Emergency Departments (Director of the Emergency Department and/or Emergency Department Managers) to document their interfacility transfer agreements.
- 18% of the 79 hospitals responded.

### Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm

#### 2007 Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, August 21, 2007  
Tuesday, November 20, 2007

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

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